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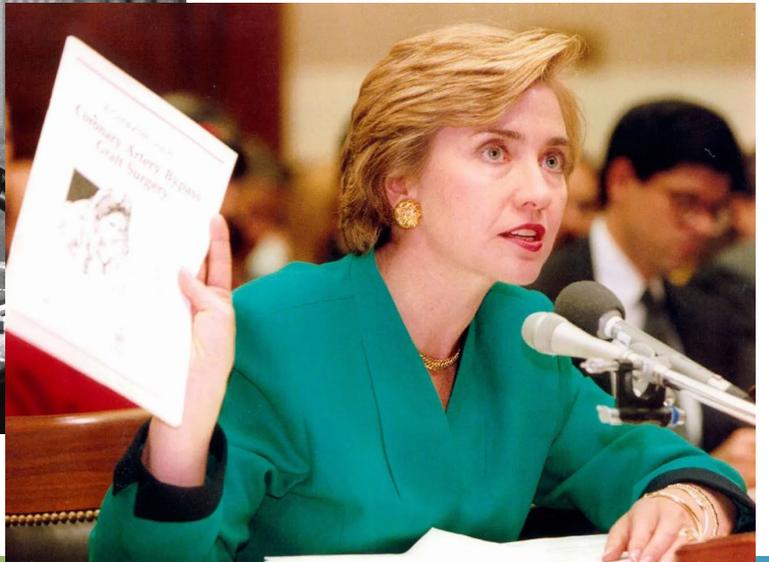
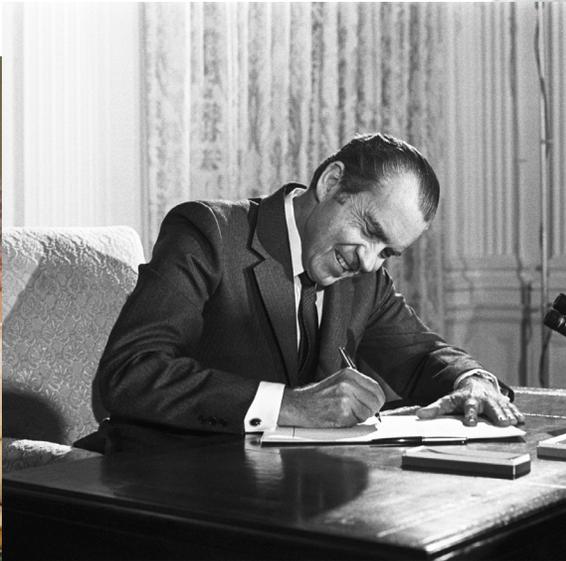
1. Analyze the current state and federal legislative landscape affecting reproductive medicine including personhood legislation, IVF access, and contraception.
2. Identify and refute common mis/disinformation regarding fertility treatments, contraception, and reproductive technologies using evidence-based medical expertise.
3. Implement strategic advocacy approaches that leverage expertise to influence public opinion, legislative processes, and policy development at local, state, and federal levels.





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Viewpoint

State Approaches to Stopping Violence Against Health Care Workers

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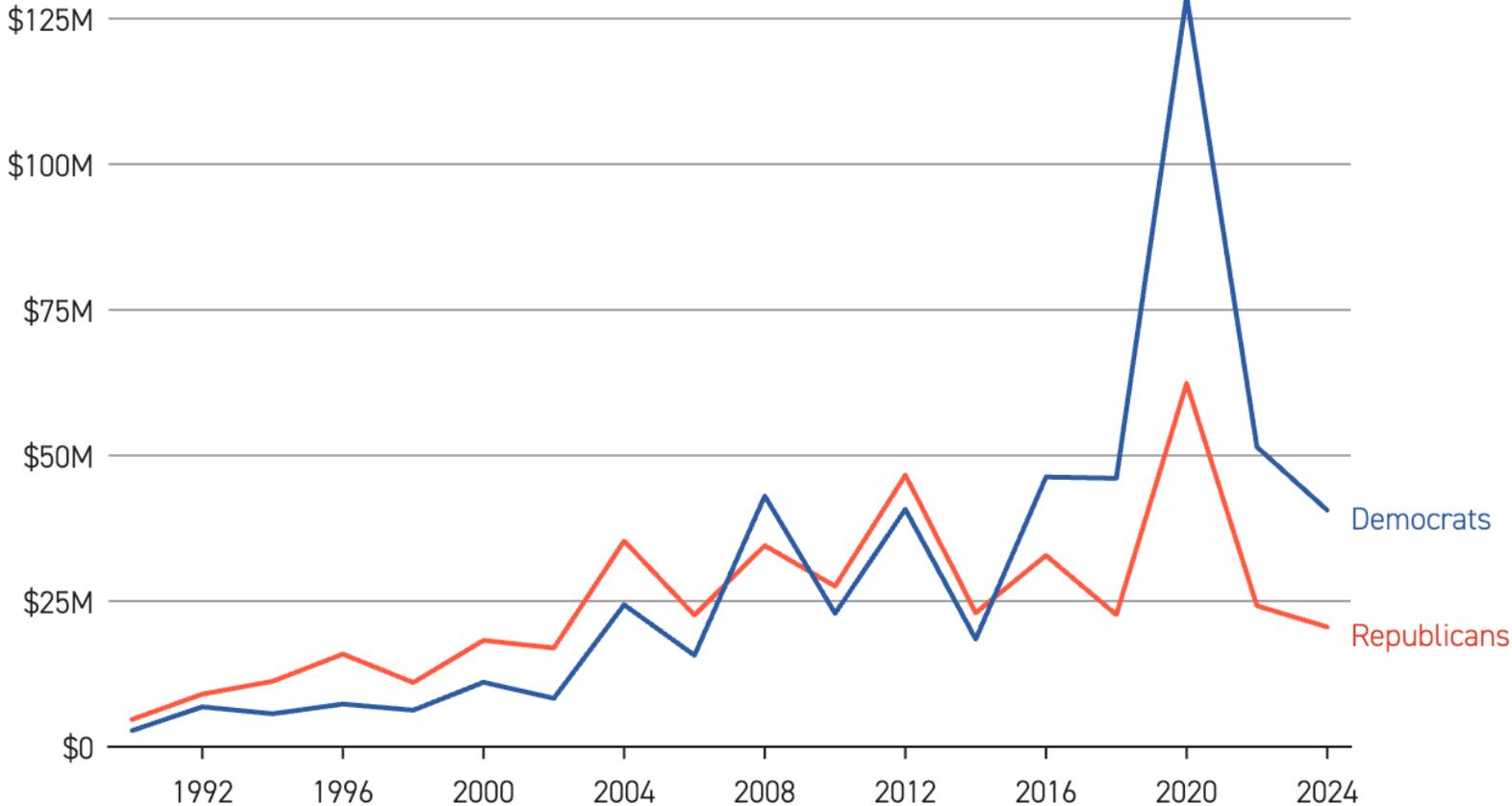
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Health care workers are disproportionately at risk for workplace violence. They are **5 times** more likely to experience violence at work than other workers, accounting for 73% of all nonfatal workplace injuries from violence. Attacks against health care workers are on the rise. A national survey of nurses found a 119% increase in nurses reporting worsening workplace violence between March 2021 and March 2022.¹ This increase is part of a broader trend of rising violence against health care workers over the last decade. This Viewpoint seeks to understand the current legislative responses at the state level to this outburst of deadly violence and analyze how the law is adapting to protect health care personnel.



Doctors' political donations surged in 2020

Total individual donations from doctors to candidates, party committees and leadership PACs by party

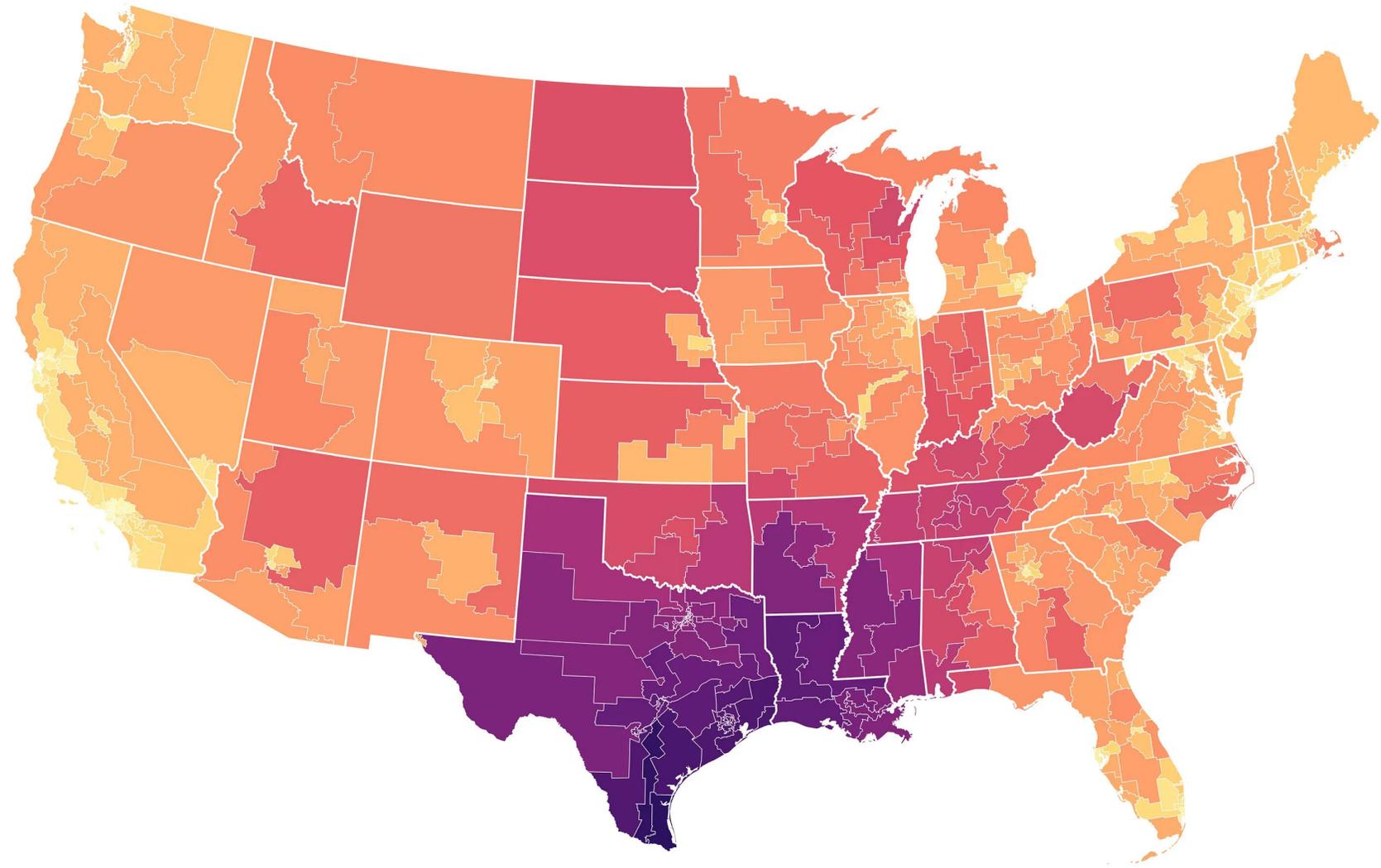


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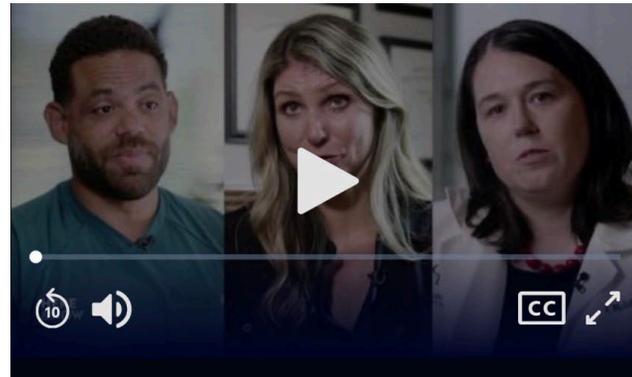


Three doctors on impacts of Wisconsin's 1849 abortion ban

Doctors Kristin Lyerly, Christopher Ford and Jenn Jury McIntosh — who treat pregnant patients — offer their medical perspectives on joining a lawsuit to overturn a law blocking abortions in Wisconsin.

By [MARISA WOJCIK](#)

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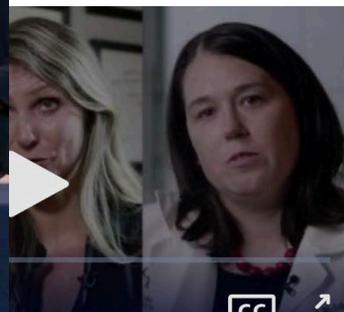
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Minnesota to become 'refuge' for abortion affirming care with new law





Wisconsin Supreme Court Strikes Down 1849 Abortion Ban

After the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in 2022, Republican prosecutors in Wisconsin said they intended to enforce the old law.

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Minnesota to 'refuge' for affirming care





About Rep. Morrison

Kelly Morrison has spent most of her career as a doctor – not a politician. As an OB-GYN who practiced in Minnesota for over 20 years, Kelly has dedicated her life to helping people. Her husband, John Willoughby, was an Army Ranger, and their family has always valued service above all.

Abortion Is Once Again Illegal in North Dakota

On Friday, a state Supreme Court ruling reinstated a near-total abortion ban, reversing a judge’s earlier decision.

Ana Tobiasz, a doctor of maternal-fetal medicine in Bismarck, N.D., and a plaintiff in the case, said most medical providers in the state were fearful of repercussions even when the abortion ban had been halted in 2024. She expects to see more effects on care under this ban, which she says makes it hard to interpret when medical procedures are and aren’t, permitted.

Lawsuit says Arkansas’ near-total ban on abortion violates state’s constitution

Arkansas’ ban took effect when Roe v. Wade struck down in 2022

The lawsuit’s fifth plaintiff is Dr. Chad Taylor, an obstetrician-gynecologist practicing in Little Rock. He “regularly encounters patients with obstetrical complications where it is unclear to him and his colleagues if the standard of care for that patient – offering termination – is still legal,” the complaint states.



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Dr. Akilah Weber Pierson

Previously representing California's 79th Assembly District, Dr. Weber Pierson is a medical doctor, educator, former City Councilmember, San Diego native, wife and mom of four

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What makes US so special?





In unprecedented decision, Alabama's Supreme Court ruled frozen embryos are children. It could have chilling effects on IVF, critics say

By Christina Maxouris, CNN

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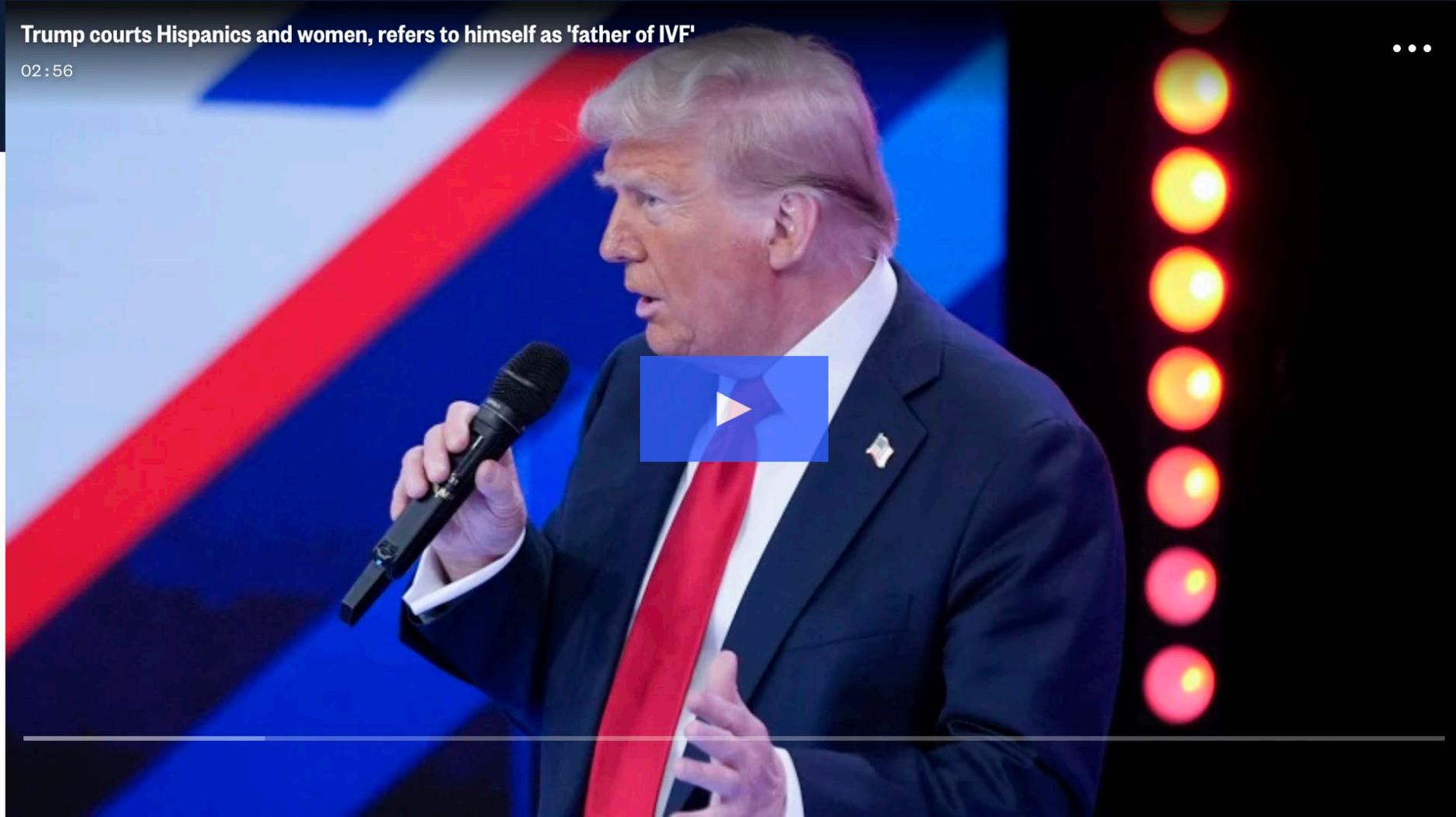


Trump says he's the 'father of IVF' – and that he just recently learned what it is

Trump made the contradictory remarks at a town hall when asked about in vitro fertilization.

Trump courts Hispanics and women, refers to himself as 'father of IVF'

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Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Expands Access to In Vitro Fertilization (IVF)

The White House | February 18, 2025

LOWERING COSTS AND REDUCING BARRIERS TO IVF: Today, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order expanding access to in vitro fertilization (IVF) for Americans.

- The Order directs policy recommendations to protect IVF access and aggressively reduce out-of-pocket and health plan costs for such treatments.
 - The recommendations will focus on how to ensure reliable access to IVF.
 - Priority will also be placed on addressing any current policies, including those that require legislation, that exacerbate the cost of IVF treatments.
- The Order recognizes the importance of family formation and that our Nation's public policy must make it easier for loving and longing mothers and fathers to have children.

SUPPORTING AMERICAN FAMILIES: As many as one in seven couples trying to have a baby are unable to conceive, and many face significant financial hurdles to accessing IVF.



Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Announces Actions to Lower Costs and Expand Access to In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) and High-Quality Fertility Care

The White House

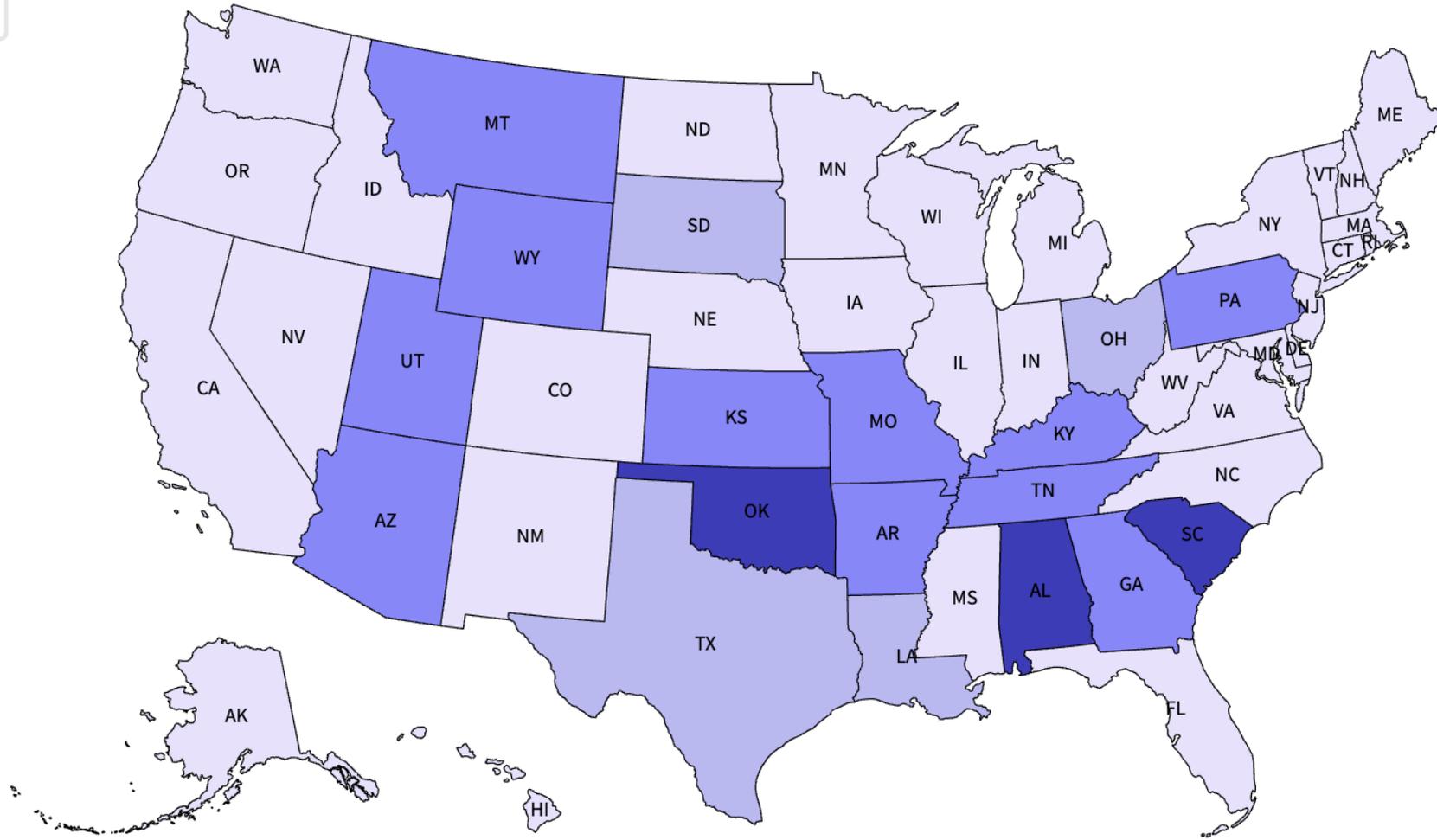
October 16, 2025

BRINGING MOST-FAVORED-NATION DRUG PRICING TO WOMEN: Today, President Donald J. Trump announced the third agreement with a leading pharmaceutical manufacturer to bring American drug prices in line with the lowest prices paid by other developed nations (known as the most-favored-nation, or MFN, price). This agreement is with one of the world's leading manufacturers of fertility medications, EMD Serono, and will result in massive cost savings on fertility treatments.

- GONAL-F, a commonly used fertility medication, will be made available to women purchasing directly from *TrumpRx.gov* at a discount equal to 796% of the deal price.
- Low- and middle-income women (those with incomes below 550% of the Federal poverty level) will receive an additional discount totaling 2,320% of the deal price when

Does a state have fetal personhood laws?

Legend ■ Yes, by judicial decision ■ Yes, applying to all laws ■ Yes, applying to criminal laws ■ No





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The U.S. is destroying \$9.7 million in contraceptives. Is there another option?

JULY 28, 2025 · 2:01 PM ET

By Rachel Treisman



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Will Birth Control Be Banned During Trump's Second Term? Experts Explain Future Access

You don't need to get an IUD just yet. (Unless you want to!)

By Korin Miller Published: Nov 07, 2024 4:51 PM EST



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Change in Number of OB/GYN Physicians Practicing Obstetrics After the *Dobbs* Decision

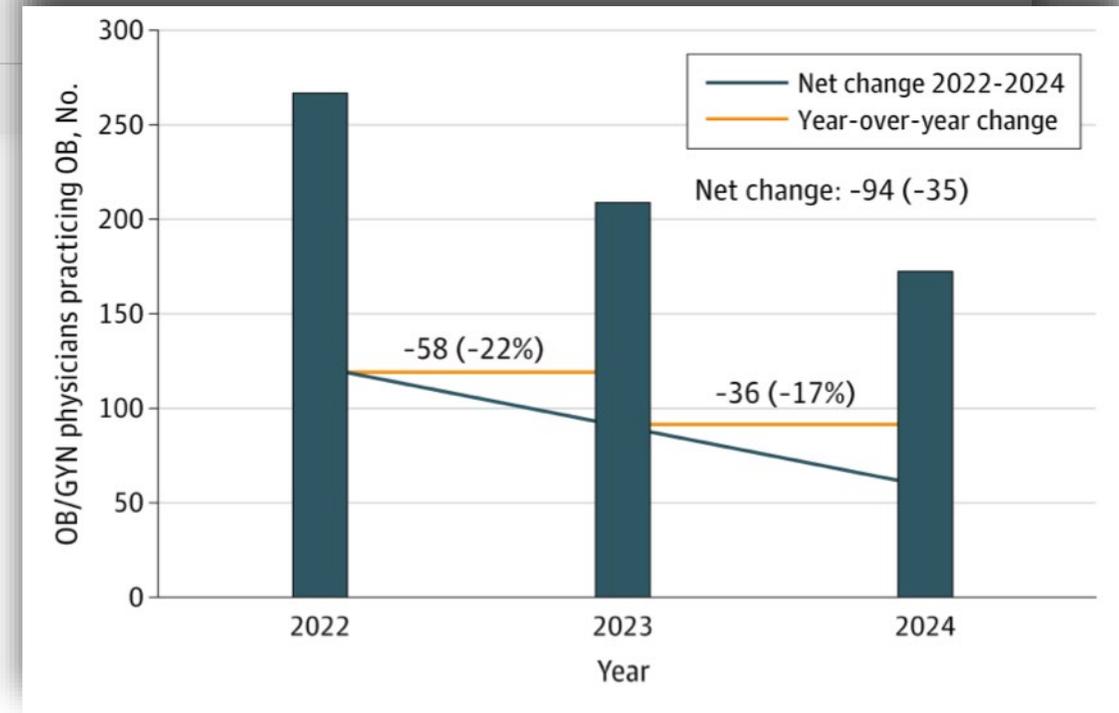
JAMA Netw Open

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Table. Disposition of the 55 Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB/GYN) Physicians Who Left the Practice of Obstetrics in Idaho in 2024^a

Disposition	No. (%)
Retired	12 (22)
GYN only	9 (16)
Left rural practice to consolidate practice in urban practice site	7 (13)
Move out of state ^b	23 (42)
In-state move	4 (7)





States With Abortion Bans See Continued Decrease in U.S. MD Senior Residency Applicants

By Kendal Orgera, MPH, MPP, Lead Research Analyst, AAMC Research and Action Institute and Atul Grover, MD, PhD, Executive Director, AAMC Research and Action Institute

May 9, 2024

The new data analysis finds continued reductions in applicants to residency programs located in states with abortion bans two years after the *Dobbs* decision (during the 2023-2024 application cycle). As of April 1, 2024, [14](#)

“Every pregnancy is unique. Every person is different. You can’t even begin to list all the situations that could arise. So that’s what we are dealing with. The chilling effect on the medical community, you can feel it.”

Russ Miller, CEO
TN Medical Association

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‘Chilling effect’: Doctors face new legal quandaries under Tennessee’s abortion ban

Threat of felony, loss of license also poses threats to rural health and medical school pipeline

BY: JAMIE MCGEE - SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 6:00 AM



“I hope that I am brave enough to move past that worry to take care of patients the way I’m trained to.”

Dr. Nikki Zite
Knoxville, TN



Millions of Californians gain access to in vitro fertilization under new law

 BY KRISTEN HWANG
DECEMBER 24, 2025

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Gov. Newsom approves \$90M in emergency funds for Planned Parenthood clinics



Wednesday, February 11, 2026 6:20PM



California is committed to funding reproductive health care, pledging money to Planned Parenthood after federal funds were stripped from its clinics.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- California is committed to funding reproductive health care, pledging money to Planned Parenthood after federal funds were stripped from its clinics.



Building power
Meet the OB-GYNs fighting back against Trump's 'guerrilla war on science'

As some medical groups cave to the Trump administration, the American College of OB-GYNs is taking a stand

“Over the summer, ACOG became the first national medical society to reject funding from the Trump administration. The group made the move, in part, [over fears](#) that the administration’s executive orders restricting diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) efforts from groups that receive federal funding would warp ACOG’s research and hurt efforts to advance health equity.”

ILLINOIS ABORTION CLINICS SEE 35% SURGE IN PROCEDURES POST-DOBBS, ACCORDING TO OHIO STATE RESEARCH

 By Rhett Parker

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Louisiana challenges abortion shield laws with indictment of New York telehealth doctor

The case is one of the first direct challenges to shield laws enacted in blue states that protect providers who prescribe abortion pills to out-of-state patients.





Robert F Kennedy Jr on the comedian Theo Von's podcast
YOUTUBE

RFK Jr: I'm not afraid of germs — I snorted cocaine off toilet seats

The health and human services secretary revealed that he continued to attend addiction-recovery meetings during the Covid pandemic despite the infection risk



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Site Under Maintenance

CDC's website is being modified to comply with President Trump's Executive Orders.

Last Reviewed: January 24, 2025

Science or Trump? The impossible choice faced by the ousted CDC chief

AUG 28, 2025





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IVF vs. Abortion: Which Practice is More Deadly?



By: Megan Wilhelm Thought Leadership



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Treating Infertility: The New Frontier of Reproductive Medicine

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Lawmaker Says He Didn't Research Ectopic Pregnancy Procedure Before Adding To Bill

WOSU 89.7 NPR News | By Associated Press
Published December 12, 2019 at 1:00 PM EST



Ohio House

State Rep. John Becker told the newspaper he never researched whether re-implanting an ectopic pregnancy into a woman's uterus was a viable medical procedure before including it in the bill. Sheets declined comment.

"I heard about it over the years," Becker said. "I never questioned it or gave it a lot of thought."



#Misinformation: Infertility advice and social media

Published 23 June 2025 posted in [Comment](#) and appears in [BioNews 1294](#)

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Infertility is often a deeply emotional and isolating experience, and it's no surprise that many people turn to the internet for answers. But how good is the information they find there? Dr Tanveer Dhanoya and Mr Kuga Vigneswaran found out ...

Nearly half (47 percent) of content creators had no relevant qualifications or links to fertility or healthcare

Only 11 percent of posts were found to be credible

Almost half (45 percent) of the posts contained inaccurate information when compared to national and international medical guidelines

Make Women Fertile Again

Simple things women can do to support fertility

- Stay hydrated
- Exercise regularly
- Get 7-9 hours of sleep
- Eat nutrient-rich foods
- Get omega-3s
- Reduce plastics & fragrance
- Track your cycle
- Manage stress
- Limit alcohol & smoking
- Incorporate a quality prenatal
- Find Jesus
- Get morning sunlight

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Fertility isn't just hormones. It's how we live. How we eat. How we rest ...

STUDIES REVEAL POLYESTER CLOTHING IS LINKED TO INFERTILITY IN BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, ENDOCRINE DISRUPTIONS AND EVEN REDUCED IVF SUCCESS RATES.

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New studies reveal the health risks of polyester clothing. It's linked to infertility in both men ...

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Everything I Did to Outperform My Doctor's Egg Retrieval Predictions

I'M NOT A DOCTOR BUT THESE ARE EASY TIPS ANY WOMAN CAN DO FOR BETTER RESULTS.

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Having a child is a deeply personal decision, and not one I made lightly. It's hard to imagine life ...



A SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN FIGHTING IVF DISINFORMATION AND SHARING GRATITUDE

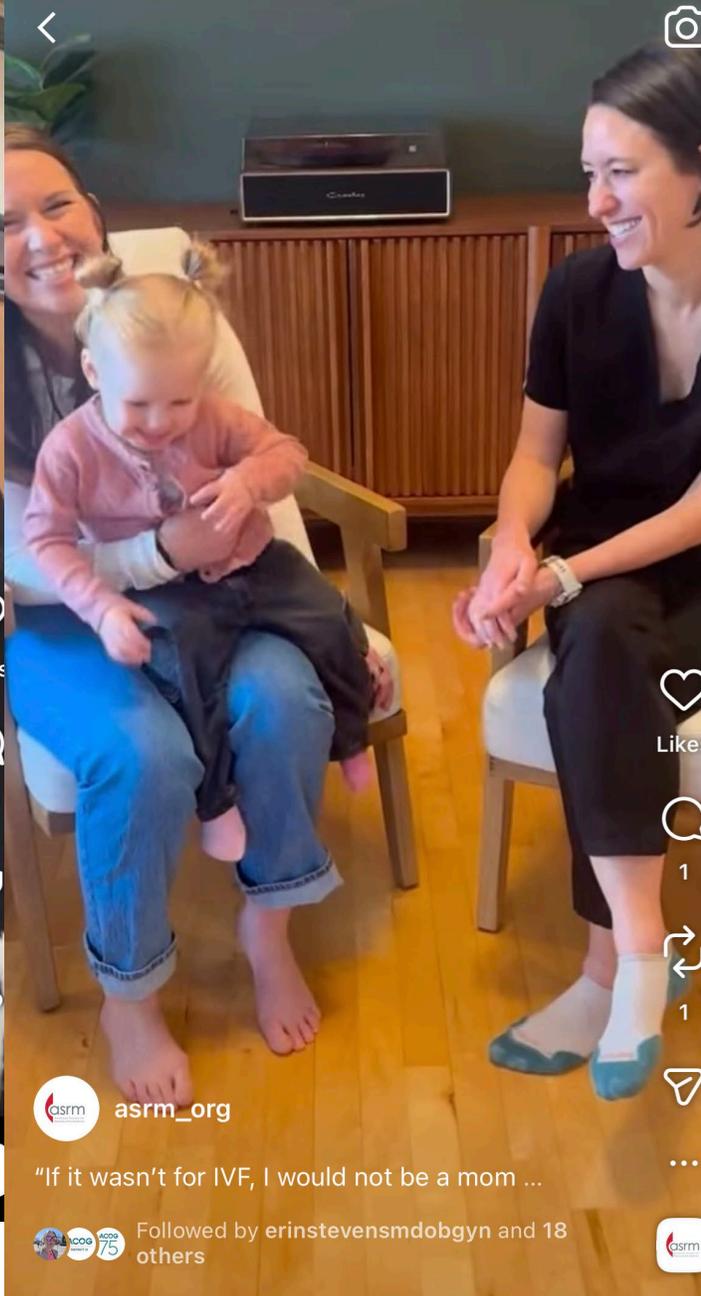
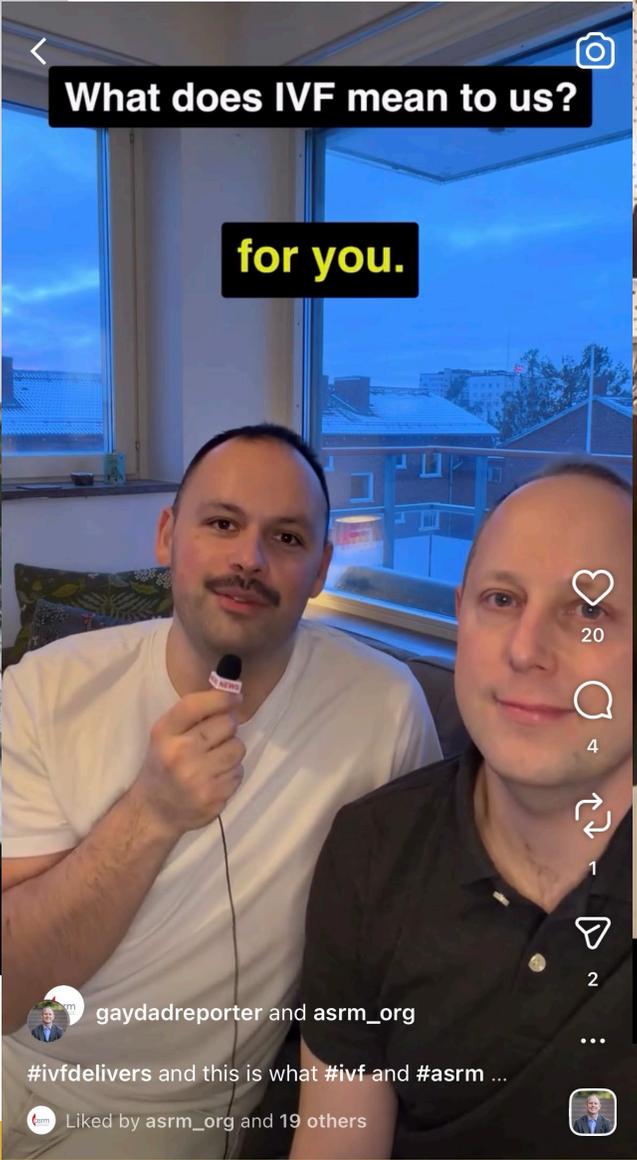


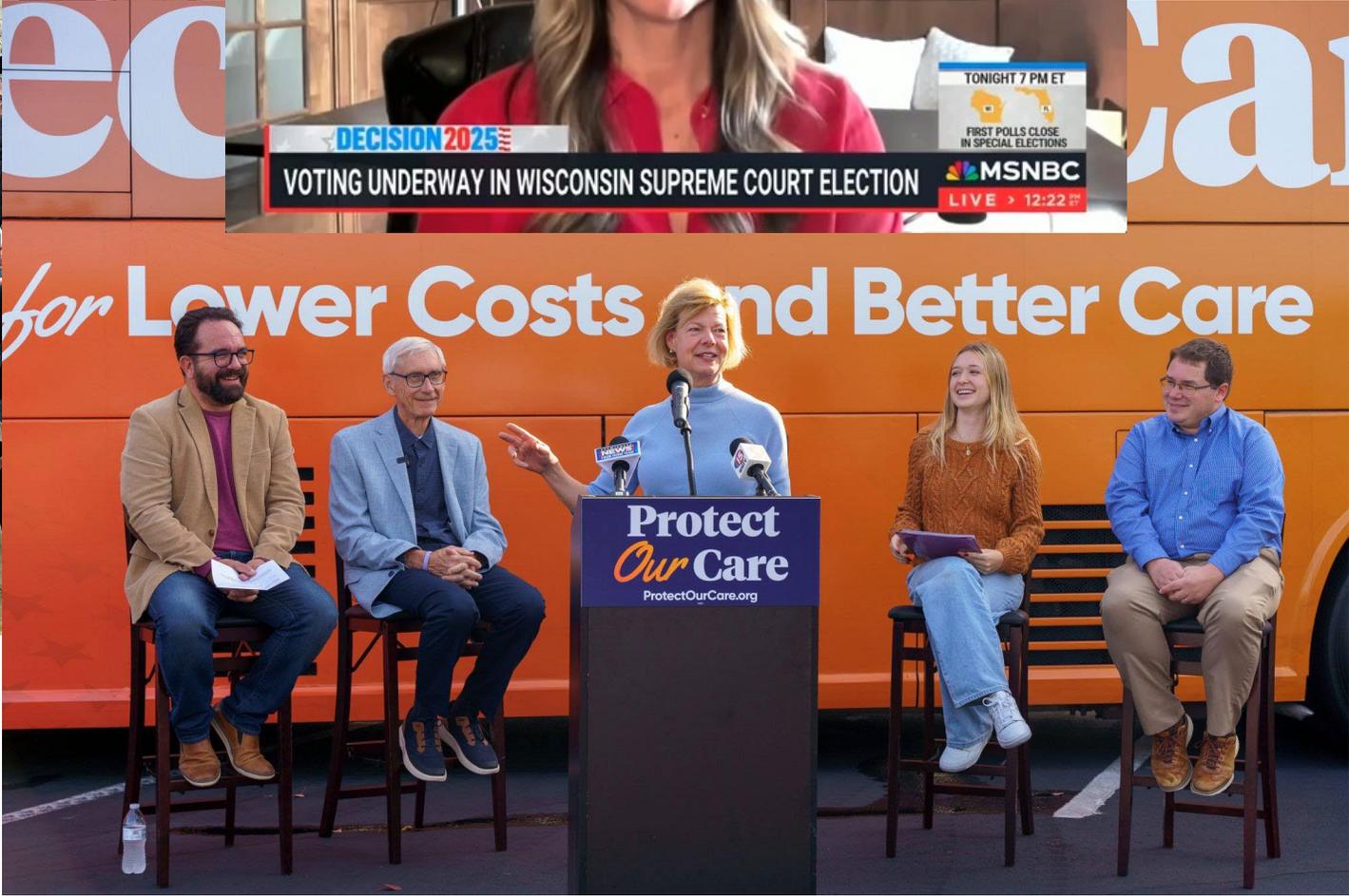
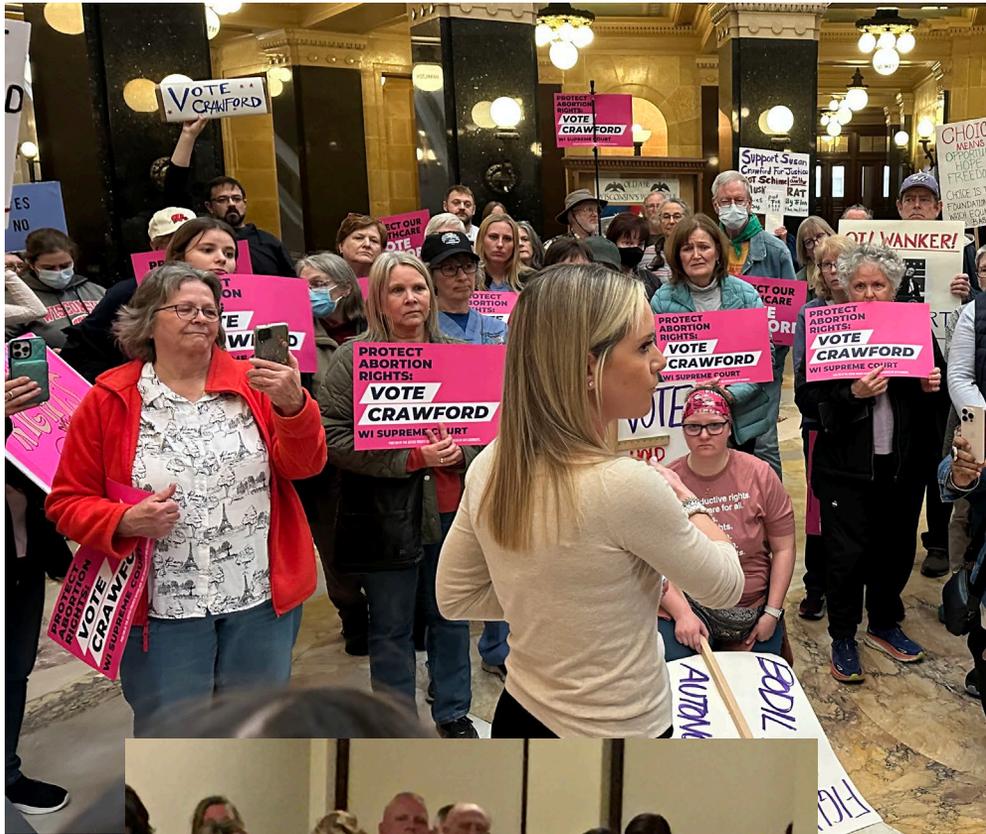
WHO: Patients, providers, and advocates from the infertility community with an IVF story to share.

WHAT: A 90-second reel of you sharing what IVF means to you, featuring the hashtag #IVFdelivers in the caption. Providers are encouraged to record with a patient and vice versa.



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Submit your Post-Dobbs Story

Anonymously share an issue that evidences the impact of laws or policies that restrict or ban access to reproductive health care, including abortion. ACOG will not post these stories or share them publicly. [Submit using our anonymous portal](#)

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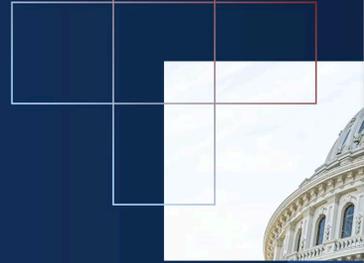
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