

SUMMER OF ACTION

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**Stay In the Know
With People
You Know**

**Reproductive
Freedom Toolkit**

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STAY IN THE KNOW with people you know.

Enough with the polls. The pundits. The talking heads. And the screaming headlines.

The women of America are tired of non-stop information from sources that may or may not be accurate.

But who can you trust for information you can trust?

Easy. The same women in your life you already trust—the ones who aren't afraid to tell you that you don't look good with bangs. The ones who've kept your secrets and dried your tears and shared your pint of chocolate ice cream.

They're the ones you talk with for hours about everything and nothing.

Now is the time to talk about the things that matter to you and to all women in America—things like reproductive rights, gun safety, climate change, and pretty much anything relating to money—health care, taxes, Medicare.

Trust the people you trust to help you stay in the know.

We are launching our STAY IN THE KNOW series with what you need to know to defend Reproductive Freedom.

Reproductive Freedom

Reproductive freedom is on the ballot this November. Donald Trump is “proudly responsible” for overturning Roe and the cruel state bans that are putting women’s lives at risk and threatening doctors with jail time for doing their jobs. And if Trump makes his way back to the White House, he and his MAGA allies will ban abortion nationwide. Vice President Harris and her running-mate Tim Walz are the only candidates in this race fighting to restore our rights and protect reproductive health care access in all 50 states.

Here are three ways you can stay in the know and take action to defend reproductive freedom:

HOST A FACT SHARING EVENT. Bring together your friends, neighbors, and loved ones to talk about what’s at stake for reproductive freedom in this upcoming election. Our toolkit includes what you need to host a gathering, including a Discussion Guide, Talking Points and a Fact Sheet.

POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA about the stakes of this election for Reproductive Freedom now and throughout the summer. Sample Social Content is included in this toolkit.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO SIGN UP AND GET INVOLVED at womenforharris.org/take-action

Why host a fact sharing event?

A poll in December showed that **“More Americans trust their friends and families to provide accurate information about elections than they trust poll results, the news media, social media, and political campaigns.”**

Hosting an event where you can discuss the issues that are consequential in this election is one of the most effective ways to inform, engage and mobilize your friends and loved ones. And in turn, they will inform their friends and neighbors. Having as many voters and volunteers revved up and ready to act will increase dramatically with each fact sharing event.

How can you be sure you have the facts you need?

Our **STAY IN THE KNOW** series is developed in partnership with the Campaign, external Subject Matter Experts and our National Issue Leads. In addition to Reproductive Freedom, toolkits for Project 2025, Health Care / Social Security & Medicare, Gun Safety and Climate are under development and will be shared with you throughout the Summer of Action.



A few more considerations...

Who to Invite

Of course, invite your friends and loved ones, as well as Women for Harris-Walz volunteers. Think of your Democratic Party members, people who were active with Dems but may have taken a break, Independents, like-minded neighbors, a leader of a community group. You can also reach out to your local NOW, Planned Parenthood, Moms Demand Action and other affiliate groups to partner with you on hosting the event (and make a point of attending their events too).

The Power of the Personal Invitation

Women for Harris-Walz state teams get the MOST responses from personal invitations through private messages and text. In addition to friends and loved ones, invite Democratic women leaders, Independents, young people and those who have become inactive within the Democratic party. And consider inviting local leaders and representatives. You may think it is a big ask but you will be surprised what a personal message / text from you can do. Think about sending it twice!



Before Your Event

You're probably already a pro at hosting gatherings if you've ever hosted your family, book club, or community group. Before your fact sharing event, here are a few of the basics...



Identify the issue that you want to discuss (e.g. Reproductive Freedom) and if you choose, an associated activity for your event.



Decide on the type of gathering (e.g. house party, meet up).



Choose a location.



Pick a date and time.



Prepare a list of guests - friends, loved ones and any special guests.



Invite your guests - call, text, or email.



Order all activity-related materials well in advance, if you choose to include a mobilization activity.

For a detailed guide on How to Host a House Party, palm cards, and other visual materials check out the Trainings tab on our website at womenforharris.org/trainings.

At Your Event

1-2 hours depending on activities

WELCOME & INTRO: 20 minutes

- Welcome: Welcome your guests. If you like, provide name tags.
- Introductions: Ask guests to share one sentence about what brought them to this event.
- Your Story: Share why you joined Women for Harris-Walz and why you're hosting this event.

LEAD DISCUSSION: 30 minutes

Make this engaging!

- Use the Discussion Guide (following) as a quiz.
- Read each question aloud and ask guests to try and answer.
- Offer a prize to the guest who answers the most questions correctly.

After the quiz, engage your guests in conversation:

- What surprised you from the the quiz?
- Do you have the information you need to have a discussion with other friends and loved ones?
- Will you consider hosting your own event?

MOBILIZATION ACTIVITY (Optional): 60 minutes

- Postcarding, Letter Writing or Text Banking

WRAP UP: 10 minutes

- Thank everyone for their time.
- Provide handouts from the toolkit - **Discussion Guide, Talking Points, Fact Sheet, Sample Social Content.**

After Your Event

- Email or text your guests, thanking them for attending.
- Provide attachments and links to all information shared at the event.
- Ask guests if they would consider hosting an event and offer to assist.
- Be sure to include the link to volunteer with Women for Harris-Walz:
womenforharris.org/volunteer



Discussion Guide

How was Roe v. Wade overturned?

For years, anti-abortion rights politicians promised to appoint judges and justices hostile to abortion rights. Now the Supreme Court is dominated by justices who are opposed to abortion rights.

On June 24, 2022, the US Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, the landmark legislation that made access to an abortion a federal right in the United States. The decision dismantled 50 years of legal protection and paved the way for individual states to curtail or outright ban abortion rights.

What role did Donald Trump play in the overturning of Roe?

Donald Trump has taken credit for the elimination of Roe, embracing his role in selecting Supreme Court Justices who were instrumental in ending the half-century precedent that protected abortion rights and supporting state bans putting women's lives at risk and threaten doctors with jail time for doing their jobs.

How many states have bans on abortions?

21 states have abortion bans in effect, directly impacting more than 1 in 3 women of reproductive age across the country.

How many women are currently impacted?

More than 1 in 3 women (of reproductive age and live in the US) live in a state with an abortion ban.

Who is impacted most by abortion bans?

Research shows that abortion bans of all types have the greatest impact on people in marginalized groups. A national ban would affect all women and their male partners.

If I live in a state that has added new laws to protect the right to abortion (e.g. CA), am I safe?

No. If Congress passes a national abortion ban or a president Trump takes executive action to ban abortion, that would override state-level protections for reproductive rights.

Trump's allies have plans to ban abortion nationwide through executive action, not requiring vote by congress, and have threatened to prosecute doctors and patients for sending or receiving medication abortion in the mail.

Can doctors be prosecuted for providing services?

- Yes, in many states, doctors risk jail time for doing their jobs.
- Trump has even called for ‘some form of punishment’ for women who have an abortion.

Is IVF at risk?

- IVF is currently threatened by a number of proposed and existing US state laws that define fertilized eggs as people.
- An Alabama Supreme Court stopped access to IVF in the state earlier this year, leaving
- families navigating infertility in limbo.
- Democratic lawmakers are trying to pass nationwide IVF protections, but Senate Republicans continue to block such legislation.

How do Harris & Walz support reproductive rights?

- Fighting to restore the protections of Roe v. Wade and will never allow a national abortion ban to become law.
 - Safeguarding access to abortion, including medication abortion.
 - Defending a woman’s right to travel for medical care and protecting patient privacy and access.
- Supporting access to comprehensive reproductive health care, including contraception and IVF (Walz is a strong defender since his own family used IVF to welcome his children into the world).
- Believing women’s reproductive health care decisions should be made by them and their doctors.

Why has IVF become controversial?

- Because not every cultivated embryo will keep growing, and not every embryo will be healthy enough to implant, doctors say that creating multiple embryos is critical to the process.
- But that component of IVF, and in particular the potential discarding of any embryos that are not implanted, has made the procedure a target for a contingent of the anti-abortion movement.
- They argue that life begins at the moment of fertilization, and that destroying or discarding embryos should be treated as a crime.
- As a result, many abortion bans – by outlawing termination from that point, without specifying that the embryo must be in utero — could be interpreted to criminalize discarding embryos, making IVF impossible to provide.

Talking Points

We are seeing in real time the chaos and cruelty all across the country created by Trump's overturning of Roe v. Wade and the extreme abortion bans he has unleashed. If Trump returns to the White House, he and his allies would move to ban abortion nationwide, with or without the help of Congress.

- As Trump brags, he's "proudly the person responsible" for overturning Roe and unleashing extreme abortion bans across the country.
- As a result, doctors are threatened with prosecution for doing their jobs and we've seen countless horrifying stories of women's lives put at risk.
- And because Trump overturned Roe, MAGA Republicans are inserting themselves into the most personal decisions a family can make, from contraception to IVF.
- This should not be happening in America – but it is because of Donald Trump.
- Because of Donald Trump, more than 1 in 3 women of reproductive age now live under an abortion ban in effect.
- And if Trump returns to the White House, things will only get worse as he and MAGA Republicans work toward their ultimate goal: banning abortion nationwide.
- Trump has promised "to be leading the charge" in getting a national abortion ban passed.



- Trump has said there should be “punishment” for women who have an abortion and that states should be able to punish doctors for providing abortion care.
- Trump’s close advisors and allies have a comprehensive strategy to rip away access to reproductive health care, including banning medication abortion, IVF, and restricting access to contraception, without the help of Congress.
- In contrast, the Biden-Harris administration has stood up for women’s fundamental freedoms, leading a whole-of-government effort to protect and expand access to reproductive health care amid ongoing Republican attacks, including:
 - Safeguarding access to abortion, including *medication* abortion.
 - Fighting to ensure access to emergency medical care.
 - Expanding access to contraception.
 - Defending a woman’s right to travel for medical care and protecting patient privacy.
- Similarly, Governor Tim Walz proved his commitment to women’s healthcare by codifying a bill in Minnesota that protects the right to abortion and other forms of reproductive healthcare shortly after U.S. Supreme Court decided to overturn Roe v. Wade in 2022.
- Vice President Harris and Governor Walz are the only candidates in this race who will defend a woman’s right to choose. They will **never** allow a national abortion ban to become law. They believe women’s reproductive health care decisions should be made by families and their doctors, not politicians.
- This November, the choice is clear: between Trump and MAGA Republicans who are working to ban abortion nationwide and Vice President Harris and Tim Walz, who will never stop fighting to protect reproductive freedom.



Sample Social Content

- [POST] I remember where I was when the Supreme Court's decision overturning Roe leaked. I'm going to remember that feeling in November when we defeat Donald Trump.
- [POST] It's been over two years since Donald Trump overturned Roe v. Wade. Now, more than 1 in 3 women of reproductive age live under an abortion ban in effect. This November, we vote to restore our reproductive freedom.
- [POST] Reproductive health care decisions belong to women and their doctors – it's that simple. That's why I'm voting for Harris-Walz.
- [POST] Trump overturned Roe. He brags about it. And he will ban abortion nationwide if he makes his way back to the White House.
- [POST] Vice President Harris and Governor Walz are the only candidates in this race who will defend a woman's right to make her own health care decisions.
- [POST] This November, the choice is clear: while Trump and MAGA Republicans are working to ban abortion nationwide, VP Harris and Tim Walz will never stop fighting to protect reproductive freedom.



Fact Sheet

Donald Trump “proudly” overturned Roe v. Wade and brags about unleashing extreme abortion bans across the country. If elected, Trump would go further by banning abortion nationwide, with or without the help of Congress, and has said there should be “punishment” for women who have an abortion. Vice President Harris and Governor Tim Walz are the only candidates in this race who will defend a woman’s right to make her own health care decisions.

**Donald Trump ripped away our reproductive freedom.
If elected, he would ban abortion nationwide.**

Donald Trump brags about being the most anti-abortion president in history, and he’s right:

- ✗ **Proudly overturned Roe:** Donald Trump is “proudly the person responsible” for overturning Roe v. Wade – a fact he brags about to this day. He rolled back nearly 50 years of precedent and stripped American women of their reproductive freedom.
- ✗ **Unleashed cruel abortion bans:** Trump unleashed cruel abortion bans across the country and now more than 1 in 3 women live under an abortion ban. Many of these bans have no exceptions for rape or incest, and threaten doctors and nurses with jail time for providing reproductive health care. He calls these bans a “beautiful thing.”
- ✗ **Attacked contraception and IVF:** As President, Trump slashed access to contraception for millions by sabotaging funding for clinics like Planned Parenthood. He is responsible for states stopping IVF treatment for families.

If Trump returns to office, he would ban abortion in all 50 states.

- ✗ **Punishing women and doctors:** Trump said that women should be “punished” for having an abortion and that states should have the right to prosecute women and doctors, as well as monitor women’s pregnancies to enforce extreme abortion bans.
- ✗ **Banning abortion nationwide:** Trump promised to be “leading the charge” in banning abortion nationwide. His close allies have plans to ban abortion through executive action, without the help of Congress or the courts – including prosecuting and jailing women and doctors for sending or receiving medication abortion in the mail.
- ✗ **Further attacking contraception and IVF:** Trump and his allies have plans to attack contraception access, including by reducing access to birth control and condoms. Trump said he would “terminate” the ACA, which would rip away a nationwide guarantee of coverage for free contraception from nearly 60 million women. He refuses to commit to vetoing a law that would endanger access to IVF for families in all 50 states.

Vice President Harris and Governor Walz believe that reproductive health care decisions belong to women and their doctors, not politicians or the government. They are:

- ✓ **Fighting to restore our rights:** Calling on Congress to pass a law to restore the protections of Roe and protect reproductive health care access in every state.
- ✓ **Stopping a national abortion ban:** Kamala Harris and Tim Walz will never allow MAGA Republicans to pass a national abortion ban.

The Biden-Harris Administration is leading a whole-of-government effort to protect and expand access to reproductive health care, including by signing three Executive Orders. This work includes:

- ✓ **Fighting for a woman's right to emergency medical care:** The Biden-Harris administration has fought to protect a woman's right to emergency medical treatment, working to protect and defend access to life- and health-saving reproductive health care in states with abortion bans.
- ✓ **Defending access to medication abortion:** Under the Biden-Harris administration, the FDA strengthened access to medication abortion, which makes up the majority of abortion care nationwide. President Biden and VP Harris have been defending medication abortion access amid MAGA Republican attacks.
- ✓ **Expanding access to contraception:** President Biden signed an executive order to strengthen access to affordable, high-quality contraception by increasing access to over-the-counter contraception; expanding access for women with and without insurance; and more.
- ✓ **Protecting patient privacy:** The Biden-Harris administration issued a rule to protect sensitive patient information related to reproductive health care under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Let's finish what we started and elect VP Kamala Harris and Tim Walz as the next democratic administration of our country!

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