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## Supreme Court

### Ohio couple's gifts show need for U.S. Supreme Court ethics code, congressional committee told

[https://www.cleveland.com/news/2022/12/ohio-couples-gifts-show-need-for-us-supreme-court-ethics-code-congressional-committee-told.html?e=8ad0f0a062e082f14894c41e2a78c1e4&utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Newsletter\\_wake\\_up%202022-12-09&utm\\_term=Newsletter\\_wake\\_up](https://www.cleveland.com/news/2022/12/ohio-couples-gifts-show-need-for-us-supreme-court-ethics-code-congressional-committee-told.html?e=8ad0f0a062e082f14894c41e2a78c1e4&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter_wake_up%202022-12-09&utm_term=Newsletter_wake_up)

### Christian advocate tells Congress of 2014 U.S. Supreme Court leak

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/u-house-committee-hear-testimony-110449298.html>

### A Christian minister testified that he was involved in decades-long efforts to influence the Supreme Court: 'We pushed the boundaries of Christian ethics

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/christian-minister-testified-involved-decades-232816314.html>

### Democratic Lawmaker Doubles Down On Calls For Clarence Thomas' Resignation

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/democratic-lawmaker-doubles-down-calls-050220346.html>

### Clarence Thomas Might Have Just Broken the Law in the Supreme Court

[Clarence Thomas Might Have Just Broken the Law in the Supreme Court \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/story/clarence-thomas-might-have-just-broken-the-law-in-the-supreme-court)

### Critics Call It Theocratic and Authoritarian. Young Conservatives Call It an Exciting New Legal Theory.

<https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2022/12/09/revolutionary-conservative-legal-philosophy-courts-00069201>

## Voting

### Frank LaRose and Ohio Republicans have launched an all-out assault on voters and democracy

<https://ohiocapitaljournal.com/2022/11/29/frank-larose-and-ohio-republicans-have-launched-an-all-out-assault-on-voters-and-democracy/>

### In 'historic abuse of power,' Ohio lawmakers seek to steal your voice| Mike Curtin

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/historic-abuse-power-ohio-lawmakers-104617942.html>

## Separate groups announce pursuit of abortion rights amendments in Ohio constitution

[https://www.cleveland.com/news/2022/12/ohio-physicians-for-reproductive-rights-to-pursue-constitutional-amendment-protecting-abortion-rights-in-2023.html?e=8ad0f0a062e082f14894c41e2a78c1e4&utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Newsletter\\_wake\\_up%202022-12-13&utm\\_term=Newsletter\\_wake\\_up](https://www.cleveland.com/news/2022/12/ohio-physicians-for-reproductive-rights-to-pursue-constitutional-amendment-protecting-abortion-rights-in-2023.html?e=8ad0f0a062e082f14894c41e2a78c1e4&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter_wake_up%202022-12-13&utm_term=Newsletter_wake_up)

## Midterm Voters Defend Right to Abortion in Five Ballot Measures Across the U.S.

<https://msmagazine.com/2022/11/09/midterm-abortion-ballot-measures-equal-rights-amendment/>

## New Survey: Concern Over Abortion and Equal Rights Top Inflation by 22 Points as Main Drivers of Young Women's Vote in Battleground States

<https://feminist.org/news/new-survey-concern-over-abortion-and-equal-rights-top-inflationby-22-points-as-main-drivers-of-young-womens-vote-in-battleground-states/>

## 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

## TAKE ACTION

### 1. Send an email to President Biden

Click here: [Contact Us | The White House](#)

Sample message:

*We have 38 states that have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment. The time limit was on the Preamble and scholars say it has no validity. Direct the Deputy Archivist to publish the Equal Rights Amendment by Christmas. Let the misogynists challenge it.*

*Don't say you can't. That's Malarkey!*

### 2. Call and leave a message on the Whitehouse Comment line between 11 – 3 every day until Dec 23

**Whitehouse comment line: 202-456-1111**

Sample messages:

*All I want for the holidays is the Equal Rights Amendment*

*It's time to direct the Deputy Archivist to publish the ERA*

*Mr. President, if you really value women, direct the Deputy Archivist to publish the ERA.*

*Women's vote along with young voters delivered in the midterm elections, time to deliver for us. Direct the Deputy Archivist to publish the ERA.*

### 3. Send an email to Nancy Pelosi

Click here: [Contact | Speaker Nancy Pelosi](#)

Sample message:

You did a wonderful job in the house- thank you, but the Senate needs a BIG nudge right now from YOU. Tell Senator Schumer that it is time he brings SJ1 to the floor for a vote. Women did their part in the 2022 midterms, #TIMESUP to give women what they have been asking for over 100 years. The House removed the deadline under your leadership, now the Senate needs to do the same. Let the misogynists vote no, so we have a record of who they are. It's time to publish the ERA so they can read the 28th amendment when the House convenes after the new year.

### 4. Send an email to Senator Schumer

Click here: [Senator Schumer: We want a vote! – ERA Coalition](#)

Sample message:

***Senator Schumer it is time to bring HJ Res 17/SJ Res 1 to the Senator floor for a vote - before the end of this legislative session. Put all the Senators on record. Times up.***

### 5. Send an email to your Senator

Click here: [NFBPWC - Tell Your Senators To Remove The Arbitrary ERA Deadline](#)

## ARTICLES

### **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=b1f9d9de-3477-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&emdi=c8d3876a-4d77-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&ceid=447432](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=b1f9d9de-3477-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&emdi=c8d3876a-4d77-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&ceid=447432)

## ECONOMIC EQUITY

*BPW/OH's Legislation Platform on Economic Equity: Actively work to support equal educational opportunities; equal treatment for women in all areas of employment, including adequate retirement benefits, improved programs for women re-entering the workforce, and implementation of equal pay for work of comparable worth.*

## Articles

### **Combatting the Wage Gap on Native Women's Equal Pay Day**

[https://msmagazine.com/2022/11/30/native-women-equal-pay-wage-gap/?omhide=true&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=everyaction&emci=a6a4a422-e770-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&emdi=06f2eeb8-0271-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&ceid=447432](https://msmagazine.com/2022/11/30/native-women-equal-pay-wage-gap/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=a6a4a422-e770-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&emdi=06f2eeb8-0271-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&ceid=447432)

# Reproductive Choice

On June 24<sup>th</sup> 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

### Teaching the Deep Roots of Abortion in America

[https://msmagazine.com/2022/11/30/teaching-abortion-history-usa/?omhide=true&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=everyaction&emci=9437e3dc-a671-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&emdi=3b9182e3-cb71-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&ceid=436082](https://msmagazine.com/2022/11/30/teaching-abortion-history-usa/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=9437e3dc-a671-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&emdi=3b9182e3-cb71-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&ceid=436082)

### Post-Roe Abortion Bans Threaten Women's Lives: Health Care Providers Speak Out on the Devastating Harm Posed by Abortion Bans and Restriction

<https://www.warren.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Abortion%20Care%20Oversight%20Report1.pdf>

### Biden's efforts to protect abortion access hit roadblocks

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/bidens-efforts-protect-abortion-access-052343557.html>

### Legislative workgroup urges lawmakers to prioritize abortion access during 2023 session

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/legislative-workgroup-urges-lawmakers-prioritize-021802085.html>

### GOP senator to hold defense nominees over DOD's 'irresponsible' abortion policy

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-senator-hold-defense-nominees-170011542.html>

### Anti-abortion ordinance would rely on residents

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/anti-abortion-ordinance-rely-residents-045900190.html>

### Pueblo's proposed abortion law would impede doctors from providing sufficient medical care, OB-GYNs say

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/pueblos-proposed-abortion-law-impede-045900553.html>

### Fresh off win on same-sex marriage, Sen. Tammy Baldwin proposes federal travel fund for women seeking abortions

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/fresh-off-win-same-sex-160200156.html>

### U.S. Senate approves 'Respect for Marriage Act' to protect same-sex and interracial marriages - Portman

[https://www.cleveland.com/news/2022/11/us-senate-approves-respect-for-marriage-act-to-protect-same-sex-and-interracial-marriages.html?e=8ad0f0a062e082f14894c41e2a78c1e4&utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Newsletter\\_wake\\_up%202022-11-30&utm\\_term=Newsletter\\_wake\\_up](https://www.cleveland.com/news/2022/11/us-senate-approves-respect-for-marriage-act-to-protect-same-sex-and-interracial-marriages.html?e=8ad0f0a062e082f14894c41e2a78c1e4&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter_wake_up%202022-11-30&utm_term=Newsletter_wake_up)

## **Trump-Appointed EEOC Commissioner Goes After Employers' Abortion Travel Benefit Policies**

[https://msmagazine.com/2022/12/05/trump-eec-commissioner-employer-abortion-travel-benefit-policies-andrea-lucas/?omhide=true&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=everyaction&emci=1b1fc1ea-7476-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&emdi=b619fbdf-8276-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&ceid=436082](https://msmagazine.com/2022/12/05/trump-eec-commissioner-employer-abortion-travel-benefit-policies-andrea-lucas/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=1b1fc1ea-7476-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&emdi=b619fbdf-8276-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&ceid=436082)

## **She Wanted an Abortion. A Judge Said She Wasn't Mature Enough to Decide**

[https://www.propublica.org/article/how-states-limit-teen-access-to-abortion?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=everyaction&emci=ac42b0e7-bd75-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&emdi=2071a46c-3776-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&ceid=447432](https://www.propublica.org/article/how-states-limit-teen-access-to-abortion?utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=ac42b0e7-bd75-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&emdi=2071a46c-3776-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&ceid=447432)

## **Some Republicans say the midterms were a mandate for further abortion restrictions**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/anti-abortion-roadmap-2023-abortion-120000707.html>

## **Anti-Abortion Groups Ask Trump-Appointed Judge to Ban Mailing Abortion Pills**

[https://msmagazine.com/2022/11/23/texas-lawsuit-abortion-pills-mifepristone-fifth-circuit-court?omhide=true&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=everyaction&emci=b85aa9a4-456f-ed11-819c-00224825858d&emdi=2555466f-706f-ed11-819c-00224825858d&ceid=447432](https://msmagazine.com/2022/11/23/texas-lawsuit-abortion-pills-mifepristone-fifth-circuit-court?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=b85aa9a4-456f-ed11-819c-00224825858d&emdi=2555466f-706f-ed11-819c-00224825858d&ceid=447432)

## **Activists Are Trying to Ban Abortion Pills in Blue States, Forcing Patients to Face Protesters**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/activists-trying-ban-abortion-pills-215500501.html>

## **Inside Honduras's abortion pill black market**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/inside-honduras-abortion-pill-black-005352790.htm>

## **Medication abortion may be the next focal point in the fight over abortion access. Here's what to know**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/medication-abortion-may-next-focal-120002686.htm>

## **Looming 'Apocalyptic' Court Decision Could Ban Abortion Pills Nationwide**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/looming-apocalyptic-court-decision-could-220321336.html>

## **I Had An Abortion In My 40s. I'll Never Forget The Shocking Thing The Doctor Said To Me.**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/had-abortion-40s-ill-never-140032430.html>

## **Men are ditching condoms as rates of STDs like gonorrhea and syphilis continue to rise**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/men-ditching-condoms-rates-stds-210931446.html>

## **Men Get Real About Whether They'd Use Male Birth Control**

[https://www.huffpost.com/entry/men-get-real-about-whether-theyd-use-male-birth-control\\_l\\_62e03c48e4b0aad58d204ec5](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/men-get-real-about-whether-theyd-use-male-birth-control_l_62e03c48e4b0aad58d204ec5)

## **Midterms and 'Mid-Cycle Spotting': Getting Real About Women's Health**

[https://msmagazine.com/2022/12/07/midterms-red-wave-womens-health-periods-menstruation-menopause-miscarriage-abortion/?omhide=true&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=everyaction&emci=1b1fc1ea-7476-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&emdi=b619fbdf-8276-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&ceid=436082](https://msmagazine.com/2022/12/07/midterms-red-wave-womens-health-periods-menstruation-menopause-miscarriage-abortion/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=1b1fc1ea-7476-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&emdi=b619fbdf-8276-ed11-819c-000d3a9eb474&ceid=436082)

## **Hey FDA, Free the Birth Control Pill!**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/hey-fda-free-birth-control-094130792.html>

## **We all have a role to play in protecting women's reproductive rights**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/role-play-protecting-womens-reproductive-102507532.html>

## **Abortion Clinics Across the U.S. Are Closing. Advocates—and Protesters—Are Still Showing Up**

<https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/abortion-clinics-across-u-closing-173500400.html>

## **When the Abortion Clinic Came to Town**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/abortion-clinic-came-town-131941414.html>

## **Domestic violence has far-reaching consequences for women**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/domestic-violence-far-reaching-consequences-193625701.html>

## **How abortion bans could imperil domestic violence victims**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/abortion-bans-could-imperil-domestic-104409646.html>

## **Alabama Woman Jailed for Using Drugs During Pregnancy Wasn't Even Pregnant**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/alabama-woman-jailed-using-drugs-220500094.html>

## **Judge blocks Indiana abortion ban on religious freedom grounds**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/judge-blocks-indiana-abortion-ban-015531930.html>

## **Telemedicine abortions may begin after judge blocks Kansas law banning procedure**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/telemedicine-abortion-may-begin-judge-163016433.html>

## **Indiana appealing 2nd court decision blocking abortion ban**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/indiana-appealing-2nd-court-decision-184046183.html>

## **Iowa's 'fetal heartbeat' abortion law to remain blocked, court rules; Kim Reynolds to appeal**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/iowas-fetal-heartbeat-abortion-law-234448770.html>

## **Kansas judge allows telemedicine for abortion pills**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/kansas-judge-allows-telemedicine-abortion-231555894.html>

## **Kentucky AG avoids talk of more exceptions to abortion ban**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/kentucky-ag-avoids-talk-more-205957106.html>

## **Prinsburg, Minnesota, considering abortion ordinance, which is called 'unconstitutional' by attorney general**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/prinsburg-minnesota-considering-abortion-ordinance-045900034.html>

## **Minnesota town drops Texas-style anti-abortion lawsuit plan**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/minnesota-town-drops-texas-style-195241446.html>

## **Is abortion legal in Mississippi? Voters could decide**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/abortion-legal-mississippi-voters-could-115000652.html>

## **NJ asks Apple to protect user privacy for reproductive health apps**

[NJ asks Apple to protect user privacy for reproductive health apps \(yahoo.com\)](https://www.yahoo.com/news/nj-asks-apple-to-protect-user-privacy-for-reproductive-health-apps-115000652.html)

## **Legislative study on improving Oklahoma women's conditions omits abortion**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/legislative-study-improving-oklahoma-womens-130052407.html>

## **Oklahoma lawmakers turn focus to medication abortions**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/oklahoma-lawmakers-turn-focus-medication-140109805.html>

## **The Top Target of Texas' Abortion Bounty Law Isn't Backing Down**

<https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/top-target-texas-abortion-bounty-195712288.html>

## **Lawsuit against doctor who defied Texas abortion law tossed**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/lawsuit-against-doctor-defied-texas-170513362.html>

## **Virginia Republican Proposes Total Abortion Ban for State to Consider in January**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/virginia-republican-proposes-total-abortion-195500695.html>

## **French vote for right to abortion in constitution**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/french-vote-abortion-constitution-111952633.html>

## **Victim Rights**

*BPW/OH's Legislation Platform on Victim Rights:* Actively work to strengthen and enforce legal protection for all individuals who are victims of violent acts including domestic and/or sexual violence; and human trafficking; promote violence prevention programs; support services and facilities for survivors of this violence and the funding thereof; and support legislation, which provides compensatory and punitive damage awards to victims.

## **Deny, Attack, Blame: The Prosecution of Women Reporting Rape**

[Deny, Attack, Blame: The Prosecution of Women Reporting Rape - Ms. Magazine \(msmagazine.com\)](#)