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Black Girls Vote
Advocacy Committee

***Black Women, Abortion and a
“Post” Roe vs Wade Resource
Guide***



Black Girls Vote is a nonpartisan organization designed to represent the concerns and interests of Black women.

The mission of the Black Girls Vote Advocacy Committee is to organize our membership and community around issues that disproportionately affect black women and girls. We do this by organizing education events, utilizing partnerships and demanding policy changes from elected officials. The Black Girls Vote Advocacy Committee is dedicated to using black women's collective vote and voice to improve the conditions of their lives and the lives of others.

#BGVAdvocacy aims to cultivate a community of well-informed citizens to support policies that align with BGVs strategic aims to:

Advance Education

Advance Economic Development, and

Advance Health and Wellness

Advance Voting Rights

Black Girls Vote 2022 Advocacy Strategic Focus Areas

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| Voting Rights | Reproductive Justice | Student Debt Relief |
| Police Reform | Universal Child Care | Black Girl School Pushout |
| Equal Rights Amendment | Sick Leave | Black Women's Equal Pay |
| Violence Against Women | Health Disparities | Paid Leave |



On May 2nd, 2022, [POLITICO obtained](#) a leaked [draft majority opinion](#) that revealed the Supreme Court of the United States of America has voted to strike down the landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision. As advocates across the country were preparing for the final decision, the leak strung abortion and reproductive justice organizer into action! Millions of people gather to demands that elected and appointed officials remove the [#BanOffOurBodies](#).

Black Girls Vote is in solidarity with everyone that is outraged by this news. We declare that abortion is a right, healthcare and essential. As we await the final decision, we want to make sure our members and community are ready to resist and persist! Below you will find information about some actions we have already taken, relevant data and resources and key stakeholders that you can support during these tumultuous times.

Black Women and Abortion (From Black Women United Listserv)

- The majority (80%) of Black people believe abortion should "remain legal and women should be able to get safe abortions.
- In a recent national poll of Black women voters, 85% of Black women say that making sure women don't lose the freedom to make their own reproductive health care decisions is a top issue concern.
- 64% of Black women who self-identify as religious (attend religious service at least once a week, believe that abortion should be legal in all or most cases.
- Three-quarters (76%) of Black people agree that health insurance should cover abortion care.⁵
- 91% of Black people say that a woman's ability to control whether or when she has children is an important part of financial stability for herself and her family
- 74% of Black voters believe abortion is an important voting issue
- 79% of Black voters oppose their state passing new laws that severely restrict abortion.
- Almost 7 in 10 Black voters (69%) would not vote for a candidate that would overturn Roe.



Actions Black Girls Vote has taken

- Black Girls Vote led a campaign to pass the Women Health Protection Act, which if passed, would have protected a person's ability to determine whether to continue or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide abortion services.
- Black Girls Vote has consistently posted about the Abortion Access across all of our social media platform, prior to the leaked opinion.
- Black Girls Vote sent information to our membership regarding the attack on abortion rights and steps they can take to support the cause.
- Black Girls Vote Advocacy committee and communications leadership sat on the steering committee for the Ban off Our Bodies Rally in Baltimore MD. We also had a representative testify about her abortion story.
- Black Girls Vote Supported [HB1171](#)- Declaration of Rights - Right to Reproductive Liberty which Proposed an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish that every person, as a central component of the individual's rights to liberty and equality, has the fundamental right to reproductive liberty; prohibiting the State from directly or indirectly denying, burdening, or abridging the right unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State at the next general election to be held in November 2022.
- Black Girls Vote Supported [HB0626](#)- Pregnant Person's Freedom Act of 2022. This would have Altered certain provisions of law relating to the termination of a pregnancy and investigations of or criminal penalties or civil liabilities for a pregnant person or a person assisting a pregnant person; prohibiting a certain provision of law that requires the termination of a pregnancy by a licensed physician from being construed to apply to a pregnant person who terminates the person's own pregnancy under any circumstances; etc.
- Black Girls Vote signed onto the National Birth Equity Collaborative White House Office of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Wellbeing (OSRHW) sign on letter to the Biden Administration.



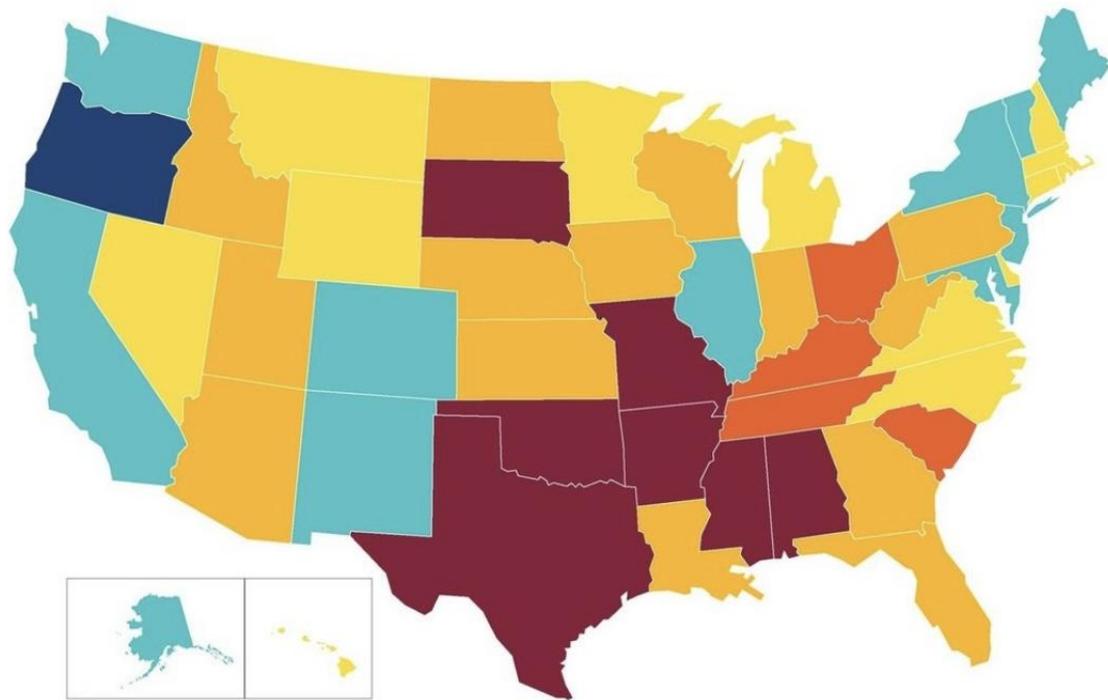
- Black Girls Vote signed onto the United State of Women and 50 national organizations calling on Congress to deliver on five key policies women need to survive and thrive across the country, across communities and experiences, and across our lifespans. [Here](#)
- Black Girls Vote signed onto in our own voices black women reproductive justice agenda.
- Black Girls Vote signed onto the The Black RJ Statement on Abortion Access

“Although the Women’s Health Protection Act, which would have codified Roe, failed to pass the Senate, we can still make demands and hold our elected officials accountable. This midterm election year, let’s show them that Black girls VOTE, and we are not letting our representatives off the hook!” ~Nykidra Robinson

How you can be in advocate for the abortion rights cause

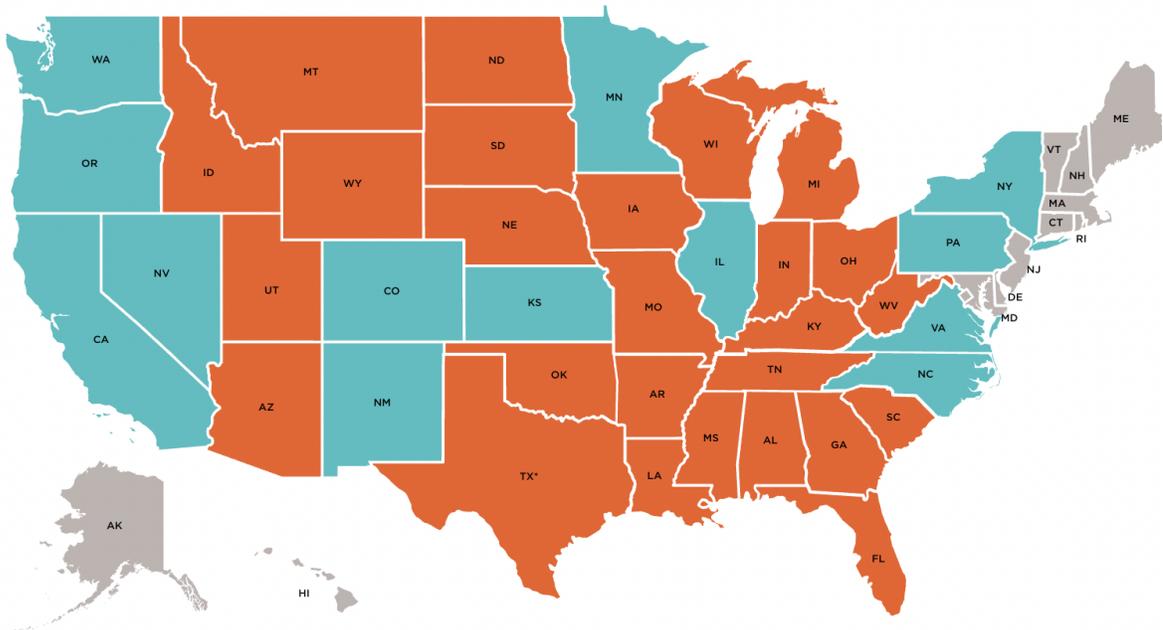
- Say Abortion! Far too often, there is a stigma around using the word. Words and phrases like reproductive rights and your body your choice do a great job at widening the conversation, and we must also not shy away from using the word abortion to describe this specific experiences and attack.
- Donate to your local abortion fund. As states like Texas and Oklahoma move to enforce strick abortion bans, abortion funds all over the country will need additional support to service the influx of people that may be seeking an abortion.
- Remember, everyone loves someone who has had an abortion. Be mindful of conflating personal views as policy decisions.
- Check out the interactive [map from the Guttmacher Institute](#) that shows which states are most likely to ban aboriton. You can check out a copy of the map below.

GUTTMACHER INSTITUTE
**Abortion policies in effect
as of July 18, 2022**



- Most restrictive
- Very restrictive
- Restrictive
- Some restrictions/protections
- Protective
- Very protective
- Most protective

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BAN STATES
 NEAREST CLINIC STATES
 OTHER STATES

States that are certain or likely to ban abortion, and where residents would no longer be able to obtain care

States unlikely to ban abortion that would have the nearest provider for people from states where abortion is banned

States unlikely to ban abortion that would not have the nearest provider for people in states where abortion is banned

Black Women Support for Abortion Rights

- [We Remember Brochure](#)
- [Black Women-Led Organizations Launch Reproductive Justice Agenda On 49th Anniversary of Roe. v. Wade](#)
- [Abortion Is A Reproductive Justice Issue For Black Families And Communities](#)
- [Reproductive Justice Explanation](#)
- [Race, Birth Control and Reproductive Rights- Angela Davis](#)
- [Girls for Gender Equity Reproductive Justice Memo](#)

Relevant Resources and Testimonies

- [Supreme Court has voted to overturn abortion rights, draft opinion shows](#)
- [Who are the 1 in 4 American women who choose abortion?](#)
- [Roe vs Wade Explanation](#)
- [Roe v. Wade in Peril: Our Latest Resources](#)
- [Dobbs vs Jackson Women Health Organization](#)
- [If Roe vs Wade is overturned, what could happen across various states](#)
- [The Racist History of Abortion and Midwifery Bans](#)
- [Bans do not stop abortion, what does?](#)
- [The abortion that didnt happen](#)
- [The connection between Abortion and IVF](#)
- [Abortion Decriminalization is Part of the Larger Struggle Against Policing and Criminalization](#)
- [Abortion Storytelling and the Myth of “ProLife Feminism” from Black Feminist Rants featuring Renee Bracey Sherman](#)
- [Liberate Abortion Resource Hub](#)
- [Voting Won't Save Abortion Rights](#)
- [Reproductive Justice for Disabled Women: Ending Systemic Discrimination](#)
- [To Be Pro-Choice, You Must Have the Privilege of Having Choices](#)



- [10 Essential Essays About Women's Reproductive Rights](#)
- [National Women's Law Center Resource Hub](#)
- [Destigmatizing Abortion: Why We're Here for ALL Abortion Stories!](#)
- [Queering Reproductive Justice Toolkit](#)
- [Black Reproductive Justice Policy Agenda](#)
- [Women Of Color Speak Out Against The Whitewashing Of Reproductive Justice](#)
- [YOUR ACTION TOOLKIT 🛠️ TO PROTECT ABORTION ACCESS By FEMINIST](#)
- [Op-Ed: The best way to protect abortion rights? Finalize the Equal Rights Amendment](#)
- [IWPR Research Shows Negative Impact of Abortion Bans on State Economies](#)
- [Simultaneous attacks on abortion and LGBTQ rights are not coincidental](#)
- [State Innovation Exchange Reproductive Freedom Leadership Council](#)
- [United State of Women Abortion Access Hub](#)
- [KFF Health Tracking Poll: Views on and Knowledge about Abortion in Wake of Leaked Supreme Court Opinion](#)

Essential Black Women and/or Feminist Led Organizations

- [Baltimore Abortion Fund](#)
- [Black Girls Vote](#)
- [Black Feminist Future](#)
- [Black Women's Health Imperative](#)
- [Black Women's Roundtable](#)
- [Center for Reproductive Rights](#)
- [National Birth Equity Collaborative](#)
- [National Network of Abortion Funds](#)
- [In Our Own Voice: National Blacks Reproductive Justice Agenda](#)
- [Interfaith Voices for Reproductive Justice](#)
- [Physicians for Reproductive Health](#)
- [Planned Parenthood Action Fund](#)
- [SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective](#)
- [Win With Black Women](#)
- [United State of Women](#)
- [URGE: Unite for Reproductive and Gender Equity](#)

- [We Testify](#)

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