

2011-2013

Two hundred and three abortion restrictions were passed on the state level; that's more 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

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

West Virginia and Mississippi passed 20 week bans against abortion.

Oklahoma and Louisiana passed the hospital privileges law that will shut down half their clinics (leaving 2-3 in each state).

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 48-hour waiting periods, and limited access to public funds for reproductive healthcare. 19 percent of women in Alabama are living below the poverty line.

ground to this whole onslaught. As a result, 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. 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...

Women across the country who cannot access safe abortions are attempting to self-abort using dangerous methods. Many more are forced to give birth to unwanted children and are trapped in abusive relationships, driven (deeper) into poverty, or are separated at birth from a baby they can't care for. This is the future for all women if these attacks are not resisted and defeated!

- The Supreme Court unanimously ruled that "buffer zone" laws protecting abortion clinics in Massachusetts are unconstitutional. Those laws were originally enacted in the wake of the murder of 2 female clinic workers in 1994. This striking down of protective measures for women and clinic staff calls into question similar buffer zone laws across the U.S.
- The Supreme Court ruled in favor of "Hobby Lobby" employers are not obligated to cover birth control in their health insurance plans. This has opened the door to possibilities of unfettered bigotry being applied in the name of "freedom of religion."
- **The last clinic in Mississippi** is still waiting to hear if the 5th District Court will rule that due to bogus "hospital privileges" law, the clinic will be forced to close. Anti-abortion fanatics regularly tell the fearless MS clinic escorts to kill themselves
- At **hundreds of clinics all across the country**, anti-abortion fanatics accuse Black and Latina women of carrying out "genocide" against their "race", they call women "murderers," and spread lies about the "dangers" of abortion.
- Legislation passed in Texas in 2013 has been devastating. The last abortion clinic in the impoverished Rio Grande region had to stop providing abortions in March 2014, after reporting an increase of patients who had attempted to self-induce. The "abortion pill" is now extremely difficult to get, and abortion is banned at 20 weeks. **The number of abortion clinics in the state of Texas (population 26 million) has been reduced to half of what it was a year ago.** Also passed but recently blocked by a judge, was a medically unnecessary law that could still leave Texas with 6 or 7 abortion clinics.

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 ban on abortions at 20 weeks] 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 have remained passive, or funneled all their energies into supporting politicians who openly seek "common ground" with forces who are fighting for female enslavement. Unacceptable! "Common ground" has really meant losing

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

42

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 ON WOMEN.**