

Did you know?

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states have only one surgical abortion clinic¹

40+

states restrict the right to abortion won in 1973²

87%

of all counties in the U.S. have no abortion provider³

5K

women in the U.S. are estimated to have died every year from illegal, unsafe abortions before Roe v. Wade legalized abortions⁴

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abortion providers (doctors and staff) have been murdered by anti-abortion fanatics⁵

Abortion rights are in a state of unprecedented emergency!

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.

RIGHT NOW...

The right to abortion — a simple, safe, and responsible choice — is being eradicated, lied about, and stigmatized.

IN 2015...

- As of May 1, 332 restrictions on abortion have been introduced in 43 states. Over 50 of these restrictions have been made into law.⁶
- In May, a 33-year-old woman in Indiana, Purvi Patel, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for felony “child neglect” and “feticide” for allegedly self-inducing an abortion.⁷
- Kansas & Oklahoma passed bans on the safest and most common method for performing abortion after the first trimester of pregnancy. This goes into effect in July in KS and in November in OK.⁸
- Arizona & Arkansas joined 22 other states in requiring doctors to read a script of junk science to woman seeking abortions (called “counseling”) — for example, warning them about “post abortion syndrome,” a condition that has never been proven to exist.¹⁰
- Indiana enacted¹¹ — and 16 other states introduced⁹ — a state version of the federal “Religious Freedom Restoration Act.” This law legalizes open bigotry. The federal version was the basis for the *Hobby Lobby* decision in 2014, allowing refusal of contraception coverage. 43 states allow medical institutions to refuse to provide abortions.²
- Tennessee passed the same bogus law that forced dozens of abortion clinics in Texas to close in 2014. On July 1st when it goes into effect, this law could close half of TN’s abortion clinics, leaving it with four.¹²
- “Abortion deserts” are spreading *rapidly* across the nation. Between Montana and North Dakota, and in areas in the south, over 600 miles exist between abortion clinics.¹³

2011-2013

203 restrictions on abortion were enacted on the state level; that’s more than in the entire preceding decade.¹⁶

Clinics in Michigan, Florida, Wisconsin and Texas were attacked with explosives in 2011-2012.¹⁷

In 2013: 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.¹⁸

2014

Over thirty abortion clinics in Texas were forced to close as a result of a combination of medically unnecessary restrictions passed in 2013.¹⁹

The Supreme Court ruled in favor of Hobby Lobby: employers can claim “religious freedom” and deny employees insurance coverage for birth control.²⁰

THE ATTACKS ON ABORTION HAVE NEVER BEEN ABOUT BABIES...

THEY’VE ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT CONTROLLING WOMEN.

The anti-abortion movement will not stop until all abortions are criminalized in all circumstances for all women. No exceptions for rape, incest, the life/health of the woman. No respect for women’s right not to be forced to have a child against her will. These fascists cannot be reasoned with. They must be STOPPED!

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.”¹⁴

...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.¹⁵

THIS IS WRONG.

For far too long, pro-choice people have remained passive, or funneled their energies into supporting politicians who openly promise to seek “common ground” with Christian fascists. But seeking “common ground” has really meant *ceding ground* to this whole onslaught. For decades we have watched yesterday’s outrage become today’s “compromise position” and tomorrow’s limit of what can be imagined. There can be no “common ground” with female enslavement. **What is required instead is: massive, uncompromising, political resistance to STOP this whole WAR ON WOMEN, and go on to WIN the fight for full liberation.**

The future is up to us!

This whole direction must uncompromisingly resisted and defeated! *We must:*

- Change 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!*
- Go out into the streets and wage massive, public, uncompromising, political resistance on a national scale. *We must rely on ourselves – and mobilize the outrage of others – to STOP THIS WAR ON WOMEN.*

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