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Roe vs Wade Reversal: How It Affects Our Community!



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In 1973 the Supreme Court ruled that the Constitution of the United States gave the right to have an abortion. This has now been reversed!

Each state will now determine if abortion is legal or illegal.

Studies suggest **1 in 4** women will have an abortion. It is very likely someone you know and love has used this service or will in the near future.

If the state declares an abortion to be legal, it usually uses six weeks as the cut off for the procedure to be done. Often times women may not even know they are pregnant and can miss the window for a safe procedure.

The government may make decisions that miscarriage and ectopic pregnancy (pregnancy outside of the uterus) cannot be treated because they are "abortions". Medical professionals may or may not be consulted to determine the difference.

Intrauterine devices (IUDS) and Plan B may be labeled as abortive devices/ preventive care and may be discontinued.

Women's reproductive rights are at high risk for being diminished and removed!

Desperation could lead women to seek sub-optimal (less than the highest quality) health care that can cause complications that lead to an increase in mortality and morbidity. "Back-alley abortions" and homemade abortifacients (drugs that induce abortions) can be dangerous and are sub-optimal in a humane society.

This can cause an increase in health care costs which are already unreasonably high!!

In vitro fertilization (IVF) and infertility treatments can be affected. How will frozen embryos be handled? Is it considered abortion if they are not used and disposed of?

ABC'S of Protecting You and Your Families' Reproductive Rights!

A: (ACT)

- Vote! Place individuals in office that have your same values and concepts concerning reproductive rights.
- Use your voice! Let your congressman, mayor and governor know your concerns. Hold them accountable and remind them of your rights to quality health care.

B: (BOLD)

- Be brave and bold in your own unique way and research your options.
- Have informative conversations with family and friends about preserving reproductive rights.

C: (Choose)

- Choose a provider who empowers and educates you on your reproductive rights
- Family planning is a right and one should be able to choose which is best for them and their family

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