

WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

is on the ballot this November

DID YOU KNOW?

After the Supreme Court ruled on June 24, 2022 that **states** now determine our reproductive freedom:

- 99% of US House **Republicans** voted **against** a federal law protecting abortion rights.
- 97% of US House **Republicans** voted **against** protecting interstate travel for reproductive health care.
- 96% of US House **Republicans** voted **against** protecting access to **CONTRACEPTION*****



WHAT'S AT STAKE IF **REPUBLICANS** WIN

"A national abortion ban is possible if Republicans win control of the US Senate." - Mitch McConnell

Lindsay Graham (R, SC), on September 13, 2022, proposed a bill to ban abortion nationally, saying, "If we take back the House and Senate, I can assure you we'll have a vote on this bill."

- Women and men may lose the ability to control their own fertility.
- Women will die or suffer loss of fertility from botched, back-room abortions and lack of lifesaving medical treatments.
- PA Republicans have already begun the process of banning abortion via a **constitutional amendment**. If they retain control of the state legislature in November, this will be a ballot question in 2023, requiring only a 50% majority vote to pass (*or fail, as it did in Kansas*). *The Governor **cannot veto** a constitutional amendment and the courts cannot overturn it.*
- The PA Republican candidate for Governor would make abortion illegal with no exceptions, including in cases of rape, incest, and the life of the mother.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

VOTE for DEMOCRATS in November!

See reverse side for PA Democratic and Republican candidates' positions on a woman's right to choose.

***Read the bills at clerk.house.gov, under Legislative Action. To see how your Representative voted, visit Roll Call Votes.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

PA Senator and PA State Representative

- The Democrats on your ballot will keep abortion and contraception legal in Pennsylvania.

Josh Shapiro, for PA Governor

- Supports a woman's right to choose: *"I plan to continue to defend doctors' ability to practice medicine and women's right to privacy."*
- Supports PA's current common sense abortion laws which require parental notification of patients under 18, doctor consultation and 24 hr waiting period, and allows abortion after 24 weeks if mother's life or health is endangered
- Will veto new restrictions or a total ban if passed by the PA legislature

John Fetterman, for US Senate

- Supports a woman's right to abortion as non-negotiable: *"The right to an abortion is sacred."*

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

PA Senator and PA State Representative

- The Republicans on your ballot will severely restrict or ban abortion entirely.

Doug Mastriano, for PA Governor

- Believes life begins at conception
- Supports a TOTAL BAN on abortion, even for ectopic pregnancies, rape or incest, or to save the life and health of the mother: *"I don't give a way for exceptions."*

Mehmet Oz, for US Senate

- Supports additional restrictions on abortion nationwide, but refuses to provide details.

U.S. Senate & House of Representatives

Control of the US Senate and House are up for grabs this year. Democrats support common-sense abortion laws, and certainly access to contraception! Republicans want to abolish abortion in the country. They also have their eyes on contraception - *can you imagine life without contraception?*

To see where your House candidates stand on the issue, visit: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

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