

(NV-03) Message #1 Backup

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Johnson Supported The Supreme Court Decision To Overturn Roe V. Wade

Johnson Said That The Dobbs Decision “Appropriately” Left The Question Of Banning Abortion To The States. “Johnson has not called for an abortion ban, and said the 2022 Dobbs decision overturning Roe v. Wade ‘appropriately’ left the question to the states. He said he would vote against both a national abortion ban and any government funding for abortion services.” [Nevada Independent, [6/16/24](#)]

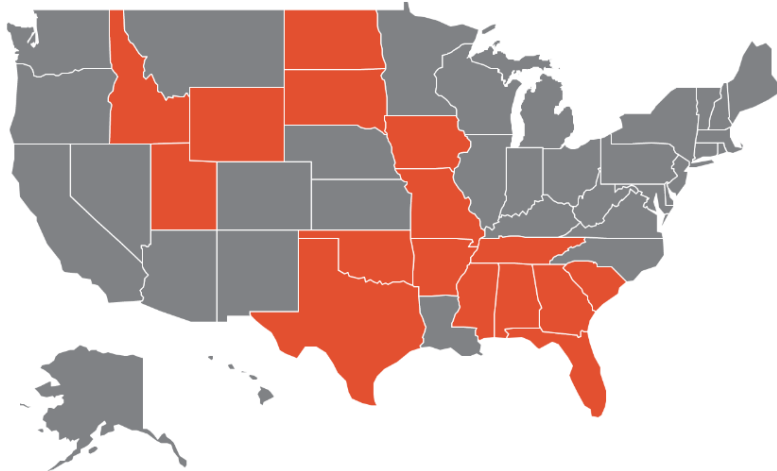
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21 States Have Banned Or Restricted Abortion Since The Fall Of Roe V. Wade. “Twenty-one states ban abortion or restrict the procedure earlier in pregnancy than the standard set by Roe v. Wade, which governed reproductive rights for nearly half a century until the Supreme Court overturned the decision in 2022.” [The New York Times, [7/1/24](#)]

PolitiFact: As Of May 2022, 16 States Had Passed Laws That Impose Jail Sentences On Doctors Who Violate Abortion Laws. “The list continues. Over a dozen states have ‘trigger’ laws that would take effect if the court overturns Roe v. Wade. Additional states have penalties in their current abortion laws. To the four Republican-controlled states listed above, we can add Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah and Wyoming. In each state, a doctor found guilty of breaking the law faces a possible, or in some cases, a mandatory prison sentence.” [PolitiFact, [5/5/22](#)]

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This includes states that have passed new abortion bans outright, or "trigger" laws that would go into effect if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*.



Sources: State laws, Kaiser Family Foundation, FindLaw

[PolitiFact, [5/5/22](#)]

The Texas Abortion Ban Was A Near Total Ban That Did Not Include Exceptions For Rape Or Incest

September 2021: Texas Banned Abortion At Roughly Six Weeks, “Well Before Many Women Even Know They Are Pregnant,” Without Exceptions For Rape Or Incest. “With the U.S. Supreme Court mum, a new law went into effect in Texas that bans abortions after about six weeks of pregnancy. That's well before many women even know they are pregnant. The law allows private citizens to sue abortion providers and anyone else who helps a woman obtain an abortion — including those who give a woman a ride to a clinic or provide financial assistance to obtain an abortion. Private citizens who bring these suits don't need to show any connection to those they are suing. The law makes no exceptions for cases involving rape or incest. Here's why the law is one of the strictest abortion bans in the country.” [NPR, [9/1/21](#)]

Overturing Roe Triggered Drastic Abortion Bans Across The Country That Could Criminalize Women, Lacked Exceptions For Rape Or Incest, And Are Likely To Increase Deaths From Complications During Pregnancy

CNN: 13 States Have “Trigger” Laws That Could Immediately Outlaw Abortion In The Event Roe V Wade Was Overturned. According to CNN, 13 states have what are referred to as “trigger laws” which allow state governments to ban abortion immediately after a Supreme Court decision overturns *Roe V Wade*. These states include Arkansas, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Wyoming and Utah. [CNN, [5/3/22](#)]

Nine States’ Pre-Roe Abortion Bans That Could Be Activated Post-Roe Did Not Preclude Prosecution Of Women Who Sought Abortion Care. “If the U.S. Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*, as it is expected to do in the coming days, the U.S. Constitution will no longer be interpreted as protecting the right to abortion.¹ As a result, states will be able to decide whether abortion is legal and under what circumstances. While some states already have extreme legislation in effect that bans nearly all abortion care, 19 states have bans on the books passed either pre- or post-Roe, many of which—while not currently in force—could come into effect if the Supreme Court

overturns Roe. These laws are uniformly extreme in nature. Three states have statutes that do not include exceptions to save a patient's life. Eighteen of the laws (from 15 states) do not allow for abortion in cases of rape, while 20 of the laws (from 16 states) do not allow for abortion in cases of incest. Moreover, nine states have statutes that, though not explicitly authorizing prosecution of a person seeking care, also do not explicitly preclude such prosecutions in the same manner other states do. In the context of those states' full legal schemes, these statutes should not provide grounds for criminalizing a person for her own abortion, but a politically motivated prosecutor could try to argue they do—arguments that courts should soundly reject." [Center for American Progress, [6/24/22](#)]

May 2022: WMAZ: If Roe V Wade Overturned, Georgia's Heartbeat Bill That Banned Abortion After Six Weeks Could Be Put Into Effect Quickly. "In Georgia, the Supreme Court decision could speed up the state's heartbeat bill going into effect, which would ban abortion altogether after six weeks." [WMAZ, [5/5/22](#)]

- **Vox: Doctors That Were Found Guilty Of Providing An Abortion In Georgia Could Be Sentenced To 10 Years In Prison; Doesn't Exempt Women That Perform Their Own.** "The bill also includes a penalty for those who perform abortions of up to 10 years in prison. It doesn't explicitly exempt women who perform their own abortions with drugs, leading to speculation about whether they would also be subject to criminal charges. Some have suggested that it could even lead to murder charges for women who have abortions — but other experts say the consequences are far from clear." [Vox, [4/19/19](#)]
- **Medication Abortion Through Pills, Which Can Be Self-Managed, Accounted For More Than Half Of Recent Abortions In The U.S.** In May 2022, the New York Times reported, "Medication abortion — a two-drug combination that can be taken at home or in any location and is authorized for use in the first 10 weeks of pregnancy — has become more and more prevalent and now accounts for more than half of recent abortions in the United States. If the federal guarantee of abortion rights disappears, medication abortion would likely become an even more sought-after method for terminating a pregnancy — and the focus of battles between states that ban abortion and those that continue to allow it." In May 2022, ABC News reported, "Medication abortions rely on pills, rather than surgery, to terminate the pregnancy. Usually two drugs—mifepristone and misoprostol—are used in combination to induce the abortion. In 2020, the number of medication abortions exceeded the number of surgical abortions for the first time, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a reproductive health policy research organization. In 'self-managed' cases, women do not undergo their abortions in a formal health care setting, according to the Guttmacher Institute. That's in contrast with 'supervised' cases where women undergo their abortions under the watchful eye of supervising clinicians. Currently, 19 states require clinicians to be physically present when the medication is administered, according to the Guttmacher Institute." [New York Times, [5/5/22](#); ABC News, [5/6/22](#)]

Guttmacher Institute: Trigger Laws In 12 States Do Not Have Exceptions For Rape Or Incest. "12 states do not include exceptions for rape and incest in their bans that would be triggered if Roe were overturned or bans on abortions up to eight weeks of pregnancy: Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee and Texas." [Guttmacher Institute, [11/22/21](#)]

6/24/22: Vox: Trigger Laws Like The One In Oklahoma Would Ban Abortion With Narrow Exceptions That "Could Lead To Unnecessary Deaths, As Doctors May Be Unwilling To Perform A Medically Necessary Abortion And Risk Felony Charges." "Prosecutors, especially elected prosecutors, may face pressure to bring charges against doctors who perform abortions, even those that are entirely legal under state law. Think of a state like Oklahoma, where, in a post-Roe world, abortions will only be legal if necessary to save a patient's life in a 'medical emergency.' Prosecutors could target physicians and force them to provide evidence that a particular abortion was truly necessary to save their patient's life. Meanwhile, the mere threat of such prosecutions could lead to unnecessary deaths, as doctors may be unwilling to perform a medically necessary abortion and risk felony charges." [Vox, [6/24/22](#)]

Overturning Roe Could Enable Republicans' Proposed Nationwide Abortion Ban Without Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or When A Woman's Life Was At Risk

6/24/22: Los Angeles Times Headline: "With Roe Dead, Republicans Call For Abortion Bans In All States"
[Los Angeles Times, [6/24/22](#)]

- **After Roe Was Overturned, McCarthy And Pence Called For Abortion Bans Nationally.** "Former Vice President Mike Pence said Friday that social conservatives in the post-Roe era 'must not rest and must not relent until the sanctity of life is restored to the center of American law in every state in the land.' 'We will continue to look wherever we can go to save as many lives as possible,' said House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Bakersfield), without getting into specifics about what kind of legislation Republicans would put forward if they take control of the House in the midterm elections." [Los Angeles Times, [6/24/22](#)]

As Of May 2022, More Than 100 House Republicans Co-Sponsored The "Life At Conception Act" To Federally Ban Abortion At Six Weeks, "Signaling That Many Would Like To See A Total Ban On Abortion." "Several abortion bans have already been introduced in Congress. A six-week abortion ban has been introduced in the House, by Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pa.), and the Life at Conception Act, which would recognize a fetus as a person with equal protections under the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, has been introduced in both chambers. Nineteen Republican senators and well over 100 Republicans in the House have co-sponsored the measure, signaling that many would like to see a total ban on abortion. [...] Kelly, who introduced the six-week ban in the House, said he doesn't understand why antiabortion Republicans would settle for a 15-week ban if Roe is overturned. 'I'm not willing to compromise that,' he said. 'I think it's morally unacceptable.'" [Washington Post, [5/2/22](#)]

- **The "Life At Conception" Act Would Grant Equal Protection Under The 14th Amendment To Fetuses, Effectively Banning Abortion With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or To Save A Woman's Life.** "H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and 'preborn' human person. 'Human person' is defined as: [...] each and every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being. The bill would grant constitutional rights to fertilized eggs, embryos, fetuses, and clones. It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization. The bill would not allow for prosecution of any pregnant person for the 'death' of their 'unborn child.'" [Rewire News, accessed [6/30/22](#)]
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Drew Johnson Said He Had "No Problem" Raising The Retirement Age

Drew Johnson: "I've Got No Problem With Raising The Age Of Social Security For People Who Are 20 Years Old Right Now." "But long term, there's one fix that we need to be comfortable looking at. When Social Security first passed, the average longevity, the average age that someone passed away in America was about 67. Today, it's almost 80 years old. And I've got no problem with raising the age of Social Security for people who are 20 years old right now, 10 years old, who haven't been born yet by a month or two months. And by just doing that, you'll make social security solvent." [Drew Johnson, SHRW Candidate Forum, [3/26/24](#)] AUDIO

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2016: In A Reply To A Tweet About Raising The Retirement Age To 70, Johnson Said Individuals Should “Save Some Money Back Like A Responsible Adult, Rather Than Acting Like Some Socialist Suckling Off The Teat Of Gov’t.” “Then save some money back like a responsible adult, rather than acting like some socialist suckling off the teat of gov’t.” [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 10/20/16]



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Johnson Opposed The Affordable Care Act And Spread Misinformation About It

2014 Johnson Op-Ed: Affordable Care Act Was “President Obama's Absurd And Irresponsible Attempt To Mandate, Regulate And Complicate The American Health Care System.” “I never wanted to be a pawn in President Obama's absurd and irresponsible attempt to mandate, regulate and complicate the American health care system. Unfortunately, there wasn't much of a choice. I was a casualty of Mr. Obama's Big Lie.” [Washington Times, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [4/11/14](#)]

Johnson Promoted Misinformation Perpetuated By InfoWars About The Affordable Care Act

2017 Op-Ed: Johnson Said That Claims The Obama Administration “Illegally Diverted Profits From Fannie Mae And Freddie Mac” Were “Gaining Credibility.” “What started off as a juicy rumor by a controversial website is gaining credibility, and may soon balloon into a damning scandal for former President Barack Obama and his signature health insurance program. More importantly for America’s taxpayers, however, the allegation may serve as the beginning of the end for a highly suspect scheme known as the ‘Net Worth Sweep.’ Early this month, InfoWars, the political news and opinion website founded by conservative radio personality Alex Jones, claimed the Obama administration illegally diverted profits from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to the bankrupt portions of Obamacare. [...] InfoWars Washington bureau chief, Jerome Corsi believes the action was a deliberate attempt to bankrupt the federally sponsored mortgage facilitators. More likely, Obama was frantically trying to find a way to secretly siphon money in order to save Obamacare.” [Daily Caller, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [3/23/17](#)]

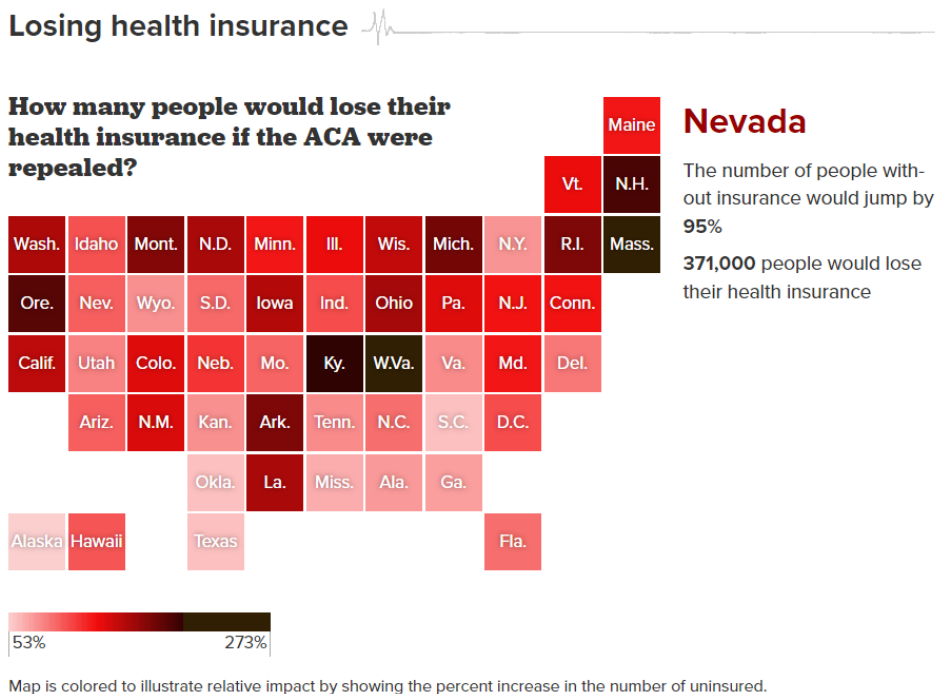
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- **Johnson’s Claims About Obama Were Originally Perpetuated By Alex Jones On InfoWars.** “Early this month, InfoWars, the political news and opinion website founded by conservative radio personality Alex Jones, claimed the Obama administration illegally diverted profits from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to the bankroll portions of Obamacare.” [Daily Caller, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [3/23/17](#)]

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Millions Of Americans With Pre-Existing Conditions Could Lose Critical Protections If ACA Was Repealed

According To The White House, Over “100 Million People With Pre-Existing Health Conditions Could Lose Critical Protections If ACA Was Repealed.” “More than 100 million people with pre-existing health conditions could lose critical protections. Before the ACA, more than 100 million Americans with pre-existing health conditions could have been denied coverage or charged more if they tried to buy individual market health insurance. Republican repeal proposals either eliminate these protections outright or find other ways to gut them.” [White House, Fact Sheet, [2/28/23](#)]

Kaiser Family Foundation Listed Diabetes, Cancer As Pre-Existing Conditions. “A pre-existing condition might be mild – for example, seasonal allergies or acne treated with simple medications. Or it could be more serious or require more costly treatment – such as diabetes, heart disease, or cancer.” [KFF, [10/1/20](#)]

Health And Human Services Listed Asthma As A Pre-Existing Condition Under The Affordable Care Act. “Health insurance companies cannot refuse coverage or charge you more just because you have a ‘pre-existing

condition' — that is, a health problem you had before the date that new health coverage starts. Health insurers can no longer charge more or deny coverage to you or your child because of a pre-existing health condition like asthma, diabetes, or cancer, as well as pregnancy. They cannot limit benefits for that condition either. Once you have insurance, they can't refuse to cover treatment for your pre-existing condition.” [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, About the ACA, Pre-Existing Conditions, accessed [7/2/24](#)]