



Rejoicing
Outside the Court June 24, antiabortion advocates celebrated the 5-4 decision. “Now we got a lot of work to do in the states,” said Robert McHone (not pictured) of Maryland, holding an “Abolish Abortion Now” sign.



Regrouping
Abortion-rights advocates on security-heavy streets around the Court on June 24 said they aren’t giving up. “Women have always had to fight for their rights,” Kelly Read (not pictured) said.

A Nation Reckless With the End

LEAKED WEEKS AGO, THE RULING STILL STUNNED BOTH SIDES WHEN IT BECAME THE 1973 DECISION GUARANTEEING AMERICAN WOMEN THE RIGHT

Just seconds after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*—eliminating for American women a reproductive freedom that had been protected by the U.S. constitution for almost 50 years—passions erupted on social media and in the streets. “Today, Life Won,” former vice president Mike Pence celebrated on Twitter, while Hillary Clinton condemned the decision as a reversal of women’s rights “that will live in infamy.” Seven states almost instantly outlawed the procedure (five with no exception for rape or incest), which is expected to be illegal or severely restricted in half the country by year’s end. While thousands protested in cities across the U.S., *People* spoke to experts and demonstrators about the ruling:

Julie Cross, 20, a student in Tampa, demonstrated Sunday morning along the city’s River Walk.
Pro-life is a lie. I’m pro-self-determination. I don’t walk around saying, “Hey, let’s all get abortions”—I’m not an advocate. It’s about having the choice to carry a pregnancy or not carry it.

Madeline Clarke, 22, also a student in Tampa, was at the same site for the other side.
I heard what that woman said. Being pro-life is not a lie! I support the sanctity of human life, including life in the womb. You can’t get around the fact that abortion kills babies. All the Supreme Court said was: It’s up to the states. And for that, women are screaming in the streets like they’re the ones being ripped from the womb.

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REAL: THE OVERTURNING OF THE LANDMARK TO ABORTION *By* SANDRA SOBIERAJ WESTFALL

Robert McHone, 58, a Maryland bartender, went to D.C. to celebrate the ruling.

I've been waiting for this for a long time. I guess there are a lot of people that hate life, but our laws shouldn't be based on that.

Kelly Read, 23, a Washington, D.C., protester originally from Illinois, spoke to Justice Clarence Thomas's written opinion that court decisions regarding the rights to contraception, gay marriage and same-sex relations should also be reconsidered.

The slippery slope is a major concern. It's hard to think about that, but look what happened with *Roe*. We have to be prepared to fight. This time they won, but it's hopefully temporary. I would love to see *Roe* codified into law by Congress. Anything that deals

'10 years ago, would I have imagined *Roe v. Wade* would fall? No'

—DR. BEVERLY GRAY, OB-GYN

with how my body functions is health, and I should have the right to go seek care. It's that simple.

Rachel Nix, 24, from Northern Virginia, held a sign outside the Supreme Court that read "Let this radicalize you rather than lead you to despair." Not just for women getting abortions, but for every person, it's important to be able to make big decisions that can affect the trajectory of their life. Having a child is certainly something that changes your life permanently, and you shouldn't be forced to go through that if it's not something you want.

Congressman Andrew Clyde (R-Ga.) joined abortion-rights opponents outside the Court. I'm here to celebrate and say, "Good job, Supreme Court." It's a decision that will save, I believe, millions of lives. There will be some states that will still allow abortion, and we can hope that legislators in those states, people in those states, would recognize that is not right and it is murder.

Nora, 18, from Montgomery County, Md., rallied outside the Supreme Court. I don't know anyone who has had an abortion that wanted to have an abortion. It's something that is necessary—often medically and for one's own survival. It's not like we're pro-abortion. I took for granted having it as an option, and now that it's gone, I'm concerned for my own safety and the safety of my friends and family.

Dr. Beverly Gray is founder of Duke Reproductive Health Equity and Advocacy Mobilization Team. A lot of people don't have the money to pay for an abortion, much less take a trip to another state, pay for a hotel to get care and then go home. For a lot of people, that's enough to make it impossible to access care. People's lives are at stake.

Allan Dodd, 39, joined the Tampa protests. Personally, I'm against abortion. But my view is, only the woman knows her situation. It's none of my business. I don't want anyone to have an abortion, but it's not my choice. It's the woman's choice.

Elizabeth Nash is state policy analyst for the Guttmacher Institute. We know that the states that are banning abortion are the states with weak safety nets. They don't provide as much for health care, for pregnancy services, for child care, education. And so we'll feel the consequences of this very soon. This is a critical moment in time. We need to be able to move towards a better future where people have the children they want and can live their lives and their futures. ●

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