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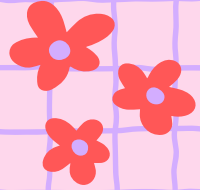
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### Pro-choice protesters in 1972

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## **LIFE BEFORE ROE V. WADE**

Before Roe v. Wade passed, it was illegal to have an abortion, even if the mother's health was at risk, but it didn't eliminate them from happening, it only stopped the safe ones.

Abortions were prohibited in 33 states and allowed under special circumstances in 13. For that reason, women would either travel to a place where abortions were legal, like Japan or England, or would self-induce one with things such as knitting needles, crochet needles, or a coat hanger.

# CALL JANE

It had gotten as far as to have underground abortion clinics, one to which used the code name "Jane". Stationed in Chicago, this group of women advertised on bulletin boards and bus stops to give women the opportunity for a safe and affordable abortion. In 1972, 7 members of the clinic were arrested under abortion charges but a couple months later were released because of the passing of Roe v. Wade on January 22, 1973.



Women of Jane

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# The Road to Roe v. Wade

Planned Parenthood held conference about abortion, inspiring doctors to publicly call for abortion law reform  
1955

Thalidomide, commonly taken by pregnant women, found to cause birth defects, increasing the need for abortion.

NARAL was formed with its main purpose being campaigning for abortion law reform.  
1969

The ASA (Association for the Study of Abortion) was formed to increase abortion knowledge.  
1964

The trial of the San Francisco Nine followed. This trial led to abortion reform in California.  
1966

# WINNING ROE V. WADE



Gonzales v. Carhart and Gonzales v. Planned Parenthood attempted to criminalize abortion. 2007



Protests spread across the nation and states began to repeal abortion laws both partially and entirely.

The global gag rule was introduced by Ronald Raegan, making abortions harder to access.



Roe v. Wade was passed making abortion a constitutional right and legal. 1973

Hyde Amendment (1976) restricted use of government funds for abortion care, affecting low-income women.



# LEGALITIES

## ROE V. WADE 1973

Supreme Court ruled on a case involving abortion. The court ruled that abortion is a woman's choice and that it is her fundamental right to privacy.

## HYDE AMENDMENT 1976

This amendment stopped government money from being used to pay for abortion care, mainly Medicaid. Medicaid is a form of affordable healthcare for those living off low incomes, so this amendment disproportionately affected marginalized communities.

## GONZALES V. CARHART & GONZALES V. PLANNED PARENTHOOD 2007

These Supreme Court rulings were the first steps in criminalizing abortion. They allowed Congress to ban abortions during the second trimester even if it was the safest way to care for the patient. This left the patient's health as a lower priority than that of the unborn fetus, something that goes directly against the rulings of Roe v. Wade.



# LOSING ROE V. WADE

1973: Roe v. Wade was passed

Roe v. Wade set the precedent that abortions are protected under the US Constitution.

1

2018: Mississippi passed the Gestation Act

The Gestation Act banned abortions after 15 weeks with mild exceptions. This was a near total ban.

2

2022: Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Dept. passed

Dobbs (Mississippi) argued that abortions are not protected under the US Constitution and should be left to the states. This reversed the precedent set by Roe v. Wade.

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# POST ROE V. WADE



Since Roe V. Wade has been overturned, there have been massive physical and mental health impacts in women across the United States.

Cases of illegal abortion have risen exponentially which means more women than ever are at risk of hemorrhage, infection, infertility, and death!



Women who are denied abortions are more likely to experience high levels of anxiety, lower self esteem, and overall lower life satisfaction when compared to those who are able to obtain abortion care.

**This is not right.  
We must take a stand!**

# HOW TO TAKE ACTION



## We're In This Together

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### 1. Talk about it!

- Did you know that by the age of 45, 1 in 4 women have had an abortion?
- Educate your family and friends!

### 2. Donate to an abortion fund.

- Abortion funds help patients pay for their care, and also help to provide transportation, housing, and child care to patients who are in need.

### 3. Write to your local legislators.

### 4. Protest.

- Text ACCESS to 22422 to get info about events closest to you.

### 5. Share resources to your family and friends!



# RESOURCES



Abortion is still legal in some states, <https://www.abortionfinder.org/> can help you find a provider close by.



Need an abortion?

<https://abortionfunds.org/need-abortion/> can help connect you to organizations to help financially and logistically.



Stay in the know! Visit

<https://reproductiverights.org/> to learn about the latest news related to your reproductive rights.





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# DON'T STOP FIGHTING



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