

General Call Questions

Ways to share your story:

You can submit your story here: <https://www.together.plannedparenthood.org>

You can use this tool to submit multiple LTE's:

Absorption State page is here:

<https://act.newmode.net/action/we-demand-more/help-protect-abortion-rights-across-country>

Ban/Loss State page is here:

<https://act.newmode.net/action/we-demand-more/help-protect-our-abortion-rights>

How to get help with your story: <https://forms.gle/K8Ge7huLP2FQULy96>

Or Email us at volunteer@ppfa.org

Legal questions: Go to <https://www.reprolegalhelpline.org/>

Local events: You can find the website for your local PP here:

www.plannedparenthood.org/about-us/contact-us and find your local health center here:
www.plannedparenthood.org/health-center.

You can also find local/ virtual events here: <https://events.plannedparenthood.org/local>

PP Linktree: <https://linktr.ee/ppvirtualvolunteerprogram>

General Links:

Accessing Abortion Care:

- Abortion Finder: abortionfinder.org
- Planned Parenthood: plannedparenthood.org/learn/abortion
- Planned Parenthood: **1-800-230-PLAN**
- Self-Managed Abortion: reprolegalhelpline.org
- Practical Support Groups: apiaryps.org/pso-list

Donate & Support Abortion Funds + Independent Clinics:

- Abortion Funds: NNAF.org/InvestInAbortionFunds
- Independent Clinics: abortioncarenetwork.org

Questions about mife – direct folks to this webpage or use responses below:

<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/blog/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-latest>

[-attack-on-abortion-care-the-mifepristone-abortion-pill](#)

- **What is mifepristone?**
 - Mifepristone is one of two medications most commonly used in medication abortion in the United States. Mifepristone is safe, effective, and has been used by more than 5 million people in the U.S. since the FDA approved it more than 20 years ago.
- **Is mifepristone safe?**
 - There is overwhelming evidence that medication abortion using mifepristone is safe and effective for virtually anyone who wants to end an early pregnancy, with a safety record of over 99%
- **Questions about the court case**
 - A group of anti-abortion activists and organizations sued the FDA over its approval of mifepristone, one of two medications most commonly used in medication abortion in the United States. The plaintiffs asked the court to order the FDA to rescind its approval of mifepristone from more than 20 years ago, in order to remove it from the market.
- **What does this mean for Planned Parenthood?**
 - PP health centers across the country will continue to do whatever is possible to provide patients with timely abortion care, including the method that is best for their circumstances, within the bounds of the law.

TRICKY Q&A re: Margaret Sanger & PP

Black and Brown Planned Parenthood staff have come forward to talk about how they were poorly treated at Planned Parenthood. How are you claiming to have reckoned with your past if your own staff complain of discrimination and unfair treatment?

Over the years, staff at PPFA and Planned Parenthood affiliates have spoken out when they see discrimination and challenging work environments for people of color, especially Black staff. Planned Parenthood's skilled and dedicated staff are at the core of who we are, and we are standing with them when they point out conduct that runs afoul of our mission and values.

We take this seriously. We are investing in creating belonging and equity through our health care delivery, our advocacy, our education, and our staff engagement. Examining our

relationship with Margaret Sanger and our organization's origins — and using that insight to rectify our past — is a step toward doing better for all of our staff, patients, and volunteers. We are committed to equity within our offices and at Planned Parenthood health centers.

You're admitting that Margaret Sanger was a racist. Isn't this proof that Planned Parenthood was founded by someone who wanted to exterminate Black people?

No. There is no evidence that Margaret Sanger wanted to exterminate Black people, or supported "Black genocide." However, Margaret Sanger, who founded the organization that became Planned Parenthood, believed in eugenics — an ideology that labeled certain people unfit to have children. Although at times Sanger argued for a eugenics that was not based on race or religion, eugenics is inherently racist and ableist. Planned Parenthood denounces Margaret Sanger's belief in eugenics and condemns the irreparable damage these beliefs caused to the health and lives of countless people. While Sanger's work with the Black community was deeply flawed and harmful, there is no evidence her work ever intended to exterminate any race.

Planned Parenthood believes that all people — of every race, religion, gender identity, ability, immigration status, and geography — are full human beings with the right to determine their own future and decide, without coercion or judgement, whether and when to have children. Margaret Sanger's racism and belief in eugenics are in direct opposition to our mission and values.

Does Planned Parenthood target Black and Latino neighborhoods with abortion clinics?

No, this is false; it's insulting and degrading. Black and Latino/a/x leaders in Planned Parenthood and Reproductive Justice organizations will tell you: It's time we allow all people — including Black and Latino/a/x people — the autonomy to make their own health care decisions. There is a long and ugly history of this country taking away the rights of people of color. That includes the right to decide whether and when to have children.

After years of making excuses for Margaret Sanger, why are you suddenly choosing to acknowledge that Margaret Sanger was racist now?

By openly discussing, addressing, and resolving our historical shortcomings, we hope to make our own organization an example of belonging, equity, and respect within the health care system. Whereas in the past, we have attempted to soften the harm caused by Sanger's legacy by highlighting the positive effects of the reproductive freedom movement, we realize that we

must be unequivocal in our denouncement of her beliefs and the damage it caused to generations of people.

The last year — as COVID-19 devastates communities, and the country reckons with our racist history and present — has made it more clear than ever that racism is a threat to the health, safety, and well-being of Black, Latino/a/x, Asian American and Pacific Islander, and Indigenous people. As a country, we must continuously question ourselves, our structures, and our processes to identify areas where improvement and progress are needed. Only after confronting this, will we improve health equity.

Planned Parenthood has been accused of “stepping on the toes” of Black-led Reproductive Justice organizations. Given this pattern, along with your acknowledgement that Planned Parenthood’s founder was racist, why should RJ leaders and organizations — and other Black women — trust you?

Until recently, Planned Parenthood had kept quiet during times when we should have spoken out more assertively against racism, discrimination, and white supremacy, and took up too much space in moments where fellow leaders’ and partners’ voices should have been elevated. This includes the efforts of our Reproductive Justice partners.

These past missteps were opportunities to learn and grow, and we are committed to being good partners in the movement towards reproductive freedom for all people. That means stepping up to use our voice, resources, and expertise to help ensure all people have the right to determine their own future, and stepping back into a supportive role when other organizations are leading the charge.

Planned Parenthood wouldn’t exist if it weren’t for Sanger. Why are you cancelling her?

Planned Parenthood isn’t “cancelling” Margaret Sanger. We are acknowledging the full scope of her legacy and the harm she caused with her embrace of eugenics — an inherently racist and ableist ideology that is in direct opposition to Planned Parenthood’s values and beliefs. We need to acknowledge and learn from our own history so that we can continue to do better for our patients, supporters, and future generations.

Why aren’t you also talking about all the incredible things Margaret Sanger did for generations of women?

For more than a century, Planned Parenthood had celebrated Margaret Sanger and her legacy, without denouncing the eugenic beliefs she held and the way those beliefs harmed generations

of disabled people and people of color. We must acknowledge how silence carried on that legacy . This acknowledgment does not erase how elements of the movement for reproductive freedom improved the lives of many women by giving them control of their bodies and lives. Both legacies are true.

Margaret Sanger started the “Negro Project.” Doesn’t that prove she wasn’t racist?

Margaret Sanger believed in eugenics, an inherently racist and ableist ideology. Sanger began what was called the “Negro Project” in 1939 along with Black leaders like W.E.B. DuBois and Mary McLeod Bethune. The goal of this project was to increase birth control access in Black communities in the South by staffing birth control clinics with Black doctors and nurses. Sanger lost control of this project, and under the leadership of white men, Black women were instead sent to white doctors for birth control services, which heightened issues of paternalism and racism in health care.

Q: How can I become involved as a clinic escort?

A: We encourage you to check your local Planned Parenthood to see if they have any opportunities. You may not receive a response from them right away because many are overwhelmed with lots of volunteers right now! You can find the website for your local PP here: www.plannedparenthood.org/about-us/contact-us and find your local health center here: www.plannedparenthood.org/health-center.

You can also find local/ virtual events here: <https://events.plannedparenthood.org/local>

Q: What does this ban on abortion mean for me in my state?

A: You can check out what the status of abortion access looks like in your state here: <https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/abortion-access-tool/US>

Q: Can I help drive people/house them for their abortions?

A: You can check out Apiary to find practical support organizations near you. They provide logistical support to people receiving abortions. <https://apiaryps.org/pso-list>

Q: How can I volunteer with my local Planned Parenthood?

A: I would encourage you to connect with your local organizers. Local PPs are going to be very overloaded so you may have a long response time! You can find the website for your local PP here: www.plannedparenthood.org/about-us/contact-us and find your local health center here: www.plannedparenthood.org/health-center.

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Q: How can I start volunteering?

A: I would encourage you to join one of our teams! As mentioned in this presentation, we have three teams: the social media team, the community mobilization team, and the storytelling team. To learn more about the teams and to become onboarded, join our next team training:
<https://www.weareplannedparenthood.org/a/ppfa-national-volunteer-events>

Q: Is there protests/ rallies happening near me?

A: You can look for any local rallies here: <https://map.wewontgoback.com/>

Q: What if I can't join the team training?

A: We will have future trainings! If you cannot join in general, I encourage you to still register and we can send you all the materials covered in a follow-up email! Here is the link to upcoming calls: <https://www.weareplannedparenthood.org/a/ppfa-national-volunteer-events>

Q: What is a teach-in?

A: A teach-in is an opportunity to mobilize folks within your network regarding abortion access. To learn more about it, you can join our team training call and the Community Mobilization Team will follow up with you!
<https://www.weareplannedparenthood.org/a/ppfa-national-volunteer-events>

Q: How do I join a team?

A: You can join our team training call! We have trainings consistently for each team and you can register here: <https://www.weareplannedparenthood.org/a/ppfa-national-volunteer-events>

Q: What is a trigger ban?

A: A trigger ban is a law designed to be “triggered” and take effect automatically or by quick state action if Roe no longer applies

Q: What is a Pre-Roe ban?

A: A pre-roe ban is a law enacted before 1973 and never removed

Q: Will these links be shared?

A: Yes we will send a follow-up email with all the resources we share as well as the powerpoint! You can also find the links we share here in our linktree:
<https://linktr.ee/ppafnationalvolunteerprogram>

Q: Is this call the same as previous mobilization calls?

A: Yes this call is the same as previous mobilization calls and is oriented towards new volunteers joining our teams and learning more about the current abortion access crisis. We have this call every week!

****If they ask for something that would require a longer follow-up or a meeting - tell them to email volunteer@ppfa.org and we will follow up!**

Teach-In Specific Questions:

For questions you cannot answer:

A: Hi there, thank you so much for your support! Please email volunteer@ppfa.org about this and they'll happily follow up with you soon.

Q: Can I collaborate with others in hosting a teach-in?

A: Absolutely! You are more than welcome to find someone on your own to collaborate with. If you would like us to set you up with someone in a virtual teach-in, you will be directed to fill out a form near the end of the sign-up to lead a teach-in form:

<https://forms.gle/1AKWj8LHhn7LtG8V8>

Q: Can I observe a teach-in first? Or can I help out another person hosting a teach-in in a smaller capacity?

A: Yes! If interested in observing a volunteer's teach-in or helping in a smaller capacity, you can find options to do so in this form: <https://forms.gle/iSz77dh1KJGR37H3A>

Q: How do I talk about abortion with people who have not been supportive in the past?

A: First of all, our biggest priority is your safety. If you do not feel comfortable engaging with unsupportive folks, please prioritize your comfort and safety and there are other ways you can mobilize. If you do feel comfortable, I encourage you to check out this how to talk about abortion resource:

<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-tennessee-and-north-mississippi/talkin-g-about-abortion>

Q: Can I check out the presentations of volunteers who have successfully led a teach-in?

A: Yes! We have included a folder in the teach-in resources drive that includes volunteer presentations:

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/folders/1cTEGM4j1tdFVkyk06eiXVNM_DddNi65g

Office hours link: <https://www.weareplannedparenthood.org/a/national-volunteer-office-hours>

Additional Questions

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<p>I missed the call, what do I do?</p>	<p>Hi there, you can find a recording of our national rapid response call here: https://www.facebook.com/PlannedParenthoodGenerationAction/live_videos</p> <p>If you want to join a future call, you can sign up here: https://www.weareplannedparenthood.org/a/ppfa-national-volunteer-events</p>
<p>How can I get involved? I don't have a Planned Parenthood in my city, but I want to get involved/volunteer. What can I do?</p>	<p>Hi there. Thank you for reaching out to us! To learn about future events and protests, please visit www.bansoff.org.</p> <p>You can also connect with your local Planned Parenthood affiliate to learn about other ways you can get involved. To find your Planned Parenthood affiliate for your state or region here: www.plannedparenthood.org/about-us/contact-us. To find local events, check here: https://events.plannedparenthood.org/local</p> <p>You can sign up to become a National virtual volunteer on our website here: https://www.plannedparenthood.org/get-involved/jobs-and-volunteering/volunteer.</p> <p>Check out upcoming National Volunteer events here: https://www.weareplannedparenthood.org/a/ppfa-national-volunteer-events</p>
<p>How can I get involved with the National Storytelling Team?</p>	<p>Please check out our teach-in and house party toolkit here: https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/rightfully-ours/bans-off-our-bodies/house-party-toolkit</p> <p>You can learn more about sharing your story here: https://www.together.plannedparenthood.org/</p>
<p>How can I get involved with the National Community Mobilization Team?</p>	<p>If you would be interested in spreading the word about these resources, another volunteer opportunity you could do is host a "teach-in."</p> <p>What is a teach-in? A teach-in is an opportunity to spread information about reproductive health/ abortion access in any capacity among your network and is part of our Community Mobilization Team in our national volunteering program. We would give you all the resources you need to run a successful teach-in.</p>

	<p>Education is going to be one of the most important actions we can do at a time like this.</p> <p>If you would like to learn more about this team, you can join our team training this Saturday or next week: https://www.weareplannedparenthood.org/a/ppfa-national-volunteer-events?pn=2</p> <p>Please check out our teach-in and house party toolkit here: https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/rightfully-ours/bans-off-our-bodies/house-party-toolkit</p> <p>You can check out the "steps" and find resources to run a teach-in here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QJQAZRk1y5vvsaNAAaTPPPFM-Z6e2G2zkLn5EnQXf3oQ/edit</p>
<p>How can I get involved with the National Social Media Team?</p>	<p>If you would like to learn more about this team, you can join our team training this Saturday or next week: https://www.weareplannedparenthood.org/a/ppfa-national-volunteer-events?pn=2</p> <p>You can start taking action online here: https://share.istandwithpp.org/campaign/3DA93663-C7A8-418A-A5A9-B88DF44B5893</p>
<p>I want to share more about abortion access on my social media. How can I do that?</p>	<p>Hi there. Thank you so much for reaching out to us, and for your support! We recommend that you visit BansOff.org for resources and additional information you can share. You can also find social media kits with resources to share.</p>
<p>Where can I donate to local abortion funds:</p>	<p>Hi there. We appreciate you and your support. You can donate to a local abortion fund here: https://secure.actblue.com/donate/supportabortionfunds?refcode=PPFA and to independent providers here: https://keepourclinics.org/</p>

<p>Where can I donate to a local Planned Parenthood?</p>	<p>Hi there. We appreciate you and your support. You can make a donation on our website: https://p.ppfa.org/3sNwQlv or by calling 1-800-430-4907. Click on “specific giving” to select a local Planned Parenthood organization to donate to. Thank you for your support!</p>
<p>I live in [state with a trigger and/or pre-Roe ban] - should I cancel my appointment?</p>	<p>Hi there. Thank you for reaching out. We recommend reaching out to the Planned Parenthood health center where you made your appointment for the most up-to-date information on the laws in your state, appointments and services offered. You can get connected with your local health center by calling 1-800-230-PLAN or on our website here: www.plannedparenthood.org/health-center.</p>
<p>Is abortion still accessible in my state?</p>	<p>Hi there. You can see where you can access abortion on this abortion access tool, created by our friends at Planned Parenthood Action Fund: https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/abortion-access-tool/US. If you or someone you know needs access to care, including abortion, call 1-800-230-PLAN or visit AbortionFinder.org. You can also reach out to your local Planned Parenthood health center for the most up to date information in your state. You can get connected with them here: www.plannedparenthood.org/health-center.</p>
<p>Can the abortion pill be mailed to me?</p>	<p>Hi there. Many local Planned Parenthood health centers offer abortion pills. Some Planned Parenthood health centers also offer telehealth/virtual appointments to certain patients. You can find appointments for abortion pills here: https://www.plannedparenthood.org/get-care/get-care-online. You can learn more about the abortion pill on our website here: https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/abortion/the-abortion-pill/how-do-i-get-the-abortion-pill.</p> <p>Learn more about self-managed abortion here: https://www.reprolegalhelpline.org/</p>
<p>If I use a period tracker app in a state where there are abortion restrictions, will my data now be tracked?</p>	<p>Hi there. Thank you so much for reaching out! You can find answers to your question regarding data tracking here: https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/ask-experts/ive-heard-that-period-tracking-apps-can-make-your-personal-information-public-and-or-sell-it-to-others-if-they-want-to-is-that-true. Spot On has a feature that allows you to anonymously use the app and track. We are also considering a future release to enhance our security measures. In the meantime, you can log out when you’re done tracking! Hope this helps!</p>

<p>Will Planned Parenthood’s Spot On app sell my data? Especially if I’m in a state with restrictions in place?</p>	<p>Hi there. Thank you for your question. Spot On never sells user data. We collect the minimal amount of data required to provide the tool, while rigorously safeguarding the privacy of our users by ensuring the proper data protections are in place. We only receive anonymized aggregated data, which is used to gather insights and identify trends to improve the product. This is only shared within our team, or specific third-party platforms — such as an analytics service — which have been vetted by our Information Security team. Additionally, Spot On does not share data with other health providers, health plans, or clearing houses, so it is not subject to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) laws as well.</p>
<p>I’m a journalist reporting on abortion access. Where can I send a media request?</p>	<p>Hi, there. Please email media.office@ppfa.org with your request. Thank you!</p>
<p>What does the SCOTUS decision mean?</p>	<p>The Supreme Court’s decision confirms our deepest fears.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The court has taken away the constitutional right to abortion, and overturned <i>Roe v. Wade</i>. • The decision is as dangerous as it is shocking, and will open the floodgates for states across the country to ban abortion. • This is not the end goal for the anti-abortion movement. Their ultimate goal is to pass a nationwide abortion ban that would block abortion access in every state in the country. <p>You can learn more from our lawyers here: https://www.weareplannedparenthood.org/a/scotusdecision_ganda</p>
<p>Is <i>Roe v. Wade</i> overturned?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, the Supreme Court has overturned <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, ending the federal constitutional right to abortion • For now, abortion is still legal in the majority of the country. • However, we will soon see states’ trigger laws and other bans go into effect, and other states’ legislatures will move to ban abortion. • Planned Parenthood is committed to getting people the resources and information they need to access an abortion, no matter where they live.

<p>I want to host/transport patients</p>	<p>It is incredibly generous to open your home to provide support for patients who will be forced to travel to access abortion.</p> <p>While we do not coordinate these efforts at the national office, I encourage you to reach out to both your local Planned Parenthood affiliate and local abortion fund — the primary point of contact for patients — and supporting their logistical and financial needs in your area.</p> <p>We also recommend that you reach out to Apiary where you can find all practical support organizations in your state: https://apiaryps.org/psolist</p> <p>Several local abortion funds will also use their donations to provide logistical support, such as housing, transportation, etc. If you have the capability, donating to local abortion funds would be very impactful. You can look up your local abortion funds or donate to the National Network of Abortion Funds here: https://secure.actblue.com/donate/supportabortionfunds?refcode=PPFA</p>
<p>I want to post on Social Media</p>	<p>Thank you for being a vocal advocate for abortion access and our rights in your network. We've put together a Social Swag Kit that you can use in your social media posts. You can also post to social media directly using this link: https://share.istandwithpp.org/campaign/3DA93663-C7A8-418A-A5A9-B88DF44B5893</p> <p>If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to follow up with us.</p>
<p>How can I donate airline miles?</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your thoughtful request. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept airline miles or credit card points/rewards toward airline travel or hotel stays at this time.</p> <p>To support patient navigation, access, and support, we encourage you to donate to local abortion funds, Planned Parenthood affiliates, and Planned Parenthood Federation of America.</p> <p>If you are in the Midwest, Elevated Access is an emerging partner organization that brings patients to Illinois for abortion care.</p>

Medical practitioners who want to help	You can find out more ways medical practitioners are supporting abortion access here: https://prh.org/
Lawyers and providing legal support	You can find out more ways lawyers are supporting abortion access here: https://www.ifwhenhow.org/reproductive-justice-lawyers-network/ and law students here: https://www.ifwhenhow.org/get-involved/law-students/