

## Abortion Restrictions Impact the Economy

Abortion restrictions cost **state** economies an estimated **\$105 billion** per year.

Getting rid of all state-level abortion restrictions would increase the national GDP by nearly 0.5% - that's **140 million dollars**

Source:

The Costs of Reproductive Health Restrictions; An Economic Case for Ending Harmful State Policies. Institute for Women's Policy Research. <https://iwpr.org/costs-of-reproductive-health-restrictions>

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## Abortion Restrictions Impact Men

Young men who have been involved in abortions are more likely to pursue college and make more money annually, and lifetime earnings. "Parents should really think hard about not just what the repeal of Roe is going to mean for their daughters, but what it's going to mean for their sons. Their sons may become dads much earlier than they're prepared for."

Source:

Bethany G. Everett, Kyl Myers, Jessica N. Sanders, David K. Turok, Male Abortion Beneficiaries: Exploring the Long-Term Educational and Economic Associations of Abortion Among Men Who Report Teen Pregnancy, *Journal of Adolescent Health*, Volume 65, Issue 4, 2019, Pages 520-526, ISSN 1054-139X, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jadohealth.2019.05.001>.

Unintended fatherhood may make your life much, much harder. In a US with heavily restricted abortion access, but **with** child support laws, **more men will have to leave school early, set their aspirations aside, and provide for a child**. Men need to be honest with themselves about what would happen after an unwanted pregnancy.

Men are direct beneficiaries of abortion rights in America. The ability to plan how many children a man wants and when he wants to have them is because of the long, hard-fought movement women led for reproductive rights.

Heavy restrictions on abortion go hand in hand with eliminating access to birth control such as the morning after pill. Since many men enjoy having sex with women, they should **vote on this issue** with urgency; **MEN** do NOT want to live in a world where they can't access birth control.

**The decision to have an abortion is a financial one.** The most common reason for getting an abortion is that the adults in the situation **can't afford to raise a child**. Almost half of all abortions that happen across the U.S. happen to women who are living below the poverty line. Given that almost all of those women were impregnated by a **man who is legally liable to provide financial support regardless of the relationship status, overturning Roe made those men more financially insecure too.**

# Abortion Restrictions Impact ALL OF US

## The concept of “*unwantedness*”

Children born to women who are denied abortions may experience a multitude of stressors including:

*Unstructured or one-parent household*

*Insufficient funds to pay for basic needs*

*Lack of maternal bonding at birth*

*Feelings of neglect or feeling unloved*

*Emotional or mental abuse*



Abortions within the United States occur within the first trimester (by 13 weeks) **90%**

**60%** U.S. adults say that abortion should be legal in most or all cases

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## Legalizing Abortion = Less Crime

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women in the U.S. who have experienced vaginal rape **18 million**

**30%** of women who were raped by an intimate partner also experienced pregnancy coercion

women who experience sexual pressure or force also experience birth control sabotage **15%**



**Abortion rights impact your wages.**

**\$16.6K minimum wage vs \$25K minimum wage.**

You decide.



## What is *sexual coercion*?

*Sexual **pressure** or **force** (sex without consent, pressuring sex without condom, or threats to breakup)*

***Sabotage** of contraceptive methods (a partner might lie about using a condom or swap birth control pills)*

**Pregnancy coercion** (when a sexual partner threatens or insinuates violence if their wishes are not complied)



## Abortion is an *economic* issue

5 indicators of economic security	States with several abortion restrictions	States with few abortion restrictions
Minimum wage	\$8.17 avg wage	\$11.92 ave wage
Unionization	50% less unionization	Growing workers rights
Unemployment insurance (UI)	42% of people have access to UI	30% of people have access to UI
Medicaid expansion	Low Medicaid rates	50% higher Medicaid expansion
Incarceration	1.5x higher incarceration rates	Lower incarceration rates



**\$101.8B**

more earned annually by women 15-44 in the absence of abortion restriction

**200%**

increase in college entrances within black women

**6%**

salary decrease in monthly wages for women due to abortion restriction

## Abortion Economics



### Where do *men* fall into the abortion conversation?

Males whose partners get an abortion  
are **4x more** likely to graduate college.

Most men **do not know** when or if  
they've gotten their partner pregnant.

Men who do experience abortion need **mental** and  
**emotional care** similar to what women need .



# \$105 billion

Forbes reports “**Abortion restrictions cost state economies an estimated \$105 billion per year** and getting rid of all state-level restrictions would increase the national GDP by nearly 0.5%.” This data is based on factors such as reductions in the workforce, decreased earning levels, and higher turnover.



## **States with abortion *restrictions* have *lower* household *income***

**22 states with abortion restrictions see women in poverty and 17 states see children in poverty. 19 states with restrictions are those in which women are the head of the house or the breadwinner.**

**When their wages drop due to childcare, families suffer, losing up to 6.5% of their salary.**

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