



How to Talk About Abortion

With the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade* - abortion is a hot topic right now. This is a guide to talk to your friends and family about abortion.

BACKGROUND

Roe v. Wade was decided on in 1973. For nearly 50 years, we've had a constitutionally protected right to abortion.

Mississippi enacted a 15-week ban and abortion providers fought back. They took this case all the way to the Supreme Court. On June 24, the Supreme Court decided to uphold the Mississippi abortion ban and overturned *Roe* in a 5-3 decision.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

With the fall of *Roe*, 26 states are set to ban abortion with their trigger laws and/or pre-*Roe* abortion bans.

Trigger laws are laws that were passed to ban abortion as soon as the Supreme Court overturned *Roe*. Pre-*Roe* laws are laws that were enacted before *Roe v. Wade* was decided and have been dormant since the decision. Now that the case is overturned, those laws could be active again.

HERE ARE THE FACTS

Abortion is safe. Abortion is health care. Abortion is common. Now, millions of people are going to lose access to care. Abortion is a personal decision, not a political one.

LET'S BUST THE STIGMA

Did you know that 1 in 4 women will have an abortion in their lifetime? Not only that, but the majority of Americans support the right to abortion.

The biggest way to bust the stigma about abortion is to talk about it and share your stories. Everyone loves someone that has had an abortion.

WHO IS AFFECTED THE MOST

Denying individuals the right to abortion will disproportionately affect people of color, low-income folks, and people who live in rural communities. Thousands of people will be forced to travel outside their states to receive the abortion care they need. Not everyone can afford to do this. Those who can't will be forced to carry their pregnancy or seek abortion outside of the healthcare system.

We're living in a dark time in history. **USE YOUR VOICE.** Talk to people about abortion. USE the word **ABORTION**. This upcoming holiday is the perfect time to start a conversation. And Remember **Abortion is Freedom.**