

FORCED PREGNANCY IS NOT FREEDOM

Central to the concept of freedom is the liberty to hold diverse beliefs and make choices based on one's conscience and personal circumstances. Florida's abortion ban is an infringement upon these principles of freedom, liberty, and personal autonomy. Abortion bans deny the individual the power to make choices that are deeply personal and profoundly consequential.

Reproduction is a Non-Partisan Issue

72% of Americans nationwide agree that the decision about whether to end a pregnancy should belong solely to the pregnant person.

67% of Floridians believe abortion should be legal in most or all cases.

Only **12%** of Floridians want to ban abortion entirely.

(Source ACLU Florida)

- ★ The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and a list of other health organizations all agree that when access to safe and legal abortion is curtailed, individuals may resort to unsafe methods, risking their lives and well-being.
- ★ The World Health Organization states that lack of access to safe, timely, affordable and respectful abortion care is a critical public health and human rights issue.
- ★ The Florida Medical Association has reported a shortage of more than 500 obstetrician-gynecologists as physicians are leaving the state in the wake of Florida's abortion ban and recruiters report a sharp rise in reluctance for physicians and nurses from other states to accept employment in Florida due to the law. Several areas of the state were already suffering from a lack of access to women's healthcare and it will only get worse. **This affects every woman in Florida.**
- ★ Most women don't know they're pregnant until after six weeks of gestation, making Florida law a near-total ban on reproductive healthcare.
- ★ The closest state with legal reproductive healthcare beyond Florida's limit is Maryland, **over 1,000 miles from Collier County.**
- ★ Not one of the abortion bans around the country that seek to criminalize women and doctors, ever address the man involved in the pregnancy.
- ★ No abortion law currently addresses the quality of life of the children being forced into families who cannot financially or emotionally support them.

You don't have to be pro-abortion to support every American's right to make their own healthcare decisions in accordance with their individual beliefs and circumstances.