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### Texas vs Abortions

There are many discussions about abortion and where it fits in society. Those who lead those discussions are most commonly a party of conservative males. A new policy/law that was set in place by the Texas Supreme Court where abortion has a limit of 6-weeks. A law that is an issue for women, obviously unreasonable and ideally unrealistic. There are a massive amount of inconveniences that may occur, where this new law can be a hindrance to women. Some women are unaware of their pregnancies up until their 2nd trimester. Abortion laws are extremely problematic in the sense of women's alienable rights and health reasons. The Texas state government, or any government should not be able to make and set said laws for women. It may serve as a contradiction to the Declaration of Independence where one has rights to their own individual bodies.

In september of 2021 the Texas Supreme Court set forth a new ruling known as the SB 8, which limits abortions after 6-weeks. Not even 6 months post ruling, predicted concerns have started to come true. There are many women who are unaware of their pregnancies. Their way of knowing is if their period is 2 weeks late, which is the same time they have little to no time for an abortion. This ruling is a hindrance for many women who have susceptible to rape or any unwanted health risks. Women in those states have to travel to other states; which is limited to only two states near by who offer abortions; causing a prolonged and more dangerous risk to the mother. In addition, not many women have resources to travel to other states to afford an

abortion. This law has no exception for anyone and holds many faults. Doctors are not even to help aid a patient to get an abortion or provide it as an option. "I think the interpretation of the bill, through multiple layers, has been fantastically communicated, but that doesn't make the bill any better," Dr. John Thoppil, president of the Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Doctors communicate with diligence when trying to help patients whose only choice is an abortion for the sake of their life. Although there are many pro-lifers who stand behind this new law, they lack the dangers of outcomes that will stem from an unwanted or unplanned fetus.

Abortion has always been a dire topic for women's rights. Abortion being associated with a negative connotation many people view it as an unmoral or unethical medical act against human life. Pro-lifers and anti-abortion groups argue against abortion stating that it is an unholy or unmoral to kill a human before it has the choice itself. Apart from pro-life groups, there are republicans and religious groups who are also against abortion that support the new SB8 law. However, abortion is an extreme necessity to the medical field regarding a pregnant woman and her health. Making abortion illegal or limiting the access, only further complicates the situation by delay in preventing injuries, prevents doctors from providing basic care, and increases death rates in unsafe abortions. In the *Roe vs Wade* case of 1972, the Supreme Court stated, "The Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment protects against state action the right to privacy, and a woman's right to choose to have an abortion falls within that right to privacy" ("*Roe v. Wade*." *Oyez*, [www.oyez.org/cases/1971/70-18](http://www.oyez.org/cases/1971/70-18). Accessed 10 Apr. 2022.). For further explanation; the case decided it is between the mother and her doctor to decide whether it is safe to have an abortion or not. Criminalizing and limiting access of abortion does not plummet the use of the medical opinion but rather increases health risks for mothers and the unborn fetus.

Abortion should not be seen as something so vulgar to any person. Rather should be looked at as a right to privacy and use of a medical system. Abortion helps saves the lives of many women. So setting a new policy of only a 6-week grace period abortion is unrealistic and unachievable. It goes against the natural rights of Due Process and the right to privacy of women controlling their bodies. A state government is unable to set laws on a woman's body because of their lack of knowledge on the matter regarding a woman's situation. The choice should be given to the woman alone to take action or not. Limiting abortion is discrimination and provides negative outcomes.

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