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Summary: In a paper published on April 12th in JAMA Health Forum researchers from the University of Pittsburgh and Boston University analysed data on permanent contraceptive procedures among 18- to 30-year-olds. They looked at 22m instances of patients attending at least one appointment, for either evaluation or treatment, in each month between January 2019 and September 2023. These were mostly at academic medical centres, so government-funded public clinics providing free family-planning services to poor people may not have been adequately represented. The results are nonetheless striking. The study found a sharp jump in permanent contraceptive procedures among both men and women in the months after the Dobbs decision. Before Dobbs, there were around 250 tubal ligations for every 100,000 women with health-care appointments per month. But immediately afterwards that number jumped by 58. In the following months, the growth rate accelerated from its baseline of 2.8 additional procedures per month in the three-and-a-half years leading up to Dobbs to more than five. Related: Abortions Have Become 6% Rarer Since the End of Roe V Wade and America Is Uniquely Ill-Suited To Handle a Falling Population and US Births Are Down Again, After the COVID Baby Bust and Rebound

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