



Greetings from the AMSA Reproductive Health Project!

Headlines in the news shine more light on abortion care, reproductive justice, injustice – and nearly write this *Spotlight*. This week we've seen some good, and some stunningly unbelievable, news about abortion care.

Starting with some good news from Europe. Lawmakers in Poland began [debating an end to its near-total abortion ban](#), and the [European Parliament demands abortion rights to be enshrined for all Europeans](#) with President of Renew Europe, Valérie Hayer, stating:

*"Women's rights must never fall victim to populism. While Europe's radical right works hard to find new ways to push through their reactionary agenda, we need to remain a frontrunner and be firmer than ever in upholding women's rights. It is time for the right to abortion to be enshrined in law for all Europeans.
Your body, your rights."*

Now, onto some of the unbelievable U.S. headlines and news...

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RECENT THOUGHT-PROVOKING FREE RECORDINGS

- **The fetal personhood movement**, Fresh Air NPR - [Link](#)
- **Florida Supreme Court allows recreational marijuana, abortion on November ballot.** Includes interview with Dr. Chelsea Daniels, Staff Physician at Planned Parenthood. Florida Roundup - [Link](#)
- **Abortion is Essential Healthcare**, Society of Family Planning - [Link](#)
- **The "mini-pill" is approved for over-the-counter sales: A medical overview of the first over-the-counter birth control pill**, Contraceptive Access Initiative - [Link](#)
Deeper Dives from Contraceptive Access Initiative:
 - Frequently asked questions about Opill - [Link](#)
 - Challenging the myths about birth control, Contraceptive Access Initiative - [Link](#)

ABORTION NEWS & RESEARCH

NEWS

- **Have you heard about 'Baby Olivia'? It's how Republicans are lying to kids about abortion.** Medical experts say the video's timeline is about 2 weeks earlier than what doctors agree on. But these concerns haven't stopped legislators from trying to show it in health classes across the country, USA Today - [Link](#)
- **How Florida and Arizona Supreme Court rulings change the abortion access map: Interactive Map Shows Nearest Legal Abortion Providers After 6 Weeks**, NPR - [Link](#)
- **You'll Never Guess Which State Court Just Approved Religious Exemptions From Abortion Bans**, Slate - [Link](#)
- **As a rule, rape exceptions for abortion don't work**, STAT - [Link](#)
- **Lindsey Graham Says Donald Trump Is Making 'A Mistake' On Abortion, Vows To Push Forward With Nationwide Restrictions:** The South Carolina Republican said the GOP presidential nominee is wrong to say the issue should be left to states, pressing his case that there should be some federal limits., NBC News - [Link](#)
Deeper Dives:
 - **What to know about Trump's abortion announcement:** Donald Trump didn't rule out signing a national abortion ban, though it is unlikely Congress would be able to pass one. Politico - [Link](#)
 - **A timeline of Trump's many, many positions on abortion:** Since 1999, Trump has been on just about every side of the abortion issue. Here's a timeline of his many positions. NBC News - [Link](#)

STATE NEWS

- **How Abortion, and IVF, Flipped an Alabama State House Seat**, NY Times - [Link](#)
- **Fatal anomaly exception didn't spare Alabama mom who needed an abortion**: A heart defect and large fetal tumor weren't enough for doctors to feel comfortable granting abortion care. Alabama Reflector - [Link](#)
- **What to know about abortion in Arizona under the near-total 1864 ban**, Associated Press - [Link](#)
- **California colleges provide abortion pills but many fail to make students aware**, Shots Health News - [Link](#)
 - **Deeper Dive**: How Much California Students Pay For Abortion Pills Varies By Campus, LAist - [Link](#)
- **Florida Clinics and Funds Prepare for 'Catastrophic' Abortion Ban**, The Cut - [Link](#)
Deeper Dives:
 - Discussing Florida's abortion amendment and the effect of a six-week ban, WUSF-NPR - [Link](#)
 - Abortion proposal on Florida's November ballot might not end legal fights about the issue, Health News Florida - [Link](#)
- **Florida's strict laws make Latin America a potential destination to get an abortion**, WUWF - [Link](#)
- **Indiana appeals court rules abortion ban likely violates religious freedom protections**, WFYI - [Link](#)
- **Seven women sue Tennessee after being denied medical exemption under state's abortion ban**, NBC News - [Link](#)
Deeper Dive:
 - Her abortion experience was 'bizarre and painful'. Now she's suing Tennessee: Kathryn Archer could not terminate her pregnancy in her home state and, instead, had to wait more than three weeks for an emergency abortion at an out-of-state abortion clinic, The Guardian - [Link](#)
- **Tennessee lawmakers pass bill to require anti-abortion group video, or comparable, in public schools**, ABC News - [Link](#)
- **Court hears arguments to throw out Tennessee abortion lawsuit, block ban in part**: A three-judge panel said it would not issue a decision in court Thursday. ABC News - [Link](#)
 - **Deeper Dive**: Hearing in Blackmon v. State of Tennessee, Center for Reproductive Rights - [Link](#)
- **Kristin Lyerly, Wisconsin doctor who sued to keep abortion legal in state, enters congressional race**, CBS News - [Link](#)

RESEARCH

- **Women's Views of Abortion Access and Policies in the Dobbs Era:** Insights From the KFF Health Tracking Poll - [Link](#)
- **The impact of abortion bans on short-term housing needs,** Public Health - [Link](#)
- **The Hyde Amendment and Coverage for Abortion Services Under Medicaid in the Post-Roe Era,** KFF Women's Health Policy - [Link](#)
- **Exposure to Lived Representations of Abortion in Popular Television Program Plotlines on Abortion-Related Knowledge, Attitudes, and Support:** An Exploratory Study, Sex Roles: A Journal of Research - [Link](#)

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*Anna, Jeff, Aliye & Becky***

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