Resistance in the U.S.

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NAF is the professional association of abortion providers.

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The 334 abortion restrictions enacted by states from 2011 to July 2016 account for 30% of all abortion restrictions since Roe v. Wade.
In 2013, more than half the states were classified as hostile to abortion rights, because they had at least four abortion restrictions in effect.

Notes: Hostile = 4+ restrictions; middle ground = 2–3 restrictions; supportive = 0–1 restrictions. Source: reference 1.
Clinic Closures

Change in number of clinics from 2010-2013

Source: Huffington Post survey of state health departments, abortion providers, and local abortion-focused advocacy groups
Challenging Abortion Restrictions

Clinics providing abortion services

Number of women of reproductive age, who are in a county greater than 100 miles from nearest abortion clinic

- Number of Clinics: 41
- July 18, 2013: HEZ signed into law
- 1,075,000
- 1,020,000
- 1,336,000
- 22
- 22
- 6
Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt
Supreme Court Victory

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The New York Times
How the Supreme Court’s Decision Will Affect Access to Abortion

By FORD FESSenden  UPDATED June 27, 2016

The Supreme Court on Monday struck down critical provisions of a Texas abortion law that had forced half of the state’s abortion clinics to close and threatened half of the remaining 20 clinics with closure. The sweeping ruling means similar laws in dozens of other states now are likely unconstitutional. Here is the status of access to legal abortion across the states.
“Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers laws like H. B. 2 that ‘do little or nothing for health, but rather strew impediments to abortion,’ cannot survive judicial inspection.”

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg concurring in Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt
Fighting State Restrictions

Virginia Board of Health hearing
Anti-Abortion Smear Campaign
Federal Lawsuit

**BREAKING:** We filed for an injunction against Center 4 Med Prog [prochoice.org](http://prochoice.org)

“The safety and security of our members and their patients is our top priority.”

-- Vicki Saporta, President and CEO of NAF

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State Investigations

HUFFPOST POLITICS
States Try To Dig Up Planned Parenthood Violations, Fail Miserably
Probes in Georgia, Indiana, Massachusetts and South Dakota have uncovered no evidence of wrongdoing.

Samantha Lachman
Staff Reporter, The Huffington Post

MSNBC
Investigations turn up no Planned Parenthood wrongdoing
08/17/15 11:20 AM
By Steve Benen

THINK PROGRESS
Investigations Into Planned Parenthood Are Falling Totally Flat
By TARA CULP RESSLER
Aug 15, 2015 11:18AM
“They have used this fraud as a pretext to conduct a lethally dangerous witch hunt aimed at women’s health clinics and scientists who are conducting promising research on diseases like Alzheimer’s, MS, and the Zika virus.”

-- Select Panel Ranking Member Jan Schakowsky (D-IL)
Increase in Threats & Violence

U.S. abortion providers faced
94 death threats in 2015
up from just one in 2014.

This shouldn’t be
#PartOfTheJob.

NATIONAL ABORTION FEDERATION

bit.ly/ViolenceStats
Online Threats

“I’ll pay ten large to whomever kills [Doctor]. Anyone. Go for it.”
Advocating with Law Enforcement
Shooting in Colorado Springs
Inflammatory Rhetoric

Anti-choice Ohio Governor John Kasich

#AskDrKasich
Why are you using lies from anti-abortion extremists to block access to lifesaving care?
“It should be said that the majority of the recordings lack much public interest....Weighed against that public interest are NAF’s and its members’ legitimate interests in their rights to privacy, security, and association by maintaining the confidentiality of their presentations and conversations at NAF Annual Meetings. The balance is strongly in NAF’s favor.”

--Judge William Orrick in granting NAF’s Preliminary Injunction
Next Steps
Turning the Tables

ANTI-ABORTION ACTIVISTS INDICTMENT
Prohibition of the Purchase & Sale of Human Organs
Misdemeanor

DAVID DALEIDEN

SANDRA MERRITT

Tampering with a Governmental Record
2nd degree felony
Up to 20 years in prison

CBS THIS MORNING
ACTIVISTS INDICTED
TWO CHARGED OVER SECRET PLANNED PARENTHOOD VIDEOS
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Proactive Legislation
2016 Presidential Election

You cannot have maternal health without reproductive health. And reproductive health includes contraception and family planning and access to legal, safe abortion.

(Hillary Clinton)

“There has to be some form of punishment.”

Donald Trump on abortion
March 30, 2016
Support for Providers