



THE TOP 10 WORST THINGS ABOUT THE ANTI-CHOICE MOVEMENT

What does the anti-choice movement really stand for?

“When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time.” - MAYA ANGELOU

1. The anti-choice movement doesn't just want to ban abortion, they want to ban birth control.

- When *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, [26 states](#) are ready to immediately ban most or all abortions. Many of these states with “trigger laws” will automatically adopt “Human Life Amendments” to their state Constitutions and enact laws that will state “life begins at conception,” not only outlawing abortion, but also making the IUD and most forms of the pill murder weapons.
- Not a single anti-abortion organization supports access to birth control. These organizations believe the pill and the IUD kill a human life. See The American Life League “[The Pill Kills Babies](#)” and Human Life International labeling [The Pill](#) and [IUD](#) as “abortifacients.”
- Missouri lawmakers [tried](#) to ban Medicaid from covering contraceptives like IUDs and the pill, claiming that using them is [the same](#) as getting an abortion. Dr. Colleen McNicholas, an OB/GYN in Missouri [said](#), “This is an intentional and dangerous conflation of abortion-inducing medications and medications we use for birth control or other gynecologic disorders.”

2. The anti-choice movement [demands choice](#) when it comes to COVID vaccines, but opposes choice when it comes to reproductive health care decisions.

3. There is a strong tie between anti-choice extremists and white supremacists. Many of those who participated in the January 6th insurrection have track records of violently protesting at medical centers that provide abortion care.

- Read [Prism's](#) *How the anti-abortion movement fed the Capitol insurrection*.

4. The anti-choice movement is full of hypocrisy. Anti-choice extremists are not only against abortion, but are also working to do away with initiatives that would help prevent the number of unintended pregnancies like informed sex education, access to birth control, and the morning after pill.

- *The Anti-Abortion Movement Could Reduce Abortions if It Wanted To*, [says](#) “But if abortion opponents are serious about decreasing the need for abortion instead of simply punishing women and doctors, they should be rallying around contraception access... Most anti-abortion groups do not publicly favor full and free access to some of the most effective contraceptives, and many adamantly oppose them.”

5. The anti-choice movement claims to be “pro-life,” yet it actively attacks life-affirming programs.

Nearly all elected anti-choice members of Congress and state legislatures vote against programs to assist pregnant people and mothers, including access to prenatal care, early childhood education, child care, affordable health care, and other initiatives to enhance the lives of children and women.



6. Texas' extremist S.B. 8 abortion ban has historical ties to oppressive, racist laws like the Fugitive Slave Act.

- *What Texas's abortion law has in common with the Fugitive Slave Act, [says](#) "Under these acts, enslavers could hire agents to search for people who had escaped to free states from slavery; they could then turn to the courts... to condone the rendition back south of their 'property.'"*

7. The tie between anti-choice extremism and racism can be seen in the Black maternal mortality crisis. Black women are [three times](#) more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than white women because of health care inequity, including the way anti-abortion laws erode access to all essential reproductive health care for Black women.

8. Miscarriage is a crime. The number of women jailed for miscarriage, an incredibly common experience, is abhorrent, and is a growing problem. In October 2021, [Brittney Poolaw](#) was sentenced to four years in prison because she had a miscarriage.

9. The anti-choice movement isn't just attacking reproductive rights, it's also attacking LGBTQ+ rights.

- *US 'dark money' groups behind Mississippi abortion case spend millions overseas, [says](#) "US conservative groups behind a Supreme Court legal battle... have engaged in numerous international campaigns against women's and LGBT rights..."*

10. The same extremists behind anti-abortion policies also support inhumane immigration policies.

These policies include the regular [denial](#) of critical reproductive health care, the abuse and neglect of pregnant women, the separation of children and parents, and even [more](#) devastating realities for those in custody at the border.

Don't be fooled. It may appear that anti-choice extremists have set their focus on states surrounding Illinois, but they're also hard at work here. In the Illinois Supreme Court, anti-choice extremists are *just one seat away* from controlling the seven-member court in the same way they now control the U.S. Supreme Court. If we allow them to gain the majority in the 2022 Illinois elections, they could immediately erase all the protections and rights that advocates like you have worked so hard to ensure. And we, too, will be living in a world without *Roe*. [Fight back by joining Jane's Army!](#)



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