



Mobilize for Reproductive Justice National Action Program Toolkit

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INFO BRIEF

The Affordable Care Act and Reproductive Health



The Effect of an ACA Repeal

In the 115th Congress, Republican lawmakers are advocating for the **repeal of the Affordable Care Act without a clear replacement**. The ACA repeal would leave 29.8 million without insurance coverage and result in an estimated 43,000 deaths annually.¹ The GOP has had their sights set on repealing the ACA since 2010, and with Trump's support they have a clear path to disrupt ACA protections such as coverage for pre-existing conditions, expansion of Medicaid coverage for low-income people, and subsidies for those not eligible for Medicaid.

The ACA is a Women's Issue

The repeal disproportionately impacts low-income women who rely on the ACA for their holistic healthcare needs. According to the Center for American Progress, approximately 9.5 million women who were previously uninsured have gained health coverage through the ACA and **55 million women now have access to vital preventive care without copays or deductibles**.² These services include: annual exams, contraception, screening for sexually transmitted infections, and counseling for domestic and intimate partner violence. For the first time, the ACA made it illegal for federally funded health insurance providers to discriminate based on sex, race, national origin, and ability.

The ACA & Birth Control

The ACA covers all FDA approved birth control methods prescribed by a doctor. These include: diaphragms and sponges, birth control pills, vaginal rings, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and emergency contraception such as Plan B®.³ If the ACA is repealed, many women will have to pay out of pocket for birth control, making it less accessible and costlier. Annually, the **ACA saves women 1.4 billion dollars in birth control copays**.⁴

Affordable Care Act & Planned Parenthood Defunding

By manipulating the budget appropriations process and ACA repeal process, Congress intends to defund Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood receives federal funds primarily through the Title X family planning program and Medicaid reimbursements. By eliminating these federal funding mechanisms, Planned Parenthood will have to cut vital healthcare services such as mammograms, prenatal care, and birth control. Planned Parenthood predominantly serves low-income women, women of color, young women, and immigrant women; these communities will be disproportionately impacted by GOP efforts to eliminate women's healthcare choices.

NOW's Action Agenda

- Engage in coalition work to uplift Planned Parenthood Federation of America and other organizations that protect accessibility to women's healthcare needs.
- Educate activists and community members on how the ACA repeal impacts women.
- Lobby legislators to ensure they oppose any measure to repeal the ACA unless its replacement retains existing protections against pre-existing conditions, lifetime coverage caps, and gender-based discrimination, and adds improvements such as including a public option in states without sufficient market competition from private insurers.
- Lobby legislators to support the EACH Woman Act, which would require all insurance plans (including Medicaid and other federally-funded plans) to cover abortion care on the same basis as any other health care service.

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Supreme Court Nomination of Neil Gorsuch and the Future of Reproductive Health

The State of the Supreme Court

The unexpected death of Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia in February 2016 left a vacant seat on the court. In March, President Obama nominated Merrick Garland, a widely respected member of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, for that seat. Shamefully, Senate Republicans blockaded the nomination, refusing to hold hearings or allow a debate in the full Senate. Adding insult to injury, the Republicans' justification for their obstructionism was transparently false. They insisted President Obama was "politicizing" the Supreme Court by making his nomination during an election year. But in fact, the Senate has routinely—eight times since 1900—confirmed justices in election years.

On January 20, 2017, the day of Donald Trump's inauguration, the Supreme Court seat remained vacant. On February 1, Trump nominated Neil Gorsuch.

Stolen Seat

The Republicans' outrageous obstructionism must not be rewarded. No Supreme Court nominee should be confirmed unless that person is Merrick Garland or someone who shares Judge Garland's qualifications and judicial philosophy. Neil Gorsuch is not that person.

Gorsuch And The Right Wing's Agenda

Neil Gorsuch was appointed to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals by George W. Bush in 2006. As documented by the Alliance for Justice, he has a long history of hostility towards the claims of workers, consumers, children, immigrants, LGBTQIA people, incarcerated people, people with disabilities, and others seeking protection from the privileged and powerful.¹ Equally disturbingly, "his track record on money in politics comes down decisively on the side of billionaire donors and big corporations."²

Gorsuch And Women's Access To Reproductive Health Care

NOW is especially troubled by Neil Gorsuch's record on reproductive rights and justice. As a candidate, Donald Trump promised to appoint Supreme Court justices who would overturn *Roe V. Wade*. Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) has pointed out that Gorsuch's "willingness to limit women's access to health care ... suggests the President is making good on that promise."³

Women's health care, including the full range of reproductive health services, is not a privilege but a human right. Ninety-eight percent of sexually active women use contraception at some point, and one in three will have an abortion by the age of 45. These are common and necessary aspects of women's health. When they are criminalized, restricted, and stigmatized, women's basic human rights are abridged. Blocking women's access to birth control and abortion will predictably drive up rates of maternal mortality, maternal morbidity, and infant mortality -- hardly the "pro-life" consequences that Gorsuch has claimed he desires.

Below are just some examples of Gorsuch's hostility to women's access to reproductive health care:

- In his book, *The Future of Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia*, Gorsuch pooh-poohed the idea that courts should recognize women's fundamental right to make their own health care decisions. Commenting on *Planned Parenthood V. Casey* (the 1992 Supreme Court decision upholding *Roe V. Wade*) he shrugged off the court's holding that "at the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life." According to Gorsuch, none of that actually motivated the *Casey* court, which was merely adhering to precedent.
- At the appellate level in both *Hobby Lobby V. Sebelius* and *Little Sisters of the Poor V. Burwell*, Gorsuch advocated for the right of employers to block birth control coverage from their employees' health plans, elevating employers' desire to force their religious beliefs on their employees over the workers' right to make their own health care decisions.

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The potential approval of Gorsuch as the ninth Supreme Court Justice leaves the reproductive rights of women hanging in the balance. It has been said that Neil Gorsuch, who clerked for Justice Anthony Kennedy, “seems more likely than any other nominee to persuade Kennedy to vote with the conservatives rather than the liberals.”⁵ If that is the case, the stakes for women’s lives and well-being could not be higher. This nomination must be stopped.

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Instead of repealing the ACA, we need to improve it. For example, the EACH Woman Act would:

- Ensure that women who receive insurance through the federal government, are also entitled to coverage for abortion services.
- Require federal health insurance programs, including Medicaid, Medicare, and CHIP to provide coverage for abortion services.
- Block state and local governments from restricting abortion coverage using private health insurance plans.
- Reverse the Hyde Amendment and related abortion funding restrictions.

Strong pushback from constituents, particularly at recent town halls and demonstrations across the country, underscore the necessity of the ACA. Women across the country are also extremely energized, mobilized, and watching their representatives. In fact, according to the Pew Research Center, public support for legal abortion is now as high as it's been in two decades of polling: "about six-in-ten U.S. adults (59%) say abortion should be legal in all or most cases, compared with 37% who say it should be illegal all or most of the time." Furthermore, with regards to the Supreme Court's landmark 1973 ruling in *Roe v. Wade*, about seven-in-ten Americans (69%) say it should **not** be completely overturned.

As such, legislators must:

- Oppose any measure to repeal the ACA unless its replacement retains existing protections against pre-existing conditions, lifetime coverage caps, and gender-based discrimination, and adds improvements such as including a public option in states without sufficient market competition from private insurers.
- Support improvements to affordable health care overall, for example with the EACH Woman Act.

Legislators represent all of their constituents, and we will do all we can to hold them accountable for stances that do not reflect constituent interests, especially when those stances limit access to affordable healthcare.

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NOW Urges that Senator(s) filibuster the confirmation of Neil Gorsuch and, should a filibuster fail, vote “no”.

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PHONE SCRIPT

Affordable Care Act & Reproductive Health: Phone Script



Hello, my name is [name] and my zip code is [zip code].

As a constituent, I am calling to ask that [name of member of Congress] lend his/her support to keeping the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The ACA repeal would disproportionately impact low income women who rely on the ACA for their healthcare needs. Thanks to the ACA, approximately 9.5 million women who were previously uninsured have gained health coverage and 55 million women now have access to birth control and vital preventive care without copays or deductibles.

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As such, [name of member of Congress] must oppose any measure to repeal the ACA *unless* its replacement retains existing protections against pre-existing conditions, lifetime coverage caps, and gender-based discrimination, and adds improvements such as including a public option in states without sufficient market competition from private insurers.

If [name of member of Congress] is dedicated to protecting women, then he/she will vote “nay” on repealing the Affordable Care Act.

Thank you for your time, do you need any more information from me?

Social Media Toolkit: Mobilize for Reproductive Justice



The Women's March, Black Lives Matter, DAPL, Occupy: What do these movements have in common? They all started in the digital world.

Why is online activism important?

Often, people dismiss social media and its' importance in social justice movements. However, over the past 20 years, studies have found that social media is a unique tool that allows people to connect, learn, and mobilize at an unprecedented rate. Here are a few reasons why:

1. Social media helps link people from all over the world who are dedicated to the same causes, building a community made up of a variety of ideas, narratives, and experiences.
2. It has the power to educate many people at once and connect them to resources they might not otherwise find.
3. It can enhance our offline activism, creating a foundation and jumping-off point for 'on the ground' action.

4 Ways to Enhance Your Online Activism

1. Quality, not Quantity

While there's something to be said for saturating people's timelines with news you care about, the quality of your posts is far more important. Make your posts meaningful by retrieving your information from reputable sources. Attach relevant videos, articles, and graphics to captivate readers, and make sure your posts are well-written and free of grammatical errors.

2. Engage in (Informed) Disagreement...

Conversing with people who hold opposing views is healthy and sometimes even productive! It forces us (and others) to consider, defend, and reevaluate our beliefs. However, when voicing your opinions with people on the internet, keep the conversation respectful. Stick to the facts, refrain from name-calling, and see your position through.

3. ...But, Remember to Pick Your Battles

Although it can be productive to engage in healthy discussions, sometimes it just isn't worth it. Consider the level of influence you have over the person you're trying to debate. Offer to speak offline with someone about an issue you feel particularly passionate about if it feels appropriate for the situation.

Note for 2 & 3: The current cultural climate has bred an increased uptick in aggressive rhetoric in digital spaces. If you are feeling unsafe in a particular space or with a particular user, please do not hesitate to disengage and block that person/user.

4. Collaborate and Connect with Others

Pooling your resources with like-minded groups can make your movement that much stronger. Don't let your hashtags disappear into oblivion; work with local activists to expand your movement into different communities.

How to Use Facebook Live

For newcomers to this feature of Facebook, here are a few simple steps for Facebook Live use and best practices.

NOTE: You can only go live on Facebook through Facebook’s iOS (iPhone, iPad) app or Android (Galaxy, Notebook, etc) app. Facebook Live is not applicable through desktop computers or laptops.

Step 1: Download the Facebook App on your iPhone or Android phone:



Step 2: Once it is downloaded and you have logged in under your NOW profile, go to the top of your News Feeds. Tap **‘What’s On Your Mind?’**

Step 3: Tap  **Live Video.**

Step 4: Write a description of your broadcast (using the aforementioned guidelines).

Step 5: Tap **Go Live** to begin.

Step 6: Tap **Finish** when you want your video to end.

In order to film an event such as a panel discussion, an interview or a conference, it is suggested the person use an iPad rather than a cellular phone. For events such as these, the same rules apply, however, make sure your front facing camera (the camera used to take selfies) is in use. Using an iPad also affords you the ability to set it up on a docking station and let it record as you are live.

Mobilize for Reproductive Justice Facebook Guide

Reproductive Justice is an incredibly important issue, and one that is under attack by the current administration. Our primary concerns for the “Mobilize for Reproductive Justice” campaign are: the looming repeal and replacement of the Affordable Care Act, which includes the defunding of Planned Parenthood, and the nomination of Neil Gorsuch.

As such, MRJ-related posts should pay particular attention to:

- Posts on the Affordable Care Act Repeal and Trump’s new health care plan
 - The ACA’s birth control mandate and its importance for American women
 - Safety net protections for vulnerable citizens, particularly lower income women
- Discuss state legislation around access to abortion and birth control. This includes:
 - TRAP Laws
 - Restricted access
 - Fetal ‘Rights’ Legislation
 - Lack of access to birth control or other reproductive pharmaceuticals
 - **NOTE:** To find out what is happening in your state, please go to this link:
 - <https://rewire.news/legislative-tracker/>
- The nomination of Gorsuch for Supreme Court Judge
 - His voting history
 - His vested interest
 - His effect on the SCOTUS
- Support Coalition Work
 - All Above All
 - Planned Parenthood

Mobilize for RJ: Facebook Examples

- The Michigan GOP has sponsored three anti-choice bills in the month. Call your local representatives and let them know what happens when they play politics with our health: [Link to phone script or legislation around anti-choice bills.]
- The ACA’s birth control repeal could cost American women more than 1.4 BILLION dollars a year in copays. Join the coalition today and learn how you can protect your rights...and your wallet.[Link to NOW RJ Initiative.]
- Trump’s nominee for the next Supreme Court Justice is Neil Gorsuch, a man who has shown he has little regard for reproductive rights or women’s health. Find out more about Gorsuch’s legislative history here: [Link to NAP Gorsuch Brief.]
- Neil Gorsuch’s voting history tells us a lot about what he will be like as a member of the SCOTUS. He has voted twice to repeal the ACA’s birth control mandate AND has said that he would have ruled in favor of the churches in *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*. Make sure your representative does not approve Gorsuch!
- In a heartbreaking video, a group of women remind us of what it was like to grow up before Roe: <http://bit.ly/2IJeY04>
- Rejoice! Two SC legislators have come together in a bipartisan effort to ensure that insurance companies cover and supply a full year of birth control at first prescription: <http://bit.ly/2I5IZop>

- The new ACA ‘plan’ provides no support for no support for birth control, no support for reproductive health needs, and fundamentally no support for women. Absolutely Disgusting. [Link to related article.]
- The Trump Administration’s new health insurance plan is horrifying. In addition to completely eliminating birth control coverage for women, it also leaves low income individuals at the mercy of their insurance care providers...if they even have one. Despicable.
- Women across the country are now faced with the reality that they will no longer have access to birth control. Going back to a time before *Griswold v. Connecticut* is not something we can afford. [Link to relevant article.]

Mobilize for Reproductive Justice Twitter Guide

The issue of reproductive justice on Twitter is incredibly prolific, more so than any other social media platform. This community is comprised of activists, doctors, advocates, organizers, academics, celebrities, and more; as such, education and messaging on reproductive justice issues within the Twitterverse is plentiful. The National Action Program recommends that advocates spend time highlighting state level issues, emphasizing ongoing policy work, supporting organizations—like PPFA—that are in a high risk environment, and building relationships with our pro-reproductive rights activists.

- ACA & Birth Control
 - Focus on the repeal of ACA and its effect on low-income women and women of color
 - Show disapproval (strong disapproval) of the new health insurance plan created by Trump Administration
 - Emphasize how many women and what types of women will be affected by the repeal in your state
 - Call-out representatives that support the ACA repeal
- Potential approval of Neil Gorsuch as the new Supreme Court Justice
 - Highlight his conservative background on progressive issues such as Hobby Lobby and the ACA’s birth control mandate
 - Emphasize his cozy relationship with big business
 - Use this platform to call out representatives that support the Gorsuch nomination
- Express urgency
 - How is this affecting women right now?
- Uplifting Coalitions
 - All Above All
 - Planned Parenthood
 - NARAL

Mobilize for RJ: Twitter Examples

- We will not be pulled back to past by our current administration. Join us as we march forward in feminism: <http://bit.ly/2kINacS>
- According to a recent study, 99% of women who elected to have abortion feel they made the right decision <http://bit.ly/2loP1Ds>
- The IUD is over 99% effective in preventing unwanted pregnancy, make sure women have access to it!

- Access to birth control isn't something we can afford to lose, support [Insert bill/act here]
- Harrowing: @thescene reminds us of what it was like for women before Roe in their own words: <http://bit.ly/2lJeY04>
- Unacceptable: In Wisconsin 22 hospitals have been fined for their refusal to tell rape survivors about emergency contraception
- Let's not beat around the bush: Sessions doesn't care about marginalized groups. He's been fighting progress since the 80's.
- Who's fighting for your rights? Find out more about @AllAboveAll here: <http://bit.ly/2kX6XEN>
- Check out this amazing article from Feministing's @HelloQuita on the EACH Woman Act! <http://bit.ly/2k8tiPN>
- As the Trump Administration attempts to tear down @PPFAaction, we promise to help fight to 'keep their doors open'
- Apparently our legislatures throw tantrums when presented with the fact women need abortion clinics <http://bit.ly/2mj0d0M>
- Who is actually protected by Trump's new health care plan, because it sure isn't women.
- Well @rewire pretty much says it all. The Hyde Amendment is a thinly veiled attack on women of color. Again who is the government actually protecting? <http://bit.ly/2m3fh62>
- It's 2017 and we are still arguing with old white men about whether or not women deserve access to birth control

Reproductive Justice Resources

The Repeal of the Affordable Care Act

[“Repealing Obamacare Will Kill More Than 43,000 People A Year”](#)

Overview of Affordable Care Act repeal, it’s necessity for adequate health coverage, and the lack of a supplemental plan from the GOP. The article uses a study done by the New England Journal of Medicine that “found that for every 455 people who gained coverage across several states, one life was saved per year.”

["How Women Would Be Hurt by ACA Repeal and Defunding of Planned Parenthood."](#)

Summary of how the ACA will impact women by limiting coverage for birth control and preventative care. These cuts will primarily impact low-income women, who are additionally impacted by threats to defund Planned Parenthood.

[Birth-Control Repeal May Cost Women \\$1.4B A Year In Copays \(For Starters\)](#)

The ACA repeal process threatens to remove federally-mandated birth control coverage. This means that women will have to pay out of pocket for birth control previously covered under the ACA.

[Birth Control Benefits." *Healthcare.gov.*](#)

The page details birth control covered by the Affordable Care Act.

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[Alliance For Justice: The Gorsuch Record](#)

Analysis of Judge Gorsuch’s judicial record, outlook, and views about the law; “most notably cases, but also writings from the period before he joined the Tenth Circuit as well as during his tenure as a judge.”

[Democrats Should Focus SCOTUS Fight on Gorsuch’s Backing of Big Donors.](#)

Outlines direct reasoning for the Senate to vote against Gorsuch for Supreme Court Justice, “(u)nlike the large majority of Americans, Judge Gorsuch does not believe that protecting our democracy from the influence of big money in politics is necessary or desirable”

[Statement On the Nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch To The Supreme Court Of The United States.](#)

Senator Leahy outlines his negative opinion on Neil Gorsuch for Supreme Court Justice; highlighting President Trump’s promise to “appoint justices who would overturn 40 years of jurisprudence established in *Roe v. Wade*. Judge Gorsuch has shown a willingness to limit women’s access to health care that suggests the President is making good on that promise.”

[Think Progress: Neil Gorsuch’s Crusade Against Planned Parenthood](#)

A recap of Neil Gorsuch’s attempt to create an en banc hearing for Planned Parenthood as a member of the Federal Court of Appeals. The minor case, *Planned Parenthood Association of Utah v. Herbert*, was pushed by Neil Gorsuch in a blatant attempt on Planned Parenthood

[The Atlantic: A Jeffersonian For The Supreme Court](#)

The article presents an analysis on the legal and ruling style of potential Supreme Court Justice, Neil Gorsuch, placing heavy emphasis on Jeffersonian notions of democracy.