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Roe v. Wade overturned



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Protesters gather outside the Supreme Court in Washington on Friday. The Supreme Court has ended constitutional protections for abortion that had been in place nearly 50 years, a decision by its conservative majority to overturn the court's landmark abortion cases.

Wisconsin reacts to landmark court ruling
Planned Parenthood, Pro-Life, local community respond

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WAUKESHA COUNTY — The U.S. Supreme Court's 6-3 decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, eliminating the federal right to an abortion, has sparked quick and passionate reactions from government officials, organizations and citizens who both support and denounce the decision.

In Wisconsin, doctors immediately stopped providing abortions Friday due to a 173-year-old state ban. According to The Associated Press, nearly 70 women had abortion procedures scheduled with Planned Parenthood Wisconsin on Friday and four women had abortions at Planned Parenthood clinics Friday morning before the Supreme Court's order. Clinics elsewhere — including Alabama, Texas and West Virginia — stopped performing abortions for fear of prosecution.

Ultimately, the enforcement of Wisconsin's 1849 law remains a question, with Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul, a Democrat, planning to share news on how the office will respond to the ruling sometime next week.

Dane County District Attorney Ismael Ozanne, whose jurisdiction includes Madison, said for the first time that he would not enforce the state's ban. Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm has previously suggested that he would not enforce it, either.

Under the Wisconsin law, doctors could be charged with felonies for performing abortions and face up to six years in prison and \$10,000 in fines.

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Supreme Court rules states can ban abortion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Friday stripped away women's constitutional protections for abortion, after nearly a half-century under Roe v. Wade.

The court's overturning of the landmark court ruling is likely to lead to abortion bans in roughly half the states.

The ruling was the culmination of decades of efforts by abortion opponents, made possible by an emboldened right side of the court fortified by three appointees of former President Donald Trump.

Both sides predicted the fight over abortion would continue, in state capitols, in Washington and at the ballot box. Justice Clarence Thomas, part of Friday's majority, urged colleagues to overturn other high court rulings protecting same-sex marriage, gay sex and

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the use of contraceptives.

Pregnant women considering abortions already had been dealing with a near-complete ban in Oklahoma and a prohibition after roughly six weeks in Texas. Clinics in at least eight other states

— Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, South Dakota, Wisconsin and West Virginia — stopped performing abortions after Friday's decision.

Abortion foes cheered the ruling, but abortion-rights supporters, including President Joe Biden, expressed dismay and pledged to fight to restore the rights.

Protests built into the evening in a number of cities, including thousands demonstrating against the decision outside the barricaded Supreme Court. Thousands more chanted "We will rise up!" in New York's Washington Square.

At the White House, Biden said, "It's a sad day for the court and for the country." He urged voters to make it a defining issue in the November elections, declaring, "This decision must not be the final word."

Outside the White House, Ansley Cole, a college student from Atlanta, said she was "scared because what are they going to come after next? ... The next election cycle is going to be brutal, like it's terrifying. And if they're going to do this, again, what's next?"

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From 'a victory for life' to 'absolutely disastrous'

Wisconsin legislators, candidates divided over Dobbs decision

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WASHINGTON COUNTY — Reactions in the state fell along party lines after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, the landmark decision that protected

a woman's liberty to choose to have an abortion, on Friday.

Wisconsin legislators and candidates from both sides of the aisle, and at every level of government, reacted to the decision that will allow states to decide the

legality of abortions. "This is truly a monumental moment in the history of our Nation," said Rep. Rick Gundrum, R-Slinger, in a press release. "The majority opinion correctly returns the decision-making power on abortions to state legisla-

tures across the United States. We must not be deterred by the violence that has already occurred from the pro-abortion mob."

Rep. Scott Allen, R-Waukesha, echoed Gundrum's sentiment.

"Nearly 50 years ago an

activist Supreme Court created a law that didn't exist. Today we celebrate a courageous Supreme Court in the Dobbs decision for correcting that error. The people, through their legislative representatives, shall once again have the ability to decide on the important issue of life," Allen said in a statement. "Let's pray that a

respect for life shall prevail."

Sen. Chris Kapenga, R-Delafield, said the fundamental role of government in America is to protect the rights on individuals. He added that Wisconsin's law regarding abortion does just that.

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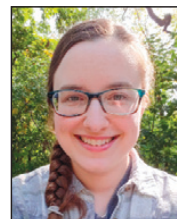
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