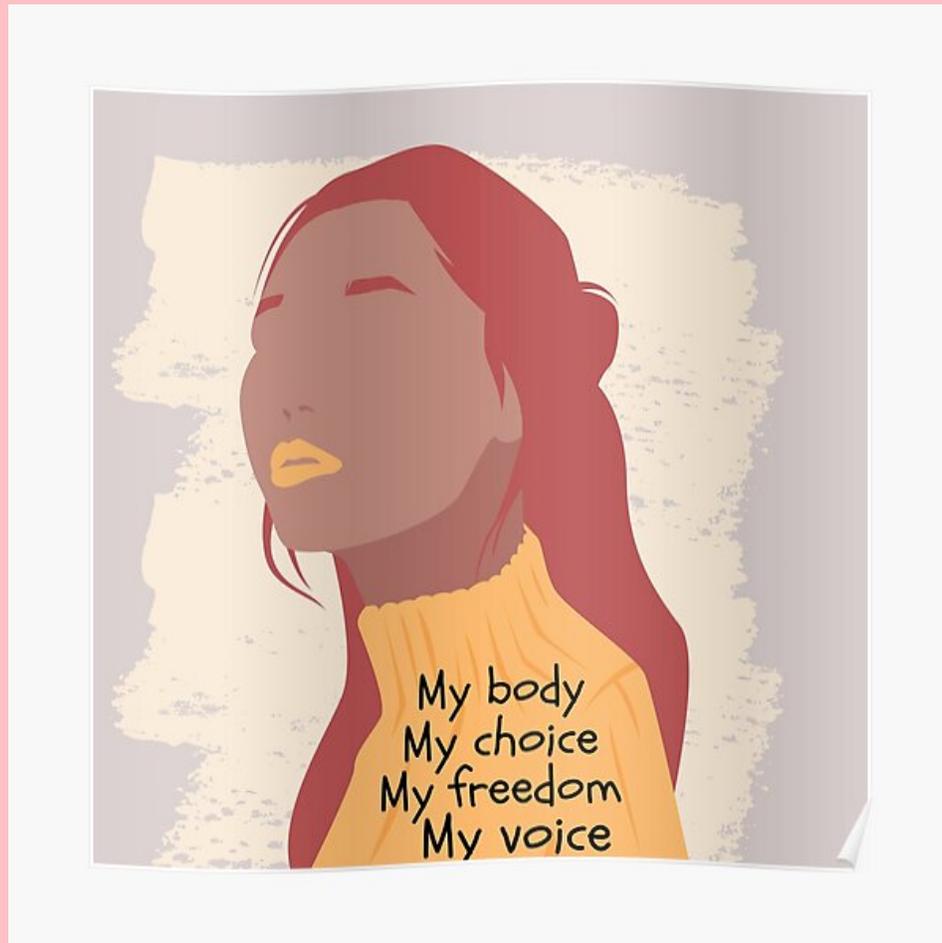


THE OVERTURNING OF ROE V. WADE

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SUMMARY

The Supreme Court overturning Roe V. Wade, ends the constitutional right to an abortion, sending the U.S. back many years into the past. Not allowing women, and child-bearing people, to choose what they can do with their bodies won't stop them from finding harmful alternatives. This ultimately leads to a rise in pregnancy related deaths and injuries. Additionally, women are not well-represented in our governments, so laws related to women's reproductive rights are often being made by men. This is a problem because men are making laws for something they will be never affected by, which is why the publication of the ERA is an important matter related to Roe v Wade.

The publication of the ERA would help more women move into powerful positions within our government, which would help when making laws about women. It isn't fair how men get to choose what to do with women's bodies. Women should be able to create, and uphold, laws that they know are beneficial towards themselves, and other women. The decision to overturn Roe V. Wade shows how the patriarchal legacy of control over women's reproductive rights continues.

This decision also greatly affects my life. Being a teenager with limited resources is difficult enough, but being a teenage girl makes life much harder. Having reduced access to health care makes the mental health of many teenagers worse. We would have to find alternative solutions that often require money and transportation, which not all of us have access to. There are many problems that will arise with the overturning, and my future will be heavily impacted.

HISTORY

In 1969, Norma McCovey used the pseudonym "Jane Roe" to challenge the abortion laws in Texas. Roe filed a lawsuit against Henry Wade, the district attorney of Dallas County, Texas.

Jane Roe, an unmarried pregnant woman who sought to terminate her pregnancy, believed that the state's abortion laws were too vague and abridged her right of personal privacy.

The case was appealed to the U.S Supreme Court while Jane Roe gave birth to the baby and put it up for adoption. On Jan 22, 1973, abortion was legalized in a 7-2 decision.

The court divided pregnancy into three trimesters. Women were fully in control of what they wanted to do in the first trimester. In the second trimester, the government could regulate abortion, but not ban it, to protect the mother's health. The state can prohibit abortion if the fetus can survive outside the womb in the third trimester.

**<https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2022/05/05/what-is-roe-v-wade/>*

INTERVIEW

Rein (16) is a rising junior who enjoys photography and watching anime. She has many things to say about Roe V. Wade being overturned:

- **"Every women should have the right to decide what to do with their bodies."**
- **"Men shouldn't be making these decisions...at this point they are just hungry for power and control."**
- **"I think many teenagers will feel hopeless and struggle with their mental health and resort to suicide because that seems to be the only way."**



INTERVIEW

Kyla (18) is going to college and likes to follow social and political news, such as the recent Roe V. Wade ruling:

- **"It is saying you can only have rights over your body if your body was violated first."**
- **"It has caused a lot of fear...it is ridiculous."**
- **"Unless you are uplifting the voice of women or other people with reproductive rights, I feel like you should just shut-up."**



INTERVIEW

Salma (46) is a stay-at home mom that loves online shopping. She heard about Roe V. Wade and is disappointed with the decision:

- **"Abortion was not banned when I was growing up."**
- **"Women should have rights over their bodies"**
- **"I am disappointed that women have to fight for these rights."**



IMPLICATIONS

The overturning of Roe V. Wade has various impacts on women.

An effect of this ruling is the inability for women, and child-bearing people, to make decisions and take care of themselves. Women cannot be too sure if they will be hired and/or be able to keep their job during their pregnancy, and childbearing greatly affects pay gaps in the workplace.

In some cases domestic violence increases, especially if you have to depend on a partner. Women are the ones who have to be responsible for what happens while they are pregnant, and after they give birth, while men are not held accountable.

Women may have to reconsider being sexually active, as different forms of birth control may begin to be regulated, as well.

Lastly, there are major impacts for young women, and women of color, when it comes to their education, and early career investments. If you are forced to have a child, these things will be harder to attain.

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ABOUT ME

My name is Ri and I am 16 years old. I attend Amundsen High School. My hobbies consist of gaming, watching movies, volleyball, and baking. I love being a part of GlobalGirl Media-Chicago. I joined because I wanted my voice, as a teenage girl, to be heard and to bring light to many problems that women face. I hope to encourage more people to stand up and help women globally.

