



Greetings from the AMSA Reproductive Health Project!

This week [ProPublica](#) brought news of the tragic and totally unnecessary deaths of two more women whose doctors were prevented from providing the basic health care they needed to save their lives by the Texas abortion ban:

- A Woman Died After Being Told It Would Be a “Crime” to Intervene in Her Miscarriage at a Texas Hospital - [Link](#)
 - *Deeper Dive News Video*: Woman dies after doctors delay treatment of miscarriage - [Link](#)
- A Pregnant Teenager Died After Trying to Get Care in Three Visits to Texas Emergency Rooms - [Link](#)

Josseli Barnica and **Nevaeh Crain** should be with their families. As should **Amber Nicole Thurman** and **Candi Miller**, Georgia women who also died when their doctors were prohibited from providing the abortion care they needed. **All of these deaths were completely preventable. Their doctors knew what was needed and should have been allowed to provide the evidence-based medical care required – an abortion.**

Their doctors should not have to carry the moral injury of not being able to prevent their deaths. These deaths happened because extremist politicians, believing they know what is best for women, have gerrymandered districts enabling passage of draconian state laws that insert the government and politics into exam rooms and take decision making power away from pregnant patients in consultation with their physicians.

New important policy analysis from the Guttmacher Institute reveals [Why Six-Week Abortion Bans Make It Impossible for Many People to Get Care](#). The incredible investigative reporters at ProPublica share information on [How We Report on Maternal Health — and How to Get in Touch With Our Team](#). Do what you can to help stop more unnecessary deaths. All of these women should still be alive - share their stories, say their names: **Josseli Barnica, Nevaeh Crain, Amber Nicole Thurman** and **Candi Miller**

This week we also saw an event that was a near repeat performance of the 1939 pro-Nazi rally held in New York’s Madison Square Garden; 20,000 Americans attended that rally — an event largely forgotten from American history. [A Night at the Garden](#) is an Academy Award Nominated Documentary Short Film, made entirely from archival fragments filmed that night, and shines a light on the enduring power of demagoguery and antisemitism.

This week’s news also revealed [The mystery of a photographer and his forbidden photos of Nazi-occupied France](#). The photos show the stark reality of living in wartime Paris under the fascist Nazi regime and serve as a reminder of how fast life can change when authoritarian dictators take control.

This was indeed a heavy week, and the hopes and fears of what next week may bring to our country bodes heavy. Very different paths ahead are being envisioned and offered to Americans. As shared in our recent post [Healing with Art & Activism](#), the power of music to nurture and heal can be inspiring. This is a time for each of us to ask ourselves [Which Side Are You On](#), a time to think about what fascism means for a nation and her people, and a time to take action. Some have trouble believing [Change is Goin' Come](#), but we know [Yes, We Can](#) heal this nation. We know [We Who Believe in Freedom Cannot Rest](#), we are [The Lighthouse](#) in the storm, together we will [Rise Up](#) and [Keep Marching](#) for Freedom. **Your Voice Matters! Join us, together we can make change and protect freedom and justice for all.**

SPOTLIGHT ON ABORTION CARE & REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

Stay Connected - to Resources, Community, and Radical Hope for Reproductive Freedom and Justice - through the AMSA Reproductive Health Project!

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Greetings from all of us at the [AMSA Reproductive Health Project](#) (AMSA RHP)! With the start of the new academic year well under way, we are excited to share with you what we have planned for 2024-2025. *But before we get into that, let's pause to acknowledge that we are just a few days away from Election Day here in the US (Tuesday, Nov 5), and this year, reproductive rights are a central issue in the federal election and [abortion rights, specifically, are on the ballot in 10 states](#). We encourage everyone who can, and everyone who is eligible, [to get out and vote](#) if you haven't already, and we encourage you to invite your friends and family to do the same! We know that regardless of the outcomes of the imminent elections and ballot initiatives, the work of protecting and advancing reproductive health, rights, and justice must continue.*

Who we're for and what we're about:

We also know that future physicians - that's you! - have important roles to play in the movements for reproductive freedom and justice. And we're here to support and help you figure out what that can look like for you. The AMSA Repro Project - and AMSA, overall - invites reproductive freedom dreamers and doers, like you, to consider us as one of your home bases for relevant and timely information, resources, connections to a growing network of activated medical and premedical students, and spaces for organizing for collective action. We work to nurture and support the next generation of physician abortion providers and the next generation of physician-advocates for reproductive health, rights, and justice. We are here for you - whether you are a pre-medical or medical student AMSA member, an AMSA Chapter Officer, or an AMSA National Leader!

[Read on](#) to learn more about the AMSA RHP and how you, your AMSA chapter, or your school can get involved.

RESOURCES & WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

AMSA & REPRO HEALTH PROJECT EVENTS & RESOURCES

- **AMSA Premedical Research Project Receives National IRB Approval - Your Voice Makes a Difference! Take 5-mins to Share Your Experience - Deadline Dec 1 - [Link](#)**
- **Join Us at the 75th Annual AMSA Convention - April 17-19 in Washington DC - [FP4change.org](https://fp4change.org)**
- **NEW for 2025! AMSA Abortion Care & Reproductive Justice Institutes - Learn More & Add Your Name to the Waiting List Today - [Link](#)**
- **Ongoing Skill-Building Opportunities for AMSA Chapters - MVA Papaya Workshops, Film & Conversation Sessions - [Link](#)**
- **AMSA Repro Health & Justice eNews: Special delivery right to your in-box every other Saturday morning - [Sign-up Today!](#)**
 - Read & Share Current & Past Issues - [Link](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Nov 5 - Election Day! Your Vote is Your Voice.** Find your polling place - [Link](#)
 - **Deeper Dive:** Know Your Voting Rights, ACLU Guide - [Link](#)
If you are turned away or denied a provisional ballot, call the non-partisan Election Protection Hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE or 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (en Español).
- **Nov 7 @ 1pmE Online - Post-Election Briefing: The Path Forward for Reproductive Freedom,** Center for Reproductive Rights - [Link](#)
- **Nov 14 @ All Day - Thanks, Birth Control Day #ThxBirthControl - Power to Decide - [Link](#)**
- **Nov 18 @ 3:00pmE Online - Bi-Annual Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Briefing on the Maternal Health Workforce including Midwifery & Doula Care, PCORI - [Link](#)**
- **Nov 18 @7-8:00pmE Online - Complex Family Planning Fellowship info session,** Society of Family Planning - [Link](#)

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RECENT THOUGHT-PROVOKING FREE RECORDINGS

- **A Thousand Miles for Care**, Center for Reproductive Rights - [Link](#)
- **Stevie Nicks on speaking out her latest song, "The Lighthouse," inspired by her own experience with abortion**, CBS Sunday Morning - [Link](#)
 - **Deeper Dive:** Stevie Nicks: The Lighthouse on Saturday Night Live - [Link](#)
- **Many state abortion bans include exceptions for rape. How often are they granted?** NPR - [Link](#)
- **Reproductive justice as a public health priority**, APHA 2024 with National Organization for Women (NOW) President Christian Nunes - [Link](#)

ABORTION NEWS & RESEARCH

RESEARCH

- **Changes in Availability of Later Abortion Care Before and After Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization**, Obstetrics & Gynecology - [Link](#)
- **Permanent Contraception Procedures Surge Among Young Adults After Dobbs Decision**, Boston University - [Link](#)
- **Eliminating gender bias in biomedical research requires fair inclusion of pregnant women and gender diverse people**, Nature - [Link](#)
- **Monthly Abortion Provision Study: US Abortion Data Dashboard**, Guttmacher Institute - [Link](#)

NEWS

- **What Abortion Bans Do to Doctors:** 'That's Something That You Won't Recover From as a Doctor' In Idaho and other states, draconian laws are forcing physicians to ignore their training and put patients' lives at risk. The Atlantic - [Link](#)
 - **Deeper Dive:** Laura Bassett Of The Cut & Sarah Zhang Of The Atlantic on Abortion, AI Franken Podcast - [Link](#)
- **How Abortion Misinformation Gives Rise to Restrictive Abortion Laws**, KFF Health Misinformation Monitor - [Link](#)
- **She said she had a miscarriage — then got arrested under an abortion law**, Washington Post - [Link](#)

- **Anti-abortion centers are stepping into electoral politics:** The centers have drawn scrutiny for giving people inaccurate information to deter them from getting abortions. The 19th - [Link](#)
- **The Conservative Strategy to Ban Abortion Nationwide:** A local referendum in Texas is part of a long-term effort to block abortions through the courts. The New Yorker - [Link](#)
- **Cecile Richards Is Trying to Ensure Abortion Stories Break Through,** New York Times - [Link](#)
 - **Deeper Dive:** These Abortion Storytellers Won't Be Silenced, Glamour - [Link](#)
- **Faced with obstacles to abortion, military women have built their own support system,** NPR - [Link](#)
- **Public Health on the Ballot: Reproductive Health,** Public Health Post - [Link](#)
- **Why abortion referendums are also about the economy,** NPR - [Link](#)
- **Late Abortions Rarely Happen, but They Still Dominate Politics,** New York Times - [Link](#)

STATE NEWS

- **[AR] The day Roe died: inside Arkansas's last abortion clinic,** The Guardian - [Link](#)
- **[AZ] 'I'm not afraid. Let's do it': the Arizona abortion clinic testing the limits of the state's ban.** The Guardian - [Link](#)
- **[CA] Catholic hospital agrees to provide abortions after California sues over miscarriage care,** Cal Matters - [Link](#)
- **[CA] California attorney general accuses Beverly Hills of illegally blocking abortion clinic: It's the first test of the state's new constitutional right to abortion.** Politico - [Link](#)
- **[FL] Judge continues to block Florida from threatening TV stations over abortion ads,** NPR - [Link](#)
- **[GA] When pregnancy turned to miscarriage, woman says Georgia's abortion laws delayed the care she needed,** USA Today - [Link](#)
- **Louisiana's new law on abortion drugs establishes risky treatment delays, lawsuit claims,** ABC News - [Link](#)
- **[MO] Doctors gather across Missouri to canvass for abortion amendment,** Missouri Independent - [Link](#)
- **[NE] Abortion-related ads in Nebraska prompt tension between health department and doctors,** NBC News - [Link](#)

- **[NY] Prop 1 Is About More Than Abortion—It Would Help Caregivers Across New York State**, Ms. Magazine - [Link](#)
- **[SD] Men on abortion: ‘Not just for dads with daughters’**, Siouxland News Station - [Link](#)
- **[WI] Wisconsin Supreme Court to begin hearing cases on abortion access, elections commission**, Wisconsin Public Radio - [Link](#)

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**In solidarity & with AMSA love,
*Jeff, Aliye & Becky***

Please send your comments and suggestions to rhp@amsa.org

Know Your Rights: Reproductive Health Care - [link](#)

Join Us! April 17-19, 2025 in Washington DC at [FP4Change2025](#)