

You may not understand that you and your partner have a theoretical basis for the philosophy you approach birth with. Since over 95% of women birth in hospitals, it requires a little bit of extreme thinking on the holistic side to be able to fight the tide and swim up stream to have a birth in a free-standing birth center or at home. Often, the people who chose this route have other beliefs that tend to be more radical and revolutionary as well. Many of these women feel completely let down due to way birth is handled. The more negative their first birth experiences, the more they will buck the system in later births.

Also what is clear is that women, who are in positions of influence and power in government and corporations, chose to have their birth under the medical model so that they can be in control. This means that the ground between these two groups of women can be radically different. Yet the more educated and wealthy women are the more likely that they will choose a midwife or birth center.