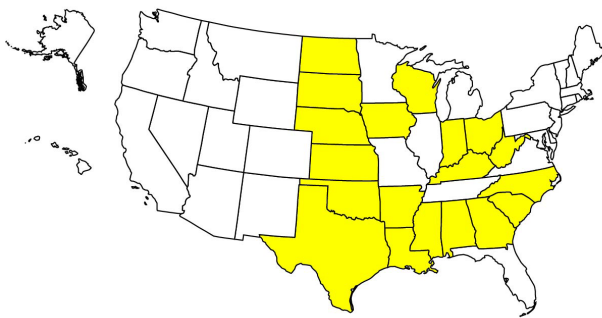
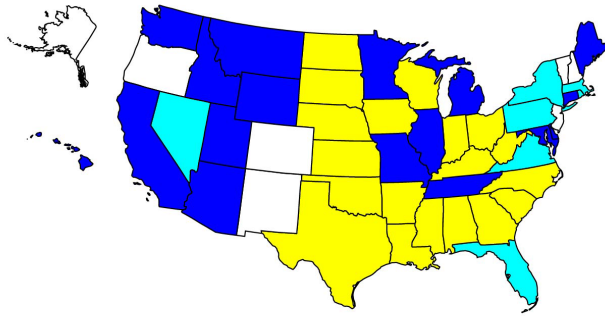


Roe v. Wade / Impact Data Analysis Activity

Years after the Supreme Court's ruling in *Roe v. Wade*, the right to an abortion is still controversial in the United States. Many states have continued to pass stricter restrictions on abortion. Consider the following data (*current as of May 2019*):

Abortion is legal in all 50 states.

43 states prohibit abortion after a certain point in a pregnancy.

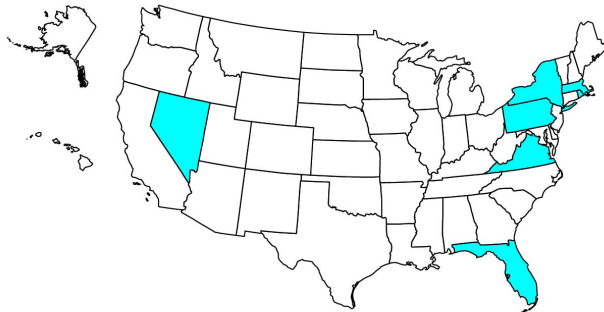


19 states restrict abortion after 20 weeks.

Alabama	Louisiana	South Carolina
Arkansas	Mississippi	South Dakota
Georgia	Nebraska	Texas
Indiana	North Carolina	West Virginia
Iowa	North Dakota	Wisconsin
Kansas	Ohio	
Kentucky	Oklahoma	

7 states restrict abortion after 24 or 25* weeks.

Florida
Massachusetts
Nevada
New York
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
Virginia*



17 states ban or restrict abortion after the fetus is viable.

Arizona	Illinois	Montana
California	Maine	Tennessee
Connecticut	Maryland	Utah
Delaware	Michigan	Washington
Hawaii	Minnesota	Wyoming
Idaho	Missouri	

Source: Anne Godlasky, Nicquel Terry Ellis, and Jim Sergeant, "Where is abortion legal? Everywhere. But ..." *USA Today*, May 24, 2019, <https://www.usatoday.com/in-depth/news/nation/2019/05/15/abortion-law-map-interactive-roe-v-wade-heartbeat-bills-pro-life-pro-choice-alabama-ohio-georgia/3678225002/>.

In addition to these restrictions on when an abortion may be performed, some states have passed legislation on the following topics:

- Requiring parental approval if the patient is a minor
- Requiring counseling prior to an abortion
- Requiring a wait period (after counseling)
- Restricting public funding
- Requiring a sonogram (medical procedure)
- Requiring more than one doctor
- Requiring doctors have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital
- Requiring abortions to be performed at a hospital
- Allowing doctors to refuse to perform an abortion

Questions to Consider

1. Using the information in the maps on page 1, list **your state** and two other states that place limits on abortion rights, and briefly explain what those limits are.

State	Limits on the right to an abortion

2. What conclusions can you draw from the data in the maps on page 1?

- What does this data tell you about federalism?
- Why do you think states have been able to place the limits on abortion you identified in #1 and still comply with the requirements of *Roe v. Wade*?
- How might changes in the political landscape lead to challenges to *Roe v. Wade*?