

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO BEAR A CHILD IS CENTRAL TO A WOMAN'S LIFE, TO HER WELL-BEING AND DIGNITY. WHEN THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLS THAT DECISION FOR HER, SHE IS BEING TREATED AS LESS THAN A FULL ADULT HUMAN RESPONSIBLE FOR HER OWN CHOICES.

JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG



Forty years after the Supreme Court affirmed every woman's right to make her own decision about abortion in *Roe v. Wade*, unfair restrictions on insurance coverage and access to care still exist. Congress and state lawmakers seek to erect barriers to critical health service and coverage, endanger women's health, limit our rights as moral decision-makers and impose one religion's views on everyone.

Federal abortion restrictions disadvantage poor women and others

Low-income women have their right to this legal medical procedure restricted by the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits Medicaid from paying for abortion services except in cases of rape, incest or danger to the life of the woman. Similar amendments have cut off abortion coverage for women in the military, federal workers and inmates in federal prisons.

Planned Parenthood St. Louis Region is suing to overturn Missouri restrictions.

Missouri has some of the nation's most restrictive abortion policies, requiring state-directed counseling that discourages abortion, a 72-hour waiting period, parental consent for minors and forbidding insurance coverage for abortion services except in life-threatening situations. Missouri requires abortion providers to have admitting privileges at local hospitals and to physically upgrade their facilities to meet the standards of ambulatory surgical centers – provisions found unconstitutional by the Supreme Court when they were enacted in Texas. Lawsuit filed 11/30/2016 in Missouri.

Women are concerned about reproductive rights under the incoming administration.

Planned Parenthood health centers have seen a surge in online appointments for birth control since the election, with a 900% increase in people seeking IUDs.

Trump's Health and Human Services nominee is virulently anti-choice.

Representative Tom Price (R-GA), Donald Trump's nominee for Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) has a 0% rating from Planned Parenthood Action Fund. He's voted against women's health and reproductive rights at least 30 times — against the Affordable Care Act, against funding for Planned Parenthood health centers, and against the right to access safe, legal abortion.

What to Do Next:

Use the current Planned Parenthood lawsuit as an opportunity to submit letters to the editor and opinion pieces to local press.

Watch for and oppose state and national legislative proposals to defund Planned Parenthood.

Join NCJW for the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* in January.

Urge your senators and members of the Finance Committee and the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee to oppose the nomination of Rep. Tom Price for Secretary of HHS.

Work in Jefferson City to defeat all legislation restricting abortion access.

Work to ensure medically and scientifically accurate sex education in Missouri.



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