

## **Our Fundamental Rights Are on the Ballot**

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Women are about to lose the right to control their own bodies because radical Republicans stole two seats and rigged the Supreme Court. Their illegitimate appointees lied in confirmation hearings to form an activist, controlling block and gut Roe v. Wade.

Roe will be the first, but not the last, fundamental American civil liberty to fall if the authoritarian, minority Republican party has its way.

Roe has been law of the land for 50 years. [Nearly 70 percent](#) of Americans support it. But, [26 states](#) have trigger laws that will automatically restrict or ban abortions once the activist Supreme Court's decision becomes final. Although [80%](#) of terminations occur in the first 9 weeks of pregnancy, [several states](#) will ban nearly all abortions, with no exceptions for rape or incest.

The cruelty is obscene. Extreme pro-birth advocates, America's own Taliban, think nothing of forcing a 12-year-old rape victim to carry and deliver her uncle's child. The [U.N. Human Rights Council](#) and international law hold that such an atrocity is psychological and physical torture. Think of your own daughters or granddaughters enduring this agony.

Further, abortion bans are discriminatory. They [unfairly punish](#) low-income women who cannot afford to travel out of state. Let's be realistic: banning abortions won't end them; it will only make them unsafe. Does the mother's life not "count?"

The Court's radical [draft opinion](#) bans choice and rejects the Constitutional right to privacy. Make no mistake, birth control, in-vitro fertilization, interracial marriage, and marriage equality will be on the chopping block next. Authoritarian Republicans want to impose their extremist religious views on us all.

The Constitution separates church and state; see the First Amendment. The minority party wants to end that. Make no mistake, our fundamental rights are on the ballot this fall. Don't let radical Republicans, America's Taliban, destroy our democratic way of life.

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