

# WHAT IS REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

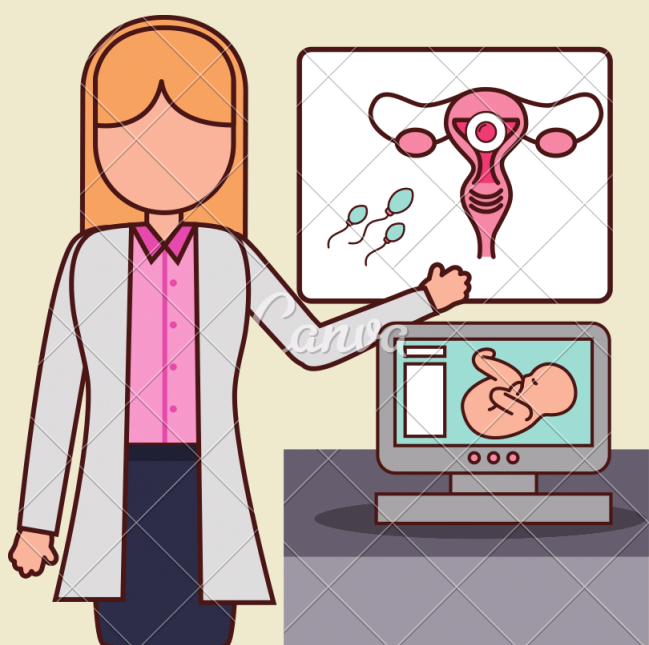
**THE HUMAN RIGHT TO MAINTAIN  
BODILY AUTONOMY**

## ACCESS IS KEY

Reproductive justice links reproductive rights with the social, political and economic inequalities that affect a woman's ability to access reproductive health care services. Core components of reproductive justice include equal access to safe abortion, affordable contraceptives and comprehensive sex education, as well as freedom from sexual violence.



**ONLY ABOUT HALF OF THE STATES IN THE U.S.  
REQUIRE SEX EDUCATION**



**OUT OF THOSE STATES, ONLY 13  
REQUIRE SEX EDUCATION TO BE  
MEDICALLY ACCURATE (AS DEFINED  
BY STATE LAWS)**

**AND MOST OF THOSE STATES  
INSTRUCT SCHOOLS TO STRESS  
ABSTINENCE IN SEX EDUCATION**

**STUDIES HAVE FOUND THAT UP TO 50% OF STI'S  
IN THE U.S. ARE CONTRACTED BY THOSE AGED 15-  
24**

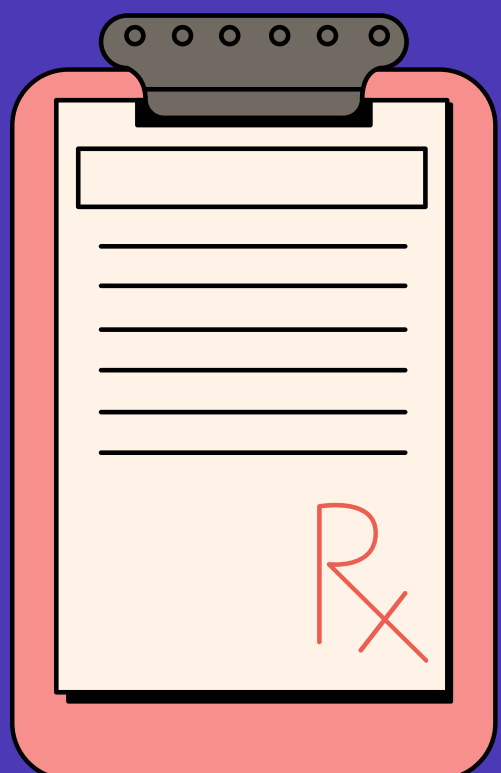
**BETTER ACCESS TO SEX EDUCATION ALSO  
PREVENTS UNWANTED PREGNANCY**

**ACCESS TO BIRTH CONTROL IS  
WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE**

Coverage for contraception has been negated from many health insurance plans. Over 1/3 of women have struggled to afford birth control at some point in their lives. This leads to inconsistent and less effective use.



# RIGHT TO ABORTIONS AND CONTRACEPTIONS



Abortion restrictions have made abortion harder to access. These restrictions fall especially hard on people with low incomes, for whom the cost of transportation, childcare, and taking time off work often combine to put abortion access out of reach.

When women cannot access safe abortions, they are forced to use unsafe methods.

Women's right to safe and legal abortions are under constant threat from TRAP laws (targeted restrictions on abortion providers designed to close them down rather than to make them safer for women). These laws attempt to enforce unnecessary, unfounded, and unethical restriction to access and education .

**ABORTIONS ARE SAFE, MANY MYTHS ARE PERPETRATED TO SCARE WOMEN INTO MAKING A DECISIONS THAT MIGHT NOT BE RIGHT FOR THEM.**



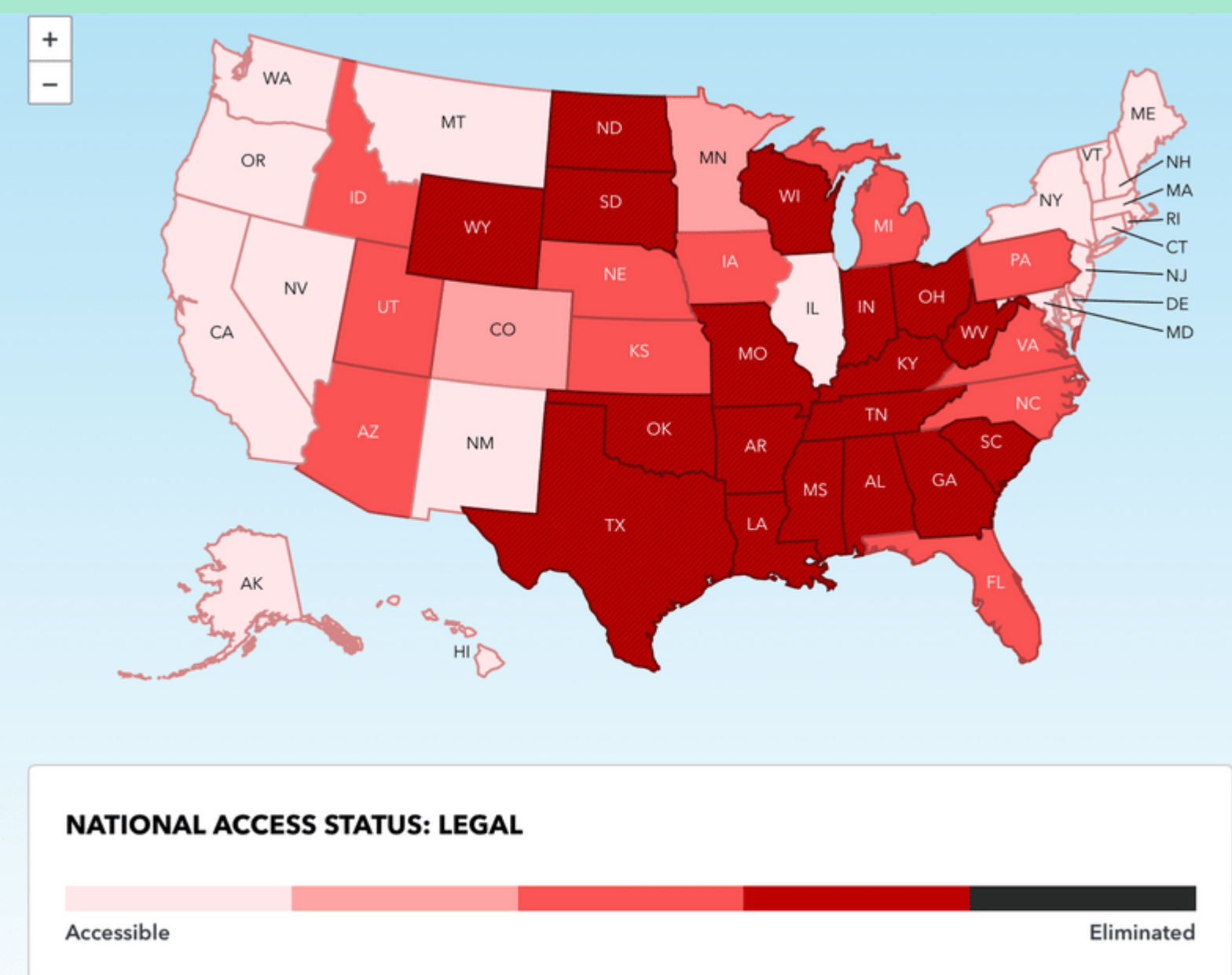
**TRAP LAWS WREAK HAVOC ON A WOMEN'S ABILITY TO CHOOSE. BETWEEN 2011-2017, 394 NEW RESTRICTIONS ON ABORTIONS WERE ENACTED BETWEEN 32 STATES.**



**REASONS TO TAKE CONTRACEPTION ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE GIVEN FOR WANTING AN ABORTION: FEELING UNREADY OR UNWILLING TO RAISE A CHILD, WANTING TO COMPLETE EDUCATION, OR FOCUSING ON A JOB, WOMEN HAVE REPORTED FEELING MORE IN CONTROL OF THEIR LIVES WHILE USING CONTRACEPTION.**

EVEN THOUGH THE RIGHT TO HAVE AN ABORTION IS THE LAW OF THE LAND, ABORTION IS A RIGHT IN NAME ONLY FOR MANY PEOPLE. STATE ABORTION RESTRICTIONS, AS WELL AS FEDERAL POLICIES LIKE THE HYDE AMENDMENT, KEEP ABORTION OUT OF REACH FOR MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY – PARTICULARLY COMMUNITIES THAT ALREADY FACE SYSTEMIC BARRIERS TO HEALTH CARE, SUCH AS BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES, AND THOSE WITH LOW INCOMES.

SO, YOUR ACCESS TO ABORTION LARGELY DEPENDS ON HOW MUCH MONEY YOU HAVE, YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE, YOUR RACE, AND YOUR ZIP CODE.



EVERY WOMAN DESERVES THE RIGHT TO BE INFORMED AND IN CONTROL OF HER OWN BODY

## Resources

- <https://www.publichealthpost.org/viewpoints/reproductive-justice/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tsKUZA9b4-Q>
- <https://www.sistersong.net/reproductive-justice>
- <https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/issues/abortion/trap-laws>
- <https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/issues/abortion/roe-v-wade>
- <https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/abortion-access-tool/CA>