

WOMEN4CHANGE & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CONVERSATION GUIDE

Conversations about your rights and future can be hard to start with your friends, family, coworkers, children, and the surrounding community. But they are essential in raising awareness of the current status of reproductive rights in America. Below you will find statistics, conversation starters, and talking points to aid your conversations.

Statistics

- 428,540 women in need live in contraceptive deserts, counties that lack reasonable access to the full range of methods. (Source: [Power to Decide](#))
- 102,580 of the 428,540 women in need live in counties without a single health center that provides the full range of methods. (Source: [Power to Decide](#))
- In 2017, some 96% of Indiana Counties had no clinics that provided abortions, and 70% of Indiana women lived in those counties. (Source: [Guttmacher Institute](#))
- If *Roe v. Wade* falls, the travel distance for people seeking an abortion will change. (Source: [Guttmacher Institute](#))
 - Average one-way driving distance under current legal status: 20 Miles
 - Average one-way distance under the ban: 126 miles (531% increase)
 - Closest state with no abortion ban: Illinois
- 88% of Hoosiers believe individuals should have the freedom to decide if and when to have children. The majority of Indiana believes that includes equal access to abortion. (Source: [ACLU Let's Talk About Abortion](#))

Discussion Starters

- I understand we have a different point of view on *Roe v. Wade*. Could we find a time to discuss our different reasoning to understand what *Roe v. Wade* means?
- I've been a bit overwhelmed by the news of what could happen to my future if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned. Do you have the capacity right now to hear how I'm feeling and my fears?
- I'd love to learn more about what you're doing right now to support women in this political landscape. Would you grab dinner with me before Women4Change's next event?
- Could we grab a coffee this weekend and discuss my concerns about SCOTUS supporting Dobbs in *Dobbs v. Jackson*. I'd love to hear your thoughts and share mine as well.

Talking Points

- Overturning Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court's 1973 decision allowing abortion, will have severe implications for women and their families.
- Overturning Roe v. Wade will affect women of lower economic status disproportionately. Hoosier women with economic means will be able to travel out of state for legal abortions. Without that option, Hoosiers might resort to dangerous measures to terminate a pregnancy or carry the baby to term and be forced to rely on welfare safety nets.
- A pregnant woman sitting with her healthcare provider will not have the freedom to rule her own body. Elected officials have made healthcare decisions for her without knowing her health and life situation.
- Overturning Roe could have legal ripple effects beyond abortion rights. Gutting the constitutional ground on which Roe is based – the idea of privacy – allows other landmark cases to come up for grabs. It could open the door to overturning cases affecting Americans' ability to make their own decisions about birth control, same-sex marriage, fertility treatments, including in-vitro fertilization (IVF), and more.