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WEBINARS

January 22 7 – 8:30 pm (Zoom) Click on link below to register:

[NFBPWC - NFBPWC Advocacy & Health Committees Present: Dr. Yen's 8 Tips Now That Roe is Gone](#)

January 24: 3-4 pm - ERA Coalition Town Hall *The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) Factor: Reproductive Rights, Justice and Health* - [Register here:](#)

OHIO

Sweeping criminal justice reforms to become law with Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine's signature

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Ohio voters will need photo ID for in-person voting, under bill signed by Gov. Mike

Dewinehttps://www.cleveland.com/news/2023/01/ohio-voters-will-need-photo-id-for-in-person-voting-under-bill-signed-by-gov-mike-dewine.html?e=8ad0f0a062e082f14894c41e2a78c1e4&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter_wake_up%202023-01-09&utm_term=Newsletter_wake_up

Ohio legislature passes 'Erin's Law' to require sexual abuse, violence prevention education in schools

https://www.cleveland.com/news/2022/12/ohio-legislature-passes-erins-law-to-require-sexual-abuse-violence-prevention-education-in-schools.html?e=8ad0f0a062e082f14894c41e2a78c1e4&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter_wake_up%202022-12-16&utm_term=Newsletter_wake_up

House picks rural southern Ohio Republican as new speaker

https://www.10tv.com/mobile/article/news/politics/ohio-house-picks-republican-jason-stephens-as-new-speaker/530-fe3a59d6-4cde-437a-92d9-8db128f3c35c?utm_campaign=snd-autopilot

Abortion rights, in-fighting and Democratic power -- what Jason Stephens' rise to power means: Analysis

https://www.cleveland.com/news/2023/01/abortion-rights-in-fighting-and-democratic-power-what-jason-stephens-rise-to-power-means-analysis.html?e=8ad0f0a062e082f14894c41e2a78c1e4&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter_wake_up%202023-01-09&utm_term=Newsletter_wake_up

State Rep. Derek Merrin says he, not Speaker Jason Stephens, is the leader of the Ohio House Republicans

https://www.cleveland.com/news/2023/01/state-rep-derek-merrin-says-he-not-speaker-jason-stephens-is-the-leader-of-the-ohio-house-republicans.html?e=8ad0f0a062e082f14894c41e2a78c1e4&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter_wake_up%202023-01-12&utm_term=Newsletter_wake_up

Would-be Ohio GOP leader pushes resolution censuring Republican lawmakers over Ohio House speaker vote

https://www.cleveland.com/news/2023/01/would-be-ohio-gop-leader-pushes-resolution-censuring-republican-lawmakers-over-ohio-house-speaker-vote.html?e=8ad0f0a062e082f14894c41e2a78c1e4&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter_wake_up%202023-01-06&utm_term=Newsletter_wake_up

Ohio Rep. Derek Merrin: Jason Stephens used my father's death to become Ohio House speaker

https://www.cleveland.com/news/2023/01/ohio-rep-derek-merrin-jason-stephens-used-my-fathers-death-to-become-ohio-house-speaker.html?e=8ad0f0a062e082f14894c41e2a78c1e4&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter_wake_up%202023-01-06&utm_term=Newsletter_wake_up

Proposal to make it harder to change Ohio Constitution likely stalled again after surprise House leadership change

https://www.cleveland.com/news/2023/01/proposal-to-make-it-harder-to-change-ohio-constitution-likely-stalled-again-after-surprise-house-leadership-change.html?e=8ad0f0a062e082f14894c41e2a78c1e4&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter_wake_up%202023-01-06&utm_term=Newsletter_wake_up

Ohio court declines to hear appeal on abortion case, keeping abortions legal until 22 weeks for now

https://www.cleveland.com/news/2022/12/ohio-court-declines-to-hear-appeal-on-abortion-case-keeping-abortions-legal-until-22-weeks-for-now.html?e=8ad0f0a062e082f14894c41e2a78c1e4&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter_wake_up%202022-12-19&utm_term=Newsletter_wake_up

What will Gov. Mike DeWine try to accomplish during his second term in office?

[What will Gov. Mike DeWine try to accomplish during his second term in office? - cleveland.com](https://www.cleveland.com/news/2022/12/what-will-gov-mike-dewine-try-to-accomplish-during-his-second-term-in-office/)
[Gov. Mike DeWine signs texting-and-driving ban - cleveland.com](https://www.cleveland.com/news/2022/12/gov-mike-dewine-signs-texting-and-driving-ban/)

CONGRESS

House Republicans led by Ohio's Jim Jordan pass anti-abortion measures

https://www.cleveland.com/news/2023/01/house-republicans-led-by-ohios-jim-jordan-pass-anti-abortion-measures.html?e=8ad0f0a062e082f14894c41e2a78c1e4&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter_wake_up%202023-01-12&utm_term=Newsletter_wake_up

An easier trip to the doctor: RTA helps fight Cuyahoga County's high infant mortality rates by offering pregnant women free rides for prenatal care

https://www.cleveland.com/news/2022/12/rtas-baby-on-board-helps-battle-infant-mortality-by-offering-pregnant-women-free-transportation-for-medical-appointments.html?e=8ad0f0a062e082f14894c41e2a78c1e4&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter_wake_up%202022-12-20&utm_term=Newsletter_wake_up

Ohio's Dave Joyce will have seat at leadership table when Republicans take over Congress

https://www.cleveland.com/news/2022/12/ohios-dave-joyce-will-have-seat-at-leadership-table-when-republicans-take-over-congress.html?e=8ad0f0a062e082f14894c41e2a78c1e4&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter_wake_up%202022-12-19&utm_term=Newsletter_wake_up

Equal Rights Amendment

THE ALICE PAUL EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT:

Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

BPW/OH's Legislation Platform Preamble: The Alice Paul Equal Rights Amendment shall stand first, foremost and above all other items which may appear on the Legislative Platform of this Federation until equal rights for women and men become guaranteed in the United States Constitution

Sen. Schumer Promises Vote on Equal Rights Amendment Before April 2023

https://msmagazine.com/2022/12/22/equal-rights-amendment-senate-vote/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=f4279f19-3082-ed11-9d7a-000d3a9eb913&emdi=10fe241b-ca82-ed11-9d7a-000d3a9eb913&ceid=962380

Ignoring Precedent: Stop Making Women's Equality a Political Question Mark

<https://womensenews.org/2022/12/ignoring-precedent-stop-making-womens-equality-a-political-question-mark/>

Congressional Leaders and Advocates Call on Senate to Clear the Way for the ERA

https://msmagazine.com/2022/12/08/congressional-leaders-and-advocates-call-on-senate-to-clear-the-way-for-the-era/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=1456d0d4-457b-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&emdi=673b629d-b77b-ed11-9d7a-000d3a9eb913&ceid=962380

They Fought Like Girls: How a 1979 Softball Team Saved the Sport

https://msmagazine.com/2022/12/22/1979-softball-osu-title-ix/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=92320da2-3282-ed11-9d7a-000d3a9eb913&emdi=b7758760-4c82-ed11-9d7a-000d3a9eb913&ceid=436082

Reproductive Choice

On June 24th the Supreme Court ruled that the constitution does not provide a right to abortion. The ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* allows states to regulate abortion and state legislatures can pass laws that restrict abortion before viability. On the same day, a federal judge lifted an injunction on Ohio's heart beat bill which was signed into law in 2019.

In short, Ohio has banned abortions at approximately six weeks gestation. If any cardiac activity is detected, abortion is prohibited except when there is serious risk of death or substantial impairment of a major bodily function. The bill makes no exceptions for rape or incest.

BPW/OH's Legislation Platform on Health: Actively work to strengthen and enforce legal protection for full access to all health care services including reproductive choice, funding for research into the protection for women's health care and educational programs concerning women's health issues

Articles

Ohio AG asks Supreme Court to reinstate ban on most abortions

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/ohio-ag-asks-supreme-court-193457527.html>

House Republicans Kick Off First Week of Congress With 2 Abortion Votes

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/house-republicans-kick-off-first-180000336.html>

'Pro-Life' Senators Block Bill to Protect IVF

['Pro-Life' Senators Block Bill to Protect IVF \(yahoo.com\)](https://www.yahoo.com/news/pro-life-senators-block-bill-to-protect-ivf-140002990.html)

Senate Democrats Seek To Protect IVF Ahead Of Looming Attacks In Abortion Fight

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/senate-democrats-seek-protect-ivf-140002990.html>

Common process by which people get pregnant is in legal jeopardy. Some Democrats want to legally protect IVF

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/commonly-used-process-people-pregnant-140005056.html>

What to know about getting abortion pills at your local pharmacy

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/know-getting-abortion-pills-local-120319848.html>

CVS sued by nurse who was fired after she refused to prescribe birth control

<https://www.yahoo.com/finance/news/cvs-sued-nurse-fired-she-193047437.html>

RSVP: Everything You Need to Know About Abortion Pills

[RSVP: Everything You Need to Know About Abortion Pills - Ms. Magazine \(msomagazine.com\)](https://www.msomagazine.com/2023/01/09/abortion-pills-mail/)

The Postal Service Can Deliver Abortion Pills by Mail—Even in States Banning Abortion

https://msomagazine.com/2023/01/09/abortion-pills-mail/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=773f3214-1791-ed11-9d7b-00224832e811&emdi=dd302182-3a91-ed11-9d7b-00224832e811&ceid=436082

U.S. Postal Service can continue to deliver prescription abortion medication - DOJ

<https://currently.att.yahoo.com/news/u-postal-continue-deliver-prescription-234605830.html>

The U.S. Postal Service Is Cleared to Deliver Abortion Pills in Red States

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/u-postal-cleared-deliver-abortion-205000827.html>

Dobbs' Effect on Military Women: 'Our Fighting Force Is Hindered and Our Security Is at Risk'

<https://msomagazine.com/2022/12/19/dobbs-military-women-abortion/>

The Pseudoscience of 'Fetal Personhood'

[The Pseudoscience of 'Fetal Personhood' - Ms. Magazine \(msomagazine.com\)](https://www.msomagazine.com/2022/12/19/dobbs-military-women-abortion/)

What really drives anti-abortion beliefs? Research suggests it's a matter of sexual strategies

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/really-drives-anti-abortion-beliefs-122531280.html>

Doctors say men are getting more vasectomies amid abortion restrictions nationwide

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/doctors-say-men-are-getting-more-vasectomies-amid-abortion-restrictions-nationwide-184026694.html>

Democrats push to further expand abortion, gender care access

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/democrats-push-further-expand-abortion-181332918.html>

Red states that banned abortion consider expanding Medicaid for mothers

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/red-states-banned-abortion-consider-203330352.html>

States that restrict access to abortion have higher rates of maternal and infant mortality, study finds

<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/states-that-restrict-access-to-abortion-have-higher-rates-of-maternal-and-infant-mortality-study-finds-11671202629?siteid=yhoof2>

Dr. Curtis Boyd: A Lifetime at the Borders of Abortion's Legality

https://msmagazine.com/2023/01/03/curtis-boyd-abortion-provider/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=402815d4-5290-ed11-9d7b-00224832e811&emdi=5d48d057-7190-ed11-9d7b-00224832e811&ceid=436082

State lawsuits defend abortion access with religious freedom

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/state-lawsuits-defend-abortion-access-160359960.html>

More bans and creative clinics: the future of abortion access in a post-Roe US

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/more-bans-creative-clinics-future-110020234.html>

The new front: Anti-choice activists escalate war on abortion

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/front-anti-choice-activists-escalate-090000440.html>

Plan B Does Not Cause Abortion, Says FDA

https://msmagazine.com/2023/01/12/plan-b-cause-abortion-fda-emergency-contraception-morning-after-pill/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=017cf561-b892-ed11-9d7b-00224832e811&emdi=a1cd5fe2-cc92-ed11-9d7b-00224832e811&ceid=447432

Alabama Attorney General Said He'll Prosecute People Who Use Abortion Pills

https://currently.att.yahoo.com/att/alabama-attorney-general-said-hell-170400721.html?.tsrc=daily_mail&uh_test=1_11

Arizona appeals court rules doctors cannot be prosecuted under 19th century abortion ban

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/arizona-appeals-court-cannot-prosecute-031434049.html>

6 months after end of Roe, Illinois abortion providers treat a 'historic high' number of out-of-state patients

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/6-months-end-roe-illinois-143900731.html>

Indiana politics make it difficult for tech industry to recruit, keep employees in state

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/indiana-politics-difficult-tech-industry-100940009.html>

AG wants Kansas court to rethink abortion rights protections

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/ag-wants-kansas-court-rethink-222313115.html>

Georgia's tax exemption for fetuses comes with a host of questions

<https://www.yahoo.com/finance/news/georgias-tax-exemption-for-fetuses-comes-with-a-host-of-questions-203650912.html>

When Idaho legislator likens women's reproductive rights to cows, it's no laughing matter | Opinion

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/idaho-legislator-likens-women-reproductive-180344307.html>

Idaho Supreme Court upholds all abortion laws challenged in Planned Parenthood cases

https://currently.att.yahoo.com/att/idaho-supreme-court-upholds-abortion-223539603.html?.tsrc=daily_mail&uh_test=1_11

Idaho's abortion bans put women at risk and don't work. Here's something that could | Opinion

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/idaho-abortion-bans-put-women-110000308.html>

Voters in Kansas rejected an abortion amendment after Roe fell, but the debate is far from over

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/voters-kansas-rejected-abortion-amendment-090511974.html>

Bill to impeach Kansas Supreme Court justices is just a new attack on abortion rights

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/bill-impeach-kansas-supreme-court-110000070.html>

Students Rally for Medication Abortion at University Health Centers in N.Y.: 'Direct, Unfettered and Accessible'

https://msmagazine.com/2022/12/21/abortion-pills-new-york-college-university-health/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=92320da2-3282-ed11-9d7a-000d3a9eb913&emdi=b7758760-4c82-ed11-9d7a-000d3a9eb913&ceid=436082

South Carolina Supreme Court strikes down state abortion ban

https://currently.att.yahoo.com/att/south-carolina-supreme-court-strikes-163651281.html?.tsrc=daily_mail&uh_test=1_11

Does South Carolina's decision protecting abortion mean other states will follow?

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/does-south-carolinas-decision-protecting-abortion-mean-other-states-will-follow-204612966.html>

Birth control ruling to see fresh scrutiny at Texas Capitol

https://currently.att.yahoo.com/att/birth-control-ruling-see-fresh-060250227.html?.tsrc=daily_mail&uh_test=1_11

Texas Judge Rules Teens Need Their Parents' Permission for Birth Control

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/texas-judge-rules-teens-parents-210000083.html>

Abortion ban changes split Wisconsin GOP under veto threat

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/abortion-ban-changes-split-wisconsin-130228741.html>

Guam Legislature passes abortion ban; governor veto expected

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/quam-legislature-passes-abortion-ban-220554592.html>

In Mexico, legal struggle to free women jailed for abortion

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/mexico-legal-struggle-free-women-004813468.html>