



Greetings from the AMSA Reproductive Health Project!

This week we mark the anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, it states:

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

This long-fought for right began more than a century earlier. In 1848, at the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York, 68 women and 32 men signed a [Declaration of Sentiments](#) calling for equal treatment of women and men under the law and voting rights for women.

In the early 1900s, after several horrific industrial fires, such as the [Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire](#) where 146 young immigrant garment workers lost their lives (many jumping to their deaths when fire truck ladders reached only to the 6th floor, 30 feet below where they stood on window ledges waiting for rescue) a new rallying call to secure the vote for women rang out:

"A Vote is a Fire Escape."

Over the next many years suffragettes organized in and with communities to increase the understanding, especially among immigrant communities, that voting IS a way to protect public health and safety. **On August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment was ratified when it was passed in the Tennessee state house by just one vote.** *Where would we be if that voter stayed home that day?*

Today we face many complicated issues that impact public health and physician practice. Some voices revel in spewing fear in efforts to protect and expand their profiteering. They seek to divide rather than unite us in finding workable solutions to today's problems, they tell us to sit down, shut up and look to the past for answers. **Those voices benefit when cynicism and doubt prevail.**

Instead, we call forth a vision for our shared future that nurtures healing and connections across communities. A future that puts people (patients and providers) above profits, protects reproductive freedom, and ensures high-quality, affordable, sustainable health care is available for all. **Together we can reset priorities and make that vision reality.**

Your Voice Makes a Difference!
Register, Make a Plan to Vote & Take Your Friends

Are you registered to vote in the 2024 Election?
[Check & Register Here](#)

(Watch a moving dramatization of the ratification vote from the film *Iron Jawed Angels* [here](#).
Find the full film on HBO Max [here](#).)

SPOTLIGHT ON ABORTION CARE & REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

Building *Beloved Community* Through Practices of Belonging in Times of Social Disintegration; Or, How We Stick Together in Order to Live to Fight Another Day

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Just this week, a meme showed up in my Instagram feed that I immediately recognized was conveying a powerful and deeply relevant message. Embedded in a block-print styled graphic of two flowerheads - daisies, most likely - were the words of the Welsh socialist writer, Leftist theorist, and cultural critic, Raymond Williams,

"To be truly radical is to make hope possible rather than despair convincing."

This quote, to be honest, hit me where it hurts: that place in me where judgment, disgust, cynicism, and yes, despair - my attitudinal reactions to how I perceive the state of the world these days - keep popping up, like ugly and aggressive weeds that could easily overtake the bright bobbing heads of any daisy. [READ MORE...](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 21 @ 3:00pmET Online - Panel on Medication Abortion Access in College Health Settings**, Reproductive Health Access Project and Advocates for Youth - [Link](#)
- **Oct 19-21 in Detroit, MI, #SFP2024** - Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting - [Link](#)
- **Dec 7-8 in Denver, CO - Annual Conference on Family Planning** - Medical Students for Choice - [Link](#)

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RECENT THOUGHT-PROVOKING FREE RECORDINGS

- **'Where are these abortions being carried out?': Tapper presses Abbott after he claims Harris supports abortion near birth**, CNN - [Link](#)
- **A conversation on all sides of Florida's controversial abortion amendment**, Health News Florida - [Link](#)
- **How Project 2025 plans to reshape the American family**, MSNBC - [Link](#)
 - **Deeper Dive:** Project 2025's Sweeping Implications for Reproductive Health and Rights in the U.S. Population Institute rePROs Fight Back podcast - [Link](#)

ABORTION NEWS & RESEARCH

RESEARCH

- **Demand for abortion training and technical assistance in primary care: Unmet need and programmatic interventions**, Contraception - [Link](#)
- **The Number of Brick-and-Mortar Abortion Clinics Drops, as US Abortion Rate Rises: New Data Underscore the Need for Policies that Support Providers**, Guttmacher Institute - [Link](#)
- **2024 State Scorecard on Women's Health and Reproductive Care**, Commonwealth Fund - [Link](#)
 - **Deeper Dive:** Health and Health Care for Women of Reproductive Age: How the United States Compares with Other High-Income Countries - [Link](#)

NEWS

- **When 'Abortion' Wasn't a Dirty Word**, New York Times - [Link](#)
- **The New Faces of Abortion Rights**, The New Yorker - [Link](#)
- **We Need Better Than a Return to the Roe Status Quo**, Jacobin - [Link](#)
- **After Dobbs decision, more women are managing their own abortions:** The increase comes as the average number of abortions per month in the U.S. is also rising, according to new research. NBC News - [Link](#)
- **What It's Like to Be an Abortion Clinic Escort In the Post-Roe Era**, Teen Vogue - [Link](#)
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- **Texas' abortion ban has left doctors with their hands tied. New Mexico's governor is inviting them to her state**, CNN - [Link](#)
- **US abortion numbers have risen slightly since Roe was overturned, study finds**, U.S. News & World Report - [Link](#)
- **Most women in the US worry that abortion bans could put them or a loved one in danger, survey finds**, CNN - [Link](#)
 - **Deeper Dive:** Child rape survivors face extraordinary barriers in states with abortion bans, The Guardian - [Link](#)
- **Political parties are divided on abortion rights. American women aren't.** The 19th - [Link](#)
 - **Deeper Dives:** Survey shows broad opposition to abortion restrictions among women of reproductive age, Three-quarters of women 18 to 49 think abortion should be legal. That includes nearly half of Republican women. NBC News - [Link](#)
 - Abortion Experiences, Knowledge, and Attitudes Among Women in the U.S.: Findings from the 2024 KFF Women's Health Survey - [Link](#)
- **Where abortion is on the ballot in November**, Axios - [Link](#)
- **Deeper Dive:** Decision Guide: Abortion Policy Under Trump vs. Harris, U.S. News & World Report - [Link](#)
- **The Parties Where Volunteers Pack Abortion Pills for Red-State Women: Amid risks, volunteers are mobilizing to assist networks that mail abortion medication to women in states with strict limits**, Wall Street Journal - [Link](#)
 - **Deeper Dives:** Inside a medical practice sending abortion pills to states where they're banned, NPR - [Link](#)
 - Telehealth abortion still on the rise, especially in states with shield laws, report shows, Kansas Reflector - [Link](#)

STATE NEWS

- **[AZ] Abortion access will officially be on Arizona's ballot in November**, ABC News - [Link](#)
- **Florida pregnant women, some bleeding or in labor, among those turned away from ERs despite federal law**, NBC News Miami - [Link](#)
- **[ID] Punitive abortion policies aren't reducing abortions. Maybe that's not the intent**, Idaho Statesman - [Link](#)
- **Indiana attorney general drops suit over privacy of Ohio girl who traveled for abortion**, Associated Press - [Link](#)
- **Missouri voters will decide whether to legalize abortion in November**, Missouri Independent - [Link](#)
- **[NY] Court to decide if 'abortion' will be included in New York's equal rights amendment**, WRGB ABC News - [Link](#)
- **[OH] Decision on constitutionality of Ohio's six-week abortion ban to come later this month**, Statehouse News Bureau - [Link](#)
- **[SD] Secretary of State certifies abortion amendment for November ballot**, SDPB Radio - [Link](#)
- **Texas women denied abortions for ectopic pregnancies file complaints against hospitals**. USA Today - [Link](#)
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 - **Deeper Dive:** Rhetoric versus reality: Addressing common misconceptions about abortion: Setting the record straight on eight reproductive health-related areas that are rife with disinformation, from 'partial-birth abortion' to 'heartbeat' bills, Virginia Mercury - [Link](#)
- **Wisconsin Capitol Police decline to investigate leak of state Supreme Court abortion order**, ABC News - [Link](#)
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**In solidarity & with AMSA love,
Anna, Jeff, Aliye & Becky**

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