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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

How Ruth Bader Ginsburg Will Have the Last Laugh on Samuel Alito

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/ruth-bader-ginsburg-last-laugh-083000698.html>

Anti-Abortion Activist Says 13-Year-Old Pregnant Girls "Do Phenomenal"

[Anti-Abortion Activist Says 13-Year-Old Pregnant Girls "Do Phenomenal" \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/health/anti-abortion-activist-says-13-year-old-pregnant-girls-do-phenomenal)

'They're Just Going to Let Me Die?' One Woman's Abortion Odyssey

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/theyre-just-going-let-die-182653375.html>

Anti-abortion Gen Z-ers see cause as social justice

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/anti-abortion-gen-zers-see-233341490.html>

The U.S. Just Got One Step Closer to Over-the-Counter Birth Control

https://msmagazine.com/2022/08/03/over-the-counter-birth-control-fda-reproductive-health-equity/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=9a1fea58-2e14-ed11-bd6e-281878b83d8a&emdi=ad488dc9-4014-ed11-bd6e-281878b83d8a&ceid=436082

'My training is going to be limited': Med students and aspiring OBGYNs are trying to adapt to a post-Roe landscape

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/training-going-limited-med-students-192149931.html>

A challenge for antiabortion states: Doctors reluctant to work there

<https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/challenge-antiabortion-states-doctors-reluctant-162629136.html>

Let's Talk About Misoprostol—the Original Abortion Pill

https://msmagazine.com/2022/07/28/misoprostol-abortion-pill/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=d99cb16d-b711-ed11-b47a-281878b82c0f&emdi=c8bf5d4b-e511-ed11-b47a-281878b82c0f&ceid=447432

40 Percent of Single Moms Face Food Insecurity. The Fall of Roe Will Plunge Them Deeper Into Poverty

https://msmagazine.com/2022/07/26/abortion-single-moms-hunger-poverty/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=e55a7162-aa12-ed11-bd6e-281878b83d8a&emdi=18f8be39-2c13-ed11-bd6e-281878b83d8a&ceid=447432

Drop Box for Babies: Conservatives Promote a Way to Give Up Newborns Anonymously

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/drop-box-babies-conservatives-promote-143646155.html>

GOP Congresswoman Slams Severe Abortion Laws: 'Handmaid's Tale Wasn't Supposed to Be a Roadmap'

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-congresswoman-slams-severe-abortion-152853916.html>

Why does Senate Republicans' epiphany on women's health care come after abortion ruling?

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/why-does-senate-republicans-epiphany-233443414.html>

Florida clergy lawsuits say abortion ban violates religious freedom

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/florida-clergy-lawsuits-abortion-ban-181659890.html>

DeSantis suspends state attorney who opposed prosecuting abortion, sex reassignment crimes

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/desantis-suspends-tampa-state-attorney-143440858.html>

State Sen. Alting on abortion law: 'My heart bleeds' for Indiana women

A Republican Lawmaker Said "Not Her Body, Not Her Choice" Before Indiana Passed A Near-Total Abortion Ban

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/republican-lawmaker-said-not-her-210554426.html>

'I am going to fight like hell for the women in this state': House votes on abortion ban

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/am-going-fight-hell-women-212337387.html>

Indiana state representative proposed bill to outlaw erectile dysfunction drugs in light of abortion ban

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/indiana-state-representative-proposed-bill-111142818.html>

Biden team, Eli Lilly condemn new Indiana abortion ban

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/biden-administration-condemns-indiana-abortion-160922707.html>

Eli Lilly, one of the state's biggest employers, says they'll be planning their growth outside the state.

<https://mobile.twitter.com/byKateSmith/status/1555899093582495749?cxt=HBwWioCyte3-1JcrAAAA&cn=ZmxleGlibGVfcmVjcw%3D%3D&refsrc=email>

If this is Idaho's response to federal lawsuit over abortion ban, we're in legal trouble

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/idaho-response-federal-lawsuit-over-100000972.html>

Idaho abortion cases came before state Supreme Court Wednesday. Here's what happened

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/idaho-abortion-cases-came-state-190405395.html>

Following Kansas, an Ohio constitutional amendment protecting abortion rights is expected for ballots

https://www.cleveland.com/news/2022/08/following-kansas-an-ohio-abortion-constitutional-amendment-is-expected-for-ballots.html?e=8ad0f0a062e082f14894c41e2a78c1e4&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter_wake_up%202022-08-05&utm_term=Newsletter_wake_up

Letters to the Editor: If Kansas voters can uphold abortion rights, so can San Clemente

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/letters-editor-kansas-voters-uphold-100026367.html>

Kansas Voters Overwhelmingly Reject Anti-Abortion Amendment in Primary Election

https://msmagazine.com/2022/07/25/kansas-primary-amendment-ban-abortion-vote-no/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=f6076a00-6013-ed11-bd6e-281878b83d8a&emdi=1d3fb4ab-7713-ed11-bd6e-281878b83d8a&ceid=447432

Yet another statement Yost made on that Fox News appearance now seems iffy (Ohio)

<https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/state/yet-another-statement-yost-made-on-that-fox-news-appearance-now-seems-iffy>

Multiple arrested after New York City pro-abortion protesters shout down Catholic parishioners outside church

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/multiple-arrested-york-city-pro-204030825.html>

Poland's Near-Total Abortion Ban Threatens Ukrainian Refugees

https://msmagazine.com/2022/07/28/poland-abortion-ban-ukraine-refugee-women-rape/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=d99cb16d-b711-ed11-b47a-281878b82c0f&emdi=c8bf5d4b-e511-ed11-b47a-281878b82c0f&ceid=447432

Legislation being proposed in Ohio

HB 598 and companion SB 123. They will without exception, charge doctors with felonies for terminating a pregnancy, no matter the reason.

HB 480 would create a financial incentive for individuals to turn in friends, family and neighbors if they know they performed or even helped someone obtain an abortion or used certain forms of birth control like an IUD and Plan B that prevent the implantation of a fertilized egg.

HB 704 - The Personhood Act. Introduced 7/11/22 Representative Click
To recognize the personhood of an unborn human individual from conception.
Cosponsors: Representatives Gross, Hall, Jordan, Manchester, Powell, Riedel, Stoltzfus
[House Bill 704 Status | 134th General Assembly | Ohio House of Representatives](#)

SB 352 - Designate June 24 as "Life Day" Introduced 7/6/22 Senator Huffman, S.
To commemorate the United States Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization.
Cosponsors: Senators Antani, Blessing, Brenner, Cirino, Gavarone, Hoagland, Hottinger, Johnson, Lang, McColley, O'Brien, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer
[Senate Bill 352 - Status | The Ohio Legislature](#)

The Columbus Dispatch reported that the Ohio General Assembly is expected to pass a full ban on abortion later this year. Lawmakers are on an extended break until September, and some think it'll be at least November or December before a full ban bill is considered. Gov. Mike DeWine, a consistent supporter of abortion restrictions, would sign a ban into law.

What you can do:

1. Make reproductive choice a focus for the 2022-midterm elections. Find out if those running for the U.S. Senate and House, Ohio Governor and your Ohio House and Senate representative support reproductive choice. Vote for candidates who support reproductive choice.
2. Participate in rallies across the state and let your voice be heard.
3. Contact your City Council representatives and ask them to pass a resolution to limit prosecution involving abortions. similar to the city of Lakewood: <https://www.cleveland.com/lakewood/2022/07/lakewood-councilman-proposes-legislation-limiting-prosecution-involving-abortion.html?outputType=amp>
4. Write letters to the editor of your local papers and be part of public conversations.
5. Call and/or visit your legislators while they are in their home districts on recess. Let them know how you feel about these bills.
6. Join us in September when we March at the Ohio Capital and visit our legislators. Please HOLD September 14 and 15. This is tentatively when they will return from recess and have committee meetings.

Federal Legislation

Senate Joint Resolution is 6 Removes arbitrary time limit on the passage of the ERA.

What you can do:

1. Contact Senator Brown and thank him for being a co-sponsor. Call the Capital Switchboard at 202-224-3121 or send a message using NFBPWC's One Click Politics. Go to: www.nfbpwc.org/event-4488922
2. Contact Senator Portman and ask him to co-sponsor and vote for removing the deadline for the ratification of the ERA. Call the Capital Switchboard at 202-224-3121 or send a message using NFBPWC's One Click Politics. Go to: www.nfbpwc.org/event-4488922
3. Make the ERA a focus for the 2022 mid-term elections and Senator Portman's replacement. Ask candidates if they support the ERA being in the Constitution. Vote for candidates who support the ERA.
4. Tell others about the ERA, give them the link to Elect Equality and encourage them to make the ERA a focus for the mid-term elections.

The Elect Equality Campaign provides voters with the opportunity to hear directly from candidates on their position on the ERA. Go to: <https://www.eracoalition.org/electequality>

H.R. 8373 the Right to Contraception Act Sponsored by Rep. Kathy Manning (D-N.C.),

[H.R.8373 - 117th Congress \(2021-2022\): Right to Contraception Act | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#)

This bill sets out statutory protections for an individual's right to access and a health care provider's right to provide contraception and related information. *Contraception* refers to an action taken to prevent pregnancy, including the use of contraceptives (i.e., a device or medication used to prevent pregnancy), fertility-awareness based methods, and sterilization procedures.

Passed on Thursday by a vote of 228 to 195. Just eight Republicans—Reps. Liz Cheney (Wyo.), Brian Fitzpatrick (Pa.), Anthony Gonzalez (Ohio), John Katko (N.Y), Adam Kinzinger (Ill.), Nancy Mace (S.C.), Maria Salazar (Fla.) and Fred Upton (Mich.)—joined all House Democrats in support of the bill.

S.4557 — Right to Contraception Act Sponsored by:

[Sen. Markey, Edward J. \[D-MA](#) (Introduced 07/19/2022) Co-Sponsored by [Sen. Brown, Sherrod \[D-OH\]*](#)

[S.4557 - 117th Congress \(2021-2022\): Right to Contraception Act | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#)

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What you can do: Call the Capital Switchboard at 202-224-3121

1. Contact Senator Brown and thank him for being a co-sponsor of S.4557.
2. Contact Senator Portman and ask him to co-sponsor S 4557 and vote for the right to contraception.

Help Get Out the Vote

Help people check online to make sure their voting information is current and find their new district. Go to:

<https://boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/voters/get-your-voting-information>

You can also find new districts here: <https://findmydistrict.ohiosos.gov>

Encourage people to register to vote: Register online here: <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov>

To Vote in Ohio you must: be a citizen of the United States. • be at least 18 years old on or before the next general election. • be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days before the election.

You must register or update your voter registration no later than 30 days before an election. Upcoming voter registration deadlines:

- **October 11, 2022**, for the November 8, 2022, General Election

To request an Absentee ballot application form. Go to: www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballot

Help people get to the polls!