

Marsden Wagner, an obstetrician himself and well-known author and expert on birth, wrote a book called “Pursuing the Birth Machine” which details the current birth industry and its focus on interventions. He explains why doctors chose to use risky procedures rather than to let birth occur naturally. The combination of doctors’ being afraid to be sued and medicine’s desire to make birth financially lucrative has created an environment in which birth is very unnatural and medically controlled. Most people do not realize the huge impact economics has in affecting how birth is handled in North America.