



Supporters rallied across the country for abortion justice on Saturday, October 2.

America's Abortion Crisis

Almost 50 years after Roe v. Wade – the fight to protect abortion continues.

Abortion access is in crisis in America.

It has been almost 50 years since the landmark decision in *Roe v. Wade* protected the fundamental right to safe, legal abortion. Since then, states across the country have passed hundreds of laws to regulate and restrict abortion. These laws limit whether, when and under what circumstances a person may obtain an abortion. While abortion has remained legal, politicians have worked relentlessly to dismantle access to this essential health care service.

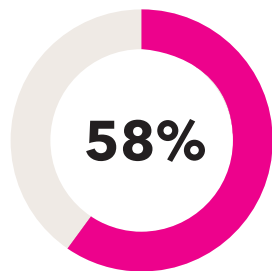
Thanks to the incredible work of Planned Parenthood supporters like you, people across the

country have been able to receive the abortion care they need and deserve. Yet, bans and state regulations continue to make it harder to access care; in many places, abortion rights are meaningless because access to care is so severely restricted.

According to the Guttmacher Institute, 2021 is the worst year for abortion access since 1973, when *Roe* was decided. Nearly 600 abortion restrictions have been introduced this year across 47 states.

While many of these won't pass into law, 83 abortion restrictions and 10 bans have been – preventing patients across the country from getting the care they need.

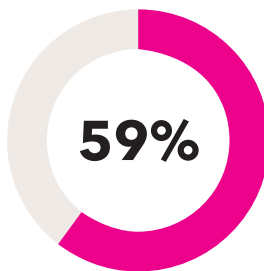
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58% of women ages 13-44 live in states hostile or extremely hostile to abortion rights

1,300

abortion restrictions enacted since *Roe v. Wade*



59% of women obtaining abortions are mothers

Credit: Guttmacher Institute

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We Must Show Up for Patients

Your support protects access to care and safeguards patients' rights.

As we see a surge in states passing increasingly restrictive laws and bans to destroy abortion access, the mission of Planned Parenthood is more critical than ever before. Our hard-fought and hard-won gains to protect reproductive freedom are under constant attack. For many who have been involved with our mission and our movement for decades, it feels like we're going backward in time – not moving forward.

While this is indeed a dark moment for our movement, we cannot lose sight of the vital impact of our mission and work. **Together, we will continue putting everything we've got into restoring and ensuring access to abortion for people today and for generations to come.** It is heartbreaking and enraging to see patients in America lose access to abortion care. We support all patients exercising their fundamental, constitutional right to safe, legal abortion – and we recognize there is more we must do to eliminate barriers to care, including here in Connecticut and Rhode Island. That is the work of Planned Parenthood of Southern New England, and your continued generosity makes it possible.

A threat to reproductive freedom anywhere is a threat to our freedom everywhere.

When the news about Texas' six-week abortion ban broke a few weeks ago, I reached out to our staff and shared my personal, profound gratitude for the work they do every day to make sure our patients in Connecticut and Rhode Island can count on us for care. I feel that same gratitude for each of you. **Your support not only fortifies our movement; it ensures we can live up to the promise of our mission every day.**



Amanda Skinner, President and CEO

Sometimes it feels like there's little we can do to make a difference in fights across the country and in states far away. But I want to remind you of what you make possible every day:

- Keeping our doors open to serve more than 62,000 patients – providing abortion care, annual exams, cancer screenings, and other lifesaving preventive services
- Providing sex ed opportunities to thousands of young people, often filling the gaps in school curriculum
- Investing in innovations like telehealth virtual visits and digital organizing to connect with people wherever they are

And I'd encourage one more bold, brave action – share with someone why you support Planned Parenthood. Your story, and your support, can help us eliminate stigma and make change happen. **Speaking out is one way to show up for our patients, Texas patients, and patients everywhere who rely on Planned Parenthood.**

Donating Stock, Appreciated Securities, and Retirement Assets

Help patients today or in the future!

Your belief in Planned Parenthood's mission means a great deal to patients.

And one of the ways you can help support patients, while also receiving tax advantages, is to consider a gift of appreciated stock, securities, and/or retirement assets to Planned Parenthood of Southern New England. Your contributions will improve lives and change the future for thousands of people in Connecticut and Rhode Island.



GIVE FOR TODAY

A gift of stock to PPSNE today will provide you the opportunity to minimize your capital gains taxes on the appreciated value of the securities you contribute. You can therefore consider a higher level of giving and help minimize your taxes.

If you wish to make a gift of stock to PPSNE, please contact us at (203) 752-2814 or giving@ppsne.org and give your financial advisor the following information:

T. Rowe Price Account Number 30Q256429 (DTC Number 0443)

Credit to: Planned Parenthood of Southern New England (Tax ID Number: 06-0263565)

Donors of gifts of \$1,000 or more will be welcomed into the President's Circle. Members are invited to PPSNE events in their area, receive updates from the President & CEO, and are listed in our Annual Report (with your permission).



GIVE FOR TOMORROW

You can also consider making a charitable gift of stock, securities, or retirement assets as part of your will and estate plans. You will help minimize the taxes which might be due, while also supporting future generations of PPSNE patients.

- » You can name PPSNE a beneficiary of cash, stock, or other assets in your will with simple language.
- » You can make PPSNE a beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy by filling out a Change of Beneficiary form with the following information:

Legal Name: Planned Parenthood of Southern New England

Address: 345 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511

Federal Tax Id #: 06-0263565

Tax Status: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

Those individuals who choose to include PPSNE in their estate plans will be welcomed into the Hepburn-Potter Society. Members are invited to PPSNE events in their area, receive updates from the President & CEO, and listed in our Annual Report (with permission).

Prior to any stock transfer or other contribution or change, it is important you or your broker notify our development office of your intent to make a gift, so you are correctly credited and promptly acknowledged for your gift. To notify us, or **if you have questions regarding making any gift to PPSNE, please contact us at (203) 752-2814 or giving@ppsne.org**. As always, thank you for your dedicated support of the mission and patients of Planned Parenthood of Southern New England.

Please note that the information provided above is of a general nature only; PPSNE is not rendering legal or tax advice. We do encourage you to consult with an attorney and/or financial advisor.

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Drivers of systemic barriers to care like racism, xenophobia, misogyny, homophobia, and transphobia mean that people of color, people with low incomes, members of the LGBTQ+ community, undocumented patients, and anyone who can't travel for care will bear the heaviest burden of these bans.

On September 1, a radical and extreme abortion ban went into effect in Texas that outlaws abortion at six weeks – before many people know they're pregnant. Emboldened by this action, other states are finding new ways to restrict or eliminate abortion access. Politicians in Florida, South Carolina, Ohio, Wisconsin, Missouri, and many other states have taken steps to follow Texas' playbook.

The U.S. Supreme Court also failed to protect patients - in a 5-4 ruling, the court allowed the Texas ban to go into effect. The court's inaction is alarming and raises questions about the future of *Roe v. Wade*. On December 1, the court will also review Mississippi's 15-week abortion ban, potentially overturning *Roe* and paving the way for more than half of U.S. states to ban abortion or make an abortion nearly impossible to obtain.

This is a red alert moment for reproductive freedom. Now is the time to speak up and take action.

THE PRICE OF ABORTION BANS

The financial costs for a person traveling from a state with abortion bans to receive an abortion at PPSNE



ABORTION & DOCTOR'S VISIT

\$780

**Abortions are not covered by Medicaid in Rhode Island, and often commercial insurance that does cover abortions have very high deductibles. Abortion costs can go up to \$900 depending on gestational age and sedation. \$780 is the average charge for a surgical abortion, prior to applying for any abortion assistance funds.*



GAS

\$100

934 miles roundtrip to the nearest out of state clinic.

**Average: \$2.80/gallon for September 2021.*



HOTEL

\$400

2 nights including taxes and fees.



CHILDCARE

\$100

3 days.

**Average \$100/week or \$35-40/day.*

TOTAL

\$1,380

[all dollar amounts are estimations based on available data]



Join our Guardian Society!

Start a recurring monthly donation and join our Guardian Society! Your recurring gift has a tremendous impact in making health care at Planned Parenthood accessible to all.

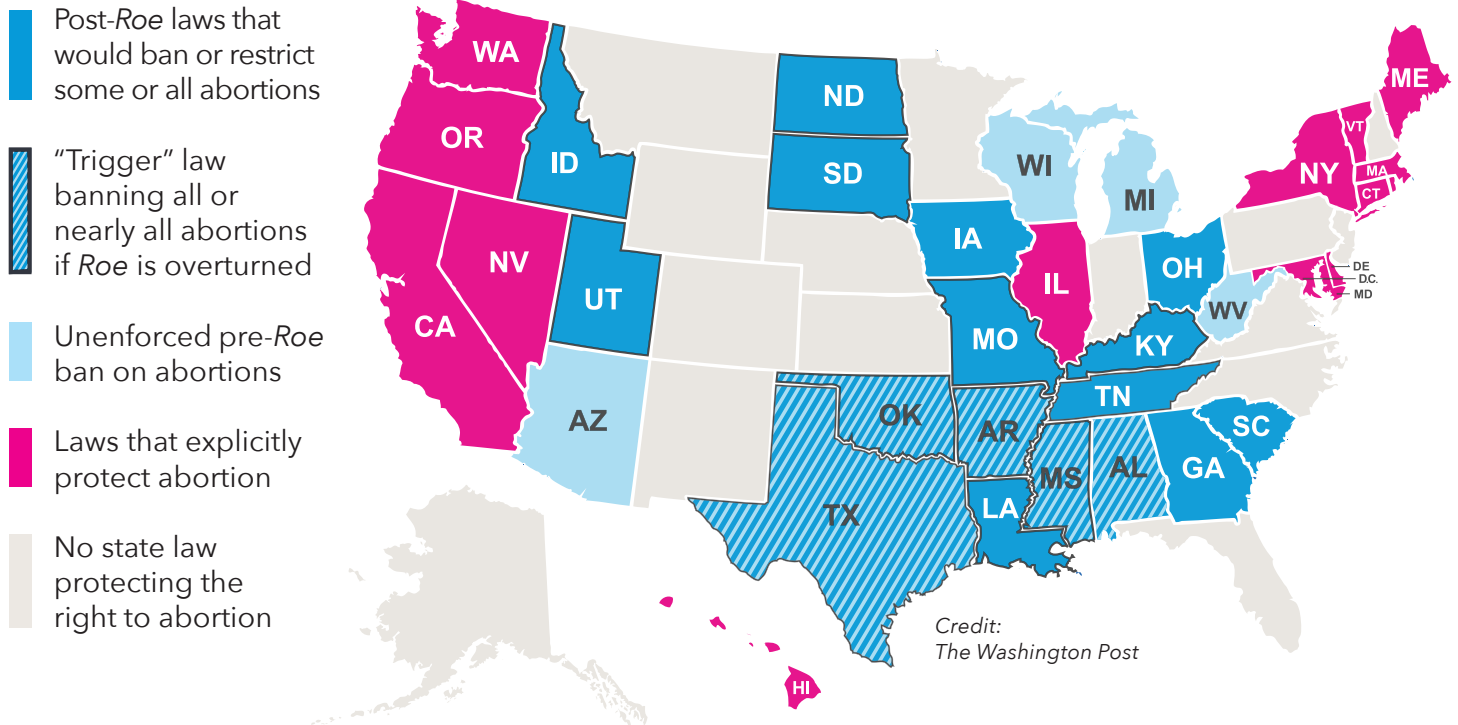
Consider a gift of \$5, \$10, or \$15 per month!

Giving monthly is a great way to make your gift go farther while staying in budget.

Make your gift today: ppsne.org/guardian

ABORTION POLICY BY STATE, WITHOUT ROE V. WADE

Only 13 states – including Connecticut and Rhode Island – have laws protecting the fundamental right to abortion. If *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, abortion will be immediately outlawed in more than a dozen states with bans already on the books and give anti-abortion politicians the chance to pass increasingly restrictive laws across America.



Note: Arkansas and Mississippi have pre-Roe bans and post-Roe trigger laws. Oklahoma and Texas have pre-Roe bans and trigger laws that will go into effect later this year. Alabama has a pre-Roe ban and post-Roe restrictions. The New Mexico legislature repealed a pre-Roe law banning abortion as of June 18, 2021.

» WHAT WE CAN DO

State laws protect the right to abortion in Connecticut and Rhode Island no matter what happens at the federal level – but we know that for too many patients, abortion access remains out of reach.

You can change it. Your support of Planned Parenthood of Southern New England helps ensure people can access abortion care, no matter what. Consider a gift to the Abortion Access Fund. This fund helps CT and RI patients pay for the out-of-pocket costs of abortion care. Make a gift at PPSNE.org/AccessFund

Your voice is a powerful tool for change. As a dedicated Planned Parenthood supporter, your story helps politicians here and across the country understand why access to care is so critical. Sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion, is life-saving and life-changing – speak out and share your Planned Parenthood story to strengthen our work to protect patients' rights.



PPSNE Education in Action: Go Beyond the Birds and the Bees

Virtual program provides science-based, sex-positive, inclusive sex ed for all.

For the last year, PPSNE educators have been revamping a signature program to help ensure students receive the high-quality sex ed they deserve. Beyond the Birds and the Bees, a six-session virtual program that allows high schoolers to participate wherever they are (often from a smartphone). The program is inclusive and affirming to all identities and experiences. It is rooted in research and driven by the needs of the communities we serve; sessions include information about anatomy, sexual health, healthy relationships, gender identity/expression, and sexual orientation.



Quality sex education must be comprehensive, honest, inclusive, and sex positive. Young people need information about safer sex, sexuality, relationships, and contraception, so they can make healthy decisions, protect themselves, and plan for their futures. **Sex education programs need to be informed by evidence and empower young people with knowledge and information they need to make healthy decisions.**

Inadequate sex ed further stigmatizes and alienates youth; it also puts young people at greater risk of unplanned pregnancy, contracting STDs/STIs, and struggling to get help in an abusive or harmful relationship.

Education is central to the mission of Planned Parenthood – and your investment in PPSNE makes these programs possible.

During our Pilot Program:

93% of participants learned new things

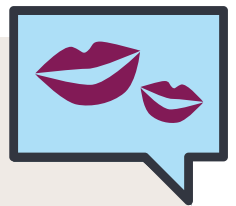
More than **75%** felt comfortable talking to their partner about sexual health and felt confident they could make healthy decisions about their sexuality.

80% said they would be comfortable talking about their sexual health

At the start of the program, less than half of participants felt comfortable talking to a health care provider about sexual health topics – that changed drastically after completing the program. **Programs like Beyond the Birds and the Bees provide a safe space for teens to explore their sexuality, ask questions and become better informed – helping them develop healthy habits and make important decisions about their lives. You help make this possible!**

"It was a great experience. Most of the sex ed classes I've had were just putting on a video or reading from a book – this program had real world scenarios, and we got to discuss them together and learn from each other."

Talis, a Rhode Island teen who joined the STARS program after attending Beyond the Birds and the Bees.



Care - and Access - No Matter What

PPSNE works with all types of insurance to meet patients' need.

Enrolling people in private insurance plans on the Affordable Care Act marketplace, like Access Health in Connecticut or HealthSource RI – or, if eligible, Medicaid programs – is a meaningful way to welcome people into a health care system that has too often left them behind.

Your support allows us to invest in enrollment specialists like Jasmin Osorio, who works one-on-one with patients to ensure they can access the lifesaving services they need. In just the past 18 months, Jasmin has worked with over 300 patients, helping most obtain health insurance through Medicaid or a qualified private insurer at a reduced price, such as ConnectiCare or Anthem.

That's one way the Planned Parenthood experience is unique. Not all health centers or providers take the time to enroll patients in health insurance – or have the advanced skills to navigate the insurance market in two states.

"We are happy for our patients to get coverage because we know that they are being taken care of as a whole," Jasmin explained. That's the power of PPSNE, and it's people like you who make it possible.

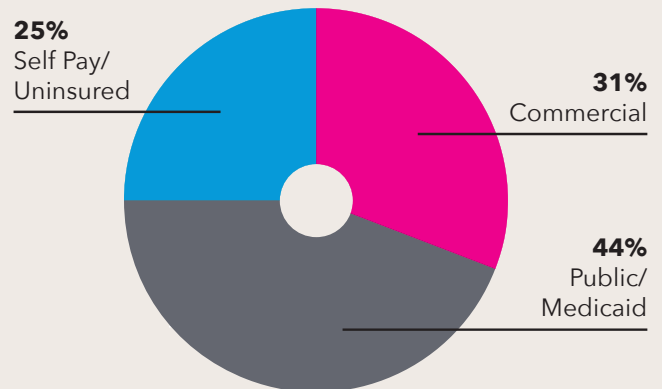
"There was a woman recently who had a few medical issues, and, without insurance, she'd been waiting to see a provider. She was having a hard time getting enrolled in insurance and was overwhelmed by the process – it was very challenging for her. If she couldn't get care in Connecticut, she was afraid she'd have to move back to another state, and she didn't want to move."

Jasmin continued to advocate for her patient. "I got her enrolled, but the specialist she needed to see wouldn't take her insurance. I connected with a social worker who manages

Medicaid cases, and together we figured out the problem – and got the patient the medication she needed. She was so grateful Planned Parenthood could be there for her."

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PATIENTS VISITS BY INSURANCE STATUS



These statistics only tell a very small part of the story. For most people, the availability of insurance coverage determines access to essential health care, one of the foundations of a patient's quality of life.

Thanks in part to your support, PPSNE provides care for all people, regardless of their ability to pay.

Planned Parenthood is a provider of choice to all communities because of the comfortable and inclusive environment and high-quality care. And Planned Parenthood is committed to seeing every patient with limited wait times for an appointment, unlike other providers who may make patients wait months for an appointment.

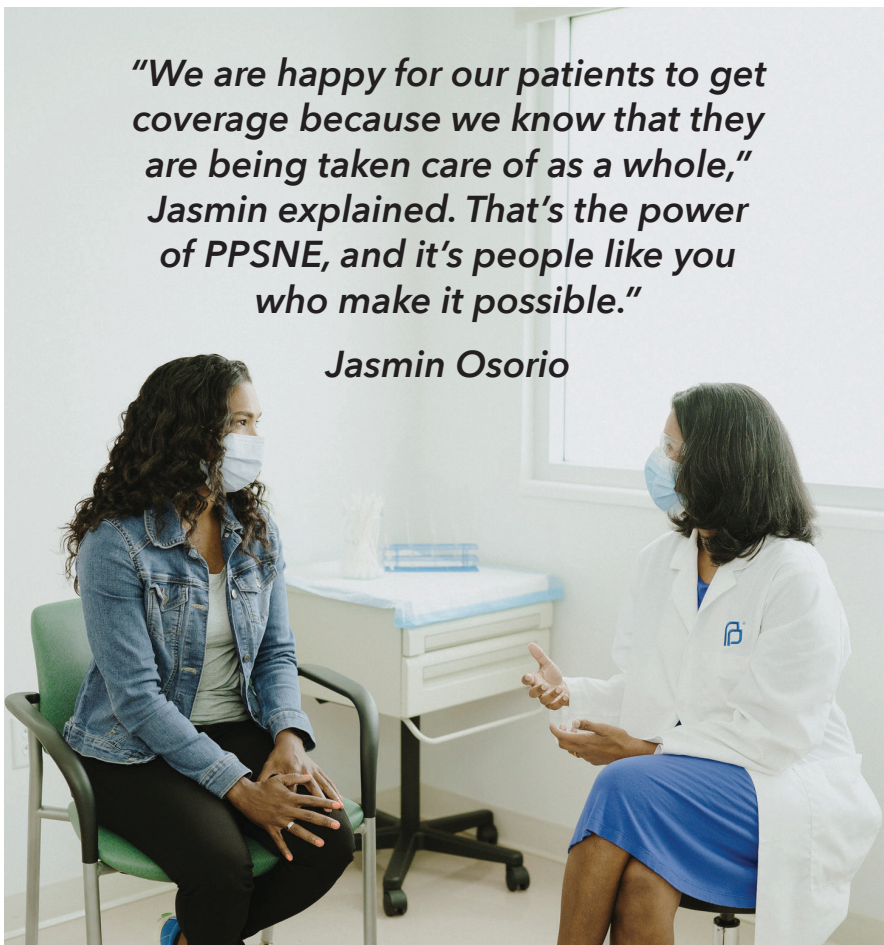
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Your support makes it possible for PPSNE team members like Jasmin to make critically needed health care available to PPSNE's patients. Whether a patient arrives with a commercial insurance card, is enrolled in a Medicaid program, or is paying out-of-pocket for their visit, supporters like you help us to live up to our promise of care, no matter what.

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75%

of adult Medicaid enrollees are employed



77%

of adults and children enrolled in Medicaid are from families with at least one working adult

Credit: Kaiser Family Foundation

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