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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.*

The House voted in February 2020 to remove the deadline for the ratification of the ERA. The House Joint Resolution 79 passed by a vote of 232-183. The companion bill is Senate Joint Resolution is 6 and no action has been taken.

Articles

Ohio legislator pushes for Equal Rights Amendment passage

[Ohio legislator pushes for Equal Rights Amendment passage | NBC4 WCMH-TV \(nbc4i.com\)](#)

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.

Twitter

20 Republicans vote against Support For Human Trafficking Victims – Vote numbers

<https://mobile.twitter.com/Acyn/status/1552083670118281216>

Articles:

20 Republicans, including Rep. Matt Gaetz, vote against anti-human trafficking bill

[Matt Gaetz among 20 Republicans to vote no on anti-trafficking bill \(azcentral.com\)](#)

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

Videos

Incoming medical students walk out at University of Michigan's white coat ceremony as the keynote speaker is openly anti-abortion

[\(20\) Scorpiio on Twitter: "Incoming medical students walk out at University of Michigan's white coat ceremony as the keynote speaker is openly anti-abortion https://t.co/Is7KmVV811" / Twitter](#) (25 seconds)

Articles

U.S. says insurers must still cover birth control after Supreme Court abortion ruling

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/u-says-insurers-must-still-210942624.html>

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=f88c15f8-de0d-ed11-b47a-281878b83d8a&emdi=f8b21074-f70d-ed11-b47a-281878b83d8a&ceid=436082

Because of Texas abortion law, her wanted pregnancy became a medical nightmare

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2022/07/26/1111280165/because-of-texas-abortion-law-her-wanted-pregnancy-became-a-medical-nightmare>

How Close to Death Does a Person Have to Be to Qualify for an Abortion Ban Exemption?

https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2022/07/pre-emption-preemption-roe-abortion-dobbs-biden-states/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=5a328219-290d-ed11-b47a-281878b83d8a&emdi=51693807-ac0d-ed11-b47a-281878b83d8a&ceid=447432

After Roe, Pregnant Women With Cancer Diagnoses May Face Wrenching Choices

[After Roe, Pregnant Women With Cancer Diagnoses May Face Wrenching Choices \(msn.com\)](#)

Her Ex-Husband Is Suing a Clinic Over the Abortion She Had Four Years Ago

[Her Ex-Husband Is Suing a Clinic Over the Abortion She Had Four Years Ago - Ms. Magazine \(msmagazine.com\)](#)

Dr. Caitlin Bernard speaks out on "real-life implications" of abortion bans

https://currently.att.yahoo.com/att/dr-caitlin-bernard-speaks-real-221624813.html?.tsrc=daily_mail&uh_test=1_11

War on Women Report: Indiana AG Goes After Dr. Caitlin Bernard, ‘Paints Providers With Violent Lies’; Pro-Abortion House Democrats Arrested

[War on Women Report: Indiana AG Goes After Dr. Caitlin Bernard, 'Paints Providers With Violent Lies'; Pro-Abortion House Democrats Arrested - Ms. Magazine \(msmagazine.com\)](#)

Rapes of sisters, 10 and 13, in Cleveland mirror Columbus case that sparked national debate over Ohio’s abortion law

<https://www.cleveland.com/court-justice/2022/07/rapes-of-sisters-10-and-13-in-cleveland-mirror-columbus-case-that-sparked-national-debate-over-ohios-abortion-law.html>

No bond for accused rapist of girl who traveled for abortion

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/no-bond-accused-rapist-girl-160454171.html>

Ohio girls are raped into motherhood. After rape at OSU, she was nearly one | Opinion

<https://www.dispatch.com/story/opinion/columns/2022/07/21/amelia-robinson-do-become-pregnant-after-rape-ohio-dave-yost-10-year-old-girl-fox-news-abortion-roe/10097262002/>

‘What about my life?’ West Virginia girl, 12, speaks out against anti-abortion bill

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/life-west-virginia-girl-12-060050798.html>

A Generation Left Unheard: How Teen Girls Have Lost Their Rights

[A Generation Left Unheard: How Teen Girls Have Lost Their Rights - Ms. Magazine \(msmagazine.com\)](#)

‘Will Dobbs Propel Gen Z to the Voting Booth?’

[Will Dobbs Propel Gen Z to the Voting Booth? - Ms. Magazine \(msmagazine.com\)](#)

Project Rachel supports women after an abortion

[Project Rachel supports women after an abortion \(spectrumnews1.com\)](#)

Anti-abortion extremist who helped impose gerrymandered maps rewarded by Ohio Gov. DeWine

[Anti-abortion extremist who helped impose gerrymandered maps rewarded by Ohio Gov. DeWine - Ohio Capital Journal](#)

Ohio ranks low in child spending, national study shows

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Following 6 Week Ban, Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio Receives \$500,000 Donation from Columbus City Council

<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-greater-ohio/newsroom/following-6-week-ban-planned-parenthood-of-greater-ohio-receives-500000-donation-from-columbus-city-council>

Alito Says Abortion Has Nothing To Do With Gender Equality—But History Says Otherwise

[Alito Says Abortion Has Nothing To Do With Gender Equality—But History Says Otherwise - Ms. Magazine \(msmagazine.com\)](#)

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas will not teach George Washington Law seminar after uproar

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-justice-clarence-thomas-175633624.html>

Democrats introduce bill to enact term limits for Supreme Court justices

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/democrats-introduce-bill-enact-term-221651382.html>

Bills to Defend Marriage Equality and Contraception Access Pass U.S. House, Head to Senate

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GOP Sen. Joni Ernst Blocks Bill Protecting Right To Birth Control

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-sen-joni-ernst-blocks-202455103.html>

The GOP's position on contraception exposes its abortion hypocrisy

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-position-contraception-exposes-abortion-090000877.html>

Republicans urge Google to include anti-abortion centers in abortion search results

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/republicans-urge-google-anti-abortion-174852726.html>

The GOP Failed Millennial Moms Like Me. But It Needs Us Now More Than Ever.

<https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2022/07/15/republicans-losing-millennial-moms-essay-00045156>

17 House Democrats arrested at abortion rights rally

<https://www.axios.com/2022/07/19/aoc-democrats-arrested-roe-abortion>

Georgia's Six-Week Abortion Ban Can Take Effect, Court Rules (2)

https://news.bloomberglaw.com/health-law-and-business/georgias-six-week-abortion-ban-can-take-effect-court-rules?context=search&index=0&utm_medium=lawdesk&utm_source=twitter&campaign=A2E971F0-0860-11ED-BB63-0EC74F017A06

Kansas Voters Are About To Decide if the State Legislature Can Ban Abortion

[Kansas Voters Are About To Decide if the State Legislature Can Ban Abortion - Ms. Magazine \(msmagazine.com\)](#)

Michigan judge won't step down from abortion case: Argument 'borders on frivolous'

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/michigan-judge-wont-step-down-144207705.html>

A 2021 North Carolina bill would authorize deadly force to stop an abortion — but is not likely to see a vote

https://www.insider.com/north-carolina-bill-death-to-abortion-seekers-circulating-online-2022-7?utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=5a328219-290d-ed11-b47a-281878b83d8a&emdi=51693807-ac0d-ed11-b47a-281878b83d8a&ceid=447432

Keeping Score: 'The Dominoes Have Started to Fall, and They Won't Just Stop at One'

https://msmagazine.com/2022/07/26/feminist-news-roundup-keeping-score-abortion-lgbtq-rights-biden-gun-control-congress-women/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=f88c15f8-de0d-ed11-b47a-281878b83d8a&emdi=f8b21074-f70d-ed11-b47a-281878b83d8a&ceid=436082

Mexican Telehealth Abortion Provider Now Serves U.S. Women: 'We Are Here for You!'

https://msmagazine.com/2022/07/26/mexico-abortion-pills-us-border-telehealth/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=f88c15f8-de0d-ed11-b47a-281878b83d8a&emdi=f8b21074-f70d-ed11-b47a-281878b83d8a&ceid=436082

The Monarchy Myth: How Princess Stories Glorify State Control of Women's Bodies

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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!