



AAN Talking Points for 4th Anniversary of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*

BACKGROUND: Why We Need to Speak on the *Dobbs* Anniversary

All of us should have the freedom to control our own bodies, lives, and futures—no matter who we are, how much money we have, where we live, or where we come from. Four years after the *Dobbs* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, that is far from the reality we are living in. The public supports bold action on abortion, going beyond *Roe* to ensure that everyone has access to abortion care.

Here is what we know about public opinion on abortion bans and protections (Abortion Access Now, November 2025):

- 67% say it's important to enact a national law ensuring people can get an abortion in their own state.
- Prioritization is high across states, regardless of the legal landscape: 69% of voters in states with protections and 64% in states with bans or restrictions rate a national law as a high priority.
- Across the country, majorities of base and soft supporters are deeply concerned about efforts to ban abortion. Efforts to ban and restrict access to abortion raise concern among 83% of base and soft supporters, with more than half (54%) characterizing such bans and restrictions as a big concern. Fewer than one in five (17%) say it's not a concern.
- Even in states with strong abortion protections, concern remains high: 55% say bans are a big concern.

TALKING POINTS: About This Moment

- Four years after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, the harm is clear: abortion bans and restrictions have created a national healthcare crisis. People are dying or being forced to carry pregnancies against their will. Providers and patients are being threatened with jail time, and too many have to choose between traveling hundreds of miles and paying out of pocket or else being denied care entirely.
- The *Dobbs* decision ripped away the federal right to abortion—aggravating an already deadly and confusing patchwork of laws that determine whether someone can get care based on where they live, what insurance they have, or whether they can afford to leave their state.

- *Dobbs* exposed and worsened a crisis that already existed for those who have long faced the greatest barriers to getting lifesaving care. Even before *Dobbs*, many people—particularly Black, Latine, AANHPI, Indigenous, immigrant, disabled, rural, young, and low-income communities—faced significant obstacles to abortion care because of cost, lack of insurance coverage, provider shortages, and discriminatory policies.
- This anniversary is a reminder that state-by-state protections are not enough—especially in the face of persistent attacks on abortion that impact everyone, everywhere. Even states that have protected abortion are not safe from national-scale attacks on abortion access.
- The answer is not simply going back to the way things were before *Roe* was overturned, when access to abortion care was severely limited. A legal right means little if people cannot afford care, cannot find a provider, fear punishment for seeking care, or are excluded from coverage because of who they are, where they live, or where they come from.

TALKING POINTS: A National Right & Access to Care

The past four years have shown that state-by-state legal protections alone are not enough. A right to abortion means nothing if you cannot actually access care. **That is why we need federal policy that makes abortion not only legal, but truly accessible and affordable.**

- **We need the right to abortion.** Patients—not politicians—should be able to make their own healthcare decisions at any stage of pregnancy, and providers and supporters should be protected from criminalization.
- **We need to eliminate cost barriers.** Abortion care is out of reach for too many people because of insurance restrictions and cost barriers. Federal programs, including Medicaid, should cover abortion care without discriminatory bans, restrictions, or cost-sharing requirements, because someone’s income or insurance type should never determine whether they can get the care they need.
- **We need to restore access for immigrant communities.** No one should be denied healthcare because of where they come from, how long they have been in the country, fear of deportation, exclusionary eligibility rules, or other barriers that make care inaccessible.

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About Abortion Access Now

The Abortion Access Now campaign unites leading reproductive health, rights, and justice organizations from across the country to build and lead a broad, inclusive vision for abortion access and coverage. We envision a future where abortion is legal as well as accessible, affordable, and free from criminalization, stigma, or fear.

Where everyone is supported in getting the care they want, no matter who they are, how much money they have, where they live, or where they come from.

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