

Half of the States Posed to Severely Restrict Abortion; Others Stand in Firm Defiance

It's now up to the states whether to ban, allow or restrict abortion after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v Wade*, not to mention so-called "self-managed" abortions.

Emotions continue to run high outside the court and across the country.

"Women in almost half the country could see their access to abortion severely limited," Vice President Kamala Harris recently warned.

Former First Lady Michelle Obama urges abortion supporters to "double down" and "get even more organized."

Meanwhile, pro-life groups like Live Action urge their supporters to remain vigilant, warning "work to make abortion unthinkable must shift urgently to your local community."

Your backyard is where the fight is heading—setting up a patchwork of abortion bans and enhanced access. Twenty-six states either have trigger laws or will take steps to ban or restrict abortion, according to the Guttmacher Institute, with a number of liberal states taking the opposite approach.

Connecticut is working to expand the pool of people who can perform abortions, and states across the country are digging in.

"Abortion access in Pennsylvania will remain legal and safe as long as I am governor," said Gov. Tom Wolf (D).

Planned Parenthood, the country's largest abortion provider, plans to boost access at clinics in states where it remains

legal, like Colorado and Illinois—two states that border places where abortion is or will become illegal.

“We need to be defending our children, unborn or born. We need to be defending them. We need to be supporting them. We don’t need to be killing them,” argues Barbara Beavers, a pro-life activist in Mississippi.

Some activists say without the protection of *Roe*, abortionists everywhere will fear legal action. “I think that this will have the kind of chilling effect that doctors just simply will not perform this procedure really under any set of circumstances because they don’t want to get dragged in the court,” says Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel (D).

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