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What could happen to abortion rights in your state if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned? The Center for Reproductive Rights studied state laws, constitutions, and the makeup of the state legislatures across the country to determine which states are most at risk to ban abortion after a *Roe* reversal.

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# Anti-Choice Activists Working Harder Than Ever to Make Abortion a Criminal Act

By **Jennifer Thompson**

According to a recent report issued by the Center for Reproductive Rights, "What if Roe Fell," has rendered shocking and frightening results - at least for those who have an interest in female human rights.

Roe vs. Wade, the paramount Supreme Court decision that took place in the early '70s, is under attack by activists most strongly in recent years than since it took place. Activists are fighting at both state and federal level. According to the report, activists are fighting to make abortion at any stage (and in any circumstance) a criminal act.

The anti-choice activists are taking action, deemed "two-pronged," that are laying the ground. First of all, they are moving forward immediate bans that are a means of for the Supreme Court to overturn Roe vs. Wade. Secondly, they are enacting 'bans-in-waiting' that would make an abortion a criminal act the moment Roe vs. Wade would be overturned.

Said Nancy Northup, president of the Center for Reproductive Rights, "Across the country, a dangerous, but largely undetected movement is laying the foundation for a post-Roe world in which abortion would once again be a crime... And yet, Americans are virtually unaware of these stealth efforts. This is a frightening reality that should sound the alarm for all Americans who care about women's human rights."

The report also discloses the following information regard efforts made by the anti-choice activists since 2004:

-- In the last three years, we've seen the states introduce the largest number of bills to ban abortion in all stages of pregnancy since the early 1990s. Seventeen states have introduced 38 bans-bans-in-waiting and immediate bans.

-- Four states - Louisiana, Mississippi, North Dakota and South Dakota - have enacted abortion bans-in-waiting. Another five states - Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah - introduced bans-in-waiting.

--Fourteen states have introduced immediate bans, many introducing measures multiple times: Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee and West Virginia. South Dakota enacted such a ban in 2006, but it was repealed by referendum.

Katherine Grainger, director of the state program at the Center for Reproductive Rights, said, "This shocking trend is especially damaging to the poorest of women living in states where abortion access is already severely limited... Now that we've sounded the alarm, we are calling on states to put legal protections in place before it's too late."

The report also concludes that most Americans believe that Roe vs. Wade is vulnerable. A public opinion poll was conducted by the Lake Research Partners for the Center garnered the results that most people do want abortion to remain a federally protected choice. Most Americans are also unaware of the acts underway that would endanger the right of abortion and what laws exist in their states.

Source:

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