

## 2011-2013

**Two hundred and three abortion restrictions** were passed on the state level; that's more restrictions passed than in the entire preceding decade.

Clinics in Michigan, Florida, Wisconsin and Texas were attacked with explosives in 2011-2012.

## 2013

**22 states passed 70 restrictions on abortion.**

The U.S. House of Representatives approved a 20-week ban on abortion.

An abortion clinic in Indiana was vandalized with an axe.

A man attempted twice to burn down a Planned Parenthood in Missouri.

Another man was convicted of planning to assassinate an abortion doctor in Wisconsin.

## 2014

The last abortion clinic in the impoverished Rio Grande region of Texas had to stop providing abortions. Last year, Texas had 44 abortion clinics, and by September 2014, if nothing changes, there will only be six.

Houses of Representatives in West Virginia and Mississippi approved 20-week bans against abortion.

The U.S. House of Representatives approved HR7, the "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion" Act.

A clinic in Montana was so viciously vandalized that it has been closed indefinitely.

have remained passive, or funneled all their energies into supporting politicians who have openly promised to seek "common ground" with forces who are fighting for female enslavement. This is unacceptable. Seeking "common ground" has really meant ceding ground to this whole onslaught. Very much owing to this wrong approach of relying on official politics, for decades we have watched as yesterday's outrage became today's "compromise position" and tomorrow's limit of what can be imagined.

## Did you know?

**Abortion rights are in a state of emergency, and headed for disaster.**

*Abortion rights in this country hang by a thread. It is urgent that everyone act now to stop this war on women. Forcing women to have children against their will is a form of enslavement. Abortion On Demand and Without Apology!*

### RIGHT NOW..

Women across the country who cannot access safe abortions are attempting to self-abort by inserting sharp objects up their vaginas, taking pills, asking their boyfriends to beat them up, throwing themselves down the stairs, overdosing, and more. Of those who do not die, many are forced to give birth to unwanted children and are trapped in abusive relationships and/or driven (deeper) into poverty. Others are forced to carry the pregnancy to term only to be separated from a baby they cannot care for. This is the future for all women if this war on women is not massively resisted and defeated!

- The week of April 28, the same Federal District court that upheld the clinic closures in Texas will rule on a similar bogus law which **could close the last clinic in Mississippi.**
- In March, 2014, the Alabama House of Representatives passed a **ban on abortion at six weeks, with no exception for rape or incest!** This comes on top of: parental consent, state-mandated "counseling" and ultrasounds, mandatory waiting periods, and limited access to public funds for reproductive healthcare. Alabama is one of the poorest states in the nation, with 19 percent of women living below the poverty line.
- In Mississippi, anti-abortion fanatics have told patients and clinic escorts to kill themselves, that they are "whores" and "sluts," that women don't even deserve the right to vote, and other such garbage. In New York City, they accuse Black and Latina women of carrying out "genocide" against their "race", they call women "murderers," and spread lies about the "dangers" of abortion. This type of thing goes on at hundreds of clinics all across the country every single day.

### AND WHAT DO THE DEMOCRATS SAY?!

**Hillary Clinton:** "I for one, respect those who believe that there are no circumstances under which any abortions should ever be available."

**Wendy Davis:** "I would have and could have voted to allow [a 20-week ban on abortion] to go through, if I felt like we had tightly defined the ability for a woman and a doctor to be making this decision together..."

...and **Obama** has repeatedly said he supports restrictions on abortion and "respects the views" of and seeks "common ground" with those who will not be satisfied until all abortions are illegal.

**THIS IS WRONG.** There can be no "common ground" with those who are fighting for female enslavement. The fight over abortion has never been about babies, it has always been about control over women.

For far too long, pro-choice people have hoped that the Democrats or the courts would somehow stop this fascist assault on women. Too many people

# 47K

women around the world die every year from illegal, unsafe abortions

# 5K

women in the U.S. are estimated to have died every year from illegal, unsafe abortions before Roe v. Wade legalized abortions

# 41

states prohibit abortion at some point in the pregnancy

# 87%

of all counties in the U.S. have no abortion provider

# 6

states have only one surgical abortion clinic

# 8

abortion providers (doctors and staff) have been murdered by anti-abortion fanatics

**In reality, the future is up to us!** This whole direction must be uncompromisingly resisted and defeated! This requires changing the terms by telling the truth: **Fetuses are NOT babies. Abortion is NOT murder. Women are NOT incubators. Women need: Abortion On Demand and Without Apology!** And it requires going out into the streets and **waging massive, public, uncompromising, political resistance. We must rely on ourselves – and mobilize the outrage of others – to STOP THIS WAR.**



# An Open Letter to My Generation

## Don't Sleepwalk Through the War on Women!

*From a young revolutionary and member of StopPatriarchy.org*

The purpose of college, so they say, is to prepare you for the "real world." If you are a student, then you already know that with the college experience, comes much more than "real world prep." But with all that it offers, college also demands a whole lot. It demands your time, focus, and not to mention thousands of dollars. That being said, it can become easy for students to get completely wrapped up in all this: exams, jobs, clubs, social lives, etc. And with the added stress of knowing that upon graduation you will be entering an extremely competitive job market, it is understandable that with everything students learn in college, there is a pull towards channeling it all towards careers for the "real world."

Let's step back for a second and think about what it has meant to be a student throughout the history of this country...

Students have been at the forefront of almost every major social, cultural and political movement against injustice. In the 60s, large sections of people all over the country were rising up against the war, white supremacy, patriarchy, tradition, and ultimately against the whole system of capitalism imperialism. The social and political climates were very different back then. You had a blatantly unjust war going on, with troops coming back from Vietnam reporting horrible abuses against the people and deep trauma caused by this. You had the Civil Rights struggle, the Black Liberation Movement and the urban rebellions across the country. You had people throwing off the chains of tradition, which was so stifling especially in the 1950s. You had a wave of radical writers putting out texts on gender, race, and sexuality. You had a culture where the music, poetry, and art was rich with a

spirit of rebellion, and imagined what a far better world could be like. All of this was influenced by the major uprisings and revolutionary struggles around and all this also reverberated back around the world.

We are in a very different time now. The movements of the 60s and 70s made some incredible advances, but ultimately they did not make a revolution, and so we are here today with the same patriarchal, white supremacist, capitalist system still intact, and on top of that, a backlash against everything concentrated in that radical period. It is easy to just say, "Well the times were different back then, and anyway we don't need to fight the system like that anymore, we are all equal now." But unless you have blinders on, you know the second part of that last sentence just isn't true. Yes it is a very different time, but a time with just as many, if not more outrages that need to be fought against. If you are a student, and you probably are if you're reading this, then you have to know this. This includes the situation for women, as well. Despite the LIE that "You are living in a society based on equality, and that there are no limits to what you can achieve" the oppression of women has intensified in many ways.

Part of the social/political climate that unfortunately gets reinforced by many college professors is this relativist approach to the world – an approach that denies the existence of a single objective reality that all of us live in and that can be understood objectively, and says things are only as bad or good as you think they are, or as you tell yourself they are. It is easy to accept this approach if you are a relatively privileged person in this society but it is entirely immoral to just ignore what is going on

around you; maybe even right next door to you. It is also just unrealistic to think that you are not being impacted by any of this, or that you could not have a real impact on it.

The fact of the matter is, there actually IS objective reality and there really IS a war on women. Rape really is an epidemic – including on YOUR campus. Pornography really is training millions of men and young boys to see women as objects of sexual plunder and to get off on violence and degradation against women. Violence against women happens every 15 seconds. And right now women's right to abortion is hanging by a thread. This has implications on real women's lives. 41 years after Roe v. Wade and abortion has never been more stigmatized, more difficult to access, and more dangerous to provide. Already thousands of women in this country have no access to abortion and this will only get worse if we do not stand up. Rabid anti-abortion forces are hard at work making sure women are kept in their "rightful" place as baby making machines.

We need to be hard at work building a movement which takes back the moral high ground, which tells the truth about what this fight is all about, i.e. women's freedom or women's enslavement, that is going out in the streets in public, visible, uncompromising protest and is setting its sights no lower than achieving the full liberation of women.

We actually can do this. There is a basis for it and a movement that is determined and prepared to lead. If we do not act on what we know -- if we do not take seriously our role as people who have truth on our side, and students who have the potential to move millions -- then really, what is the point?

## Join in Emergency Actions to Stop the War on Women!

### April 11 & 12

Go to [StopPatriarchy.org](http://StopPatriarchy.org) to find events in your city, or plan your own.

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On Their Hands!**

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