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# ACLU 2024 Election Abortion Rights Conversation Guide

As this year's election ramps up, many of us would like to talk about the impact of this election on abortion rights but don't know where to start. So we want to make it easy for you. By voting, we have an opportunity to have a say on how this election will affect essential, lifesaving health care like abortion. But we need your help to ensure everyone votes for their rights.

Just a simple conversation with your friends and family can activate your community during this election. In fact, having a conversation with your network has shown to increase voter turnout. With our abortion rights on the ballot, the ACLU is here to help you navigate those conversations.



Below you'll find information about abortion rights that matters to everyone. We've also included responses to some frequently asked questions, and conversation starters that can help kick-start a dialogue.

In addition, here are some helpful tips to keep in mind when engaging in a conversation:

## Helpful Tips

- ★ Create a safe space - A safe conversation is one in which everyone feels comfortable expressing their thoughts and feelings. Offer mutual respect and make the most of common ground.
- ★ Listen - Be interested in what others have experienced and acknowledge their point of view.
- ★ Advocate - Inform yourself about the issues that matter to you, so that you can share the facts. Sharing personal stories can also show what's at stake.



## Key Points

- 1 The decision to get an abortion shouldn't belong to politicians — it should belong to individuals. Abortion is essential, lifesaving health care.
- 2 Forcing someone to carry a pregnancy against their will has life-altering consequences, including long-lasting serious health risks from continued pregnancy and childbirth; making it harder to escape poverty; derailing education, career, and life plans; and making it more difficult to leave an abusive partner.
- 3 Anti-abortion politicians won't stop at banning care in states where they're in power, they want to ban abortion entirely, nationwide. In fact, a national abortion ban was introduced in the U.S. Senate soon after the Supreme Court took away our federal right to abortion.
- 4 This upcoming election will determine if we have elected officials fighting for abortion rights in Congress, in state legislatures, or even in your local community. This is a dire moment.
- 5 More than a dozen states have begun enforcing abortion bans in the years after the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, leaving around one in three people without access to essential, lifesaving care.

## Conversation Starters

- ★ With abortion banned in states across the country, the burden falls hardest on pregnant people from Black and Brown communities.
- ★ When these bans are enforced, politicians are threatening to put doctors in jail for providing essential care and women in jail for accessing it.
- ★ Abortion is essential health care — and lifesaving in some circumstances. People from all walks of life need access to abortion care, which one in three women will receive in her lifetime.

## FAQ

**Q:** Can people get an abortion if they need one?

**A:** After the Supreme Court's decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*, the ability to access abortion depends on where you live. For those living in states where care is banned, there are two main choices: seeking care in another state if you are able or being forced to carry a pregnancy against your will.

**Q:** Is abortion safe, and how common is it?

**A:** Yes, abortion is one of the safest medical procedures performed today. It's 99 percent safe, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Nearly one in three women will have an abortion in her lifetime. As a matter of fact, six out of every 10 women who have abortions are already mothers.

**Q:** What makes voting Yes on Amendment 4 so important right now?

**A:** Voting Yes on Amendment 4 is more than just a vote; it's our way of fighting back against injustice. Our ancestors didn't fight for us to sit on the sidelines. This is about standing up for our families, our freedom, and our future. Florida's extreme abortion ban is another form of control, and voting Yes is how we reclaim our right to make decisions about our own lives.

**Q:** How does Amendment 4 relate to the health of Black women?

**A:** Black women are dying during childbirth at rates three to four times higher than white women—a crisis worsened by Florida's extreme abortion ban. Voting Yes on Amendment 4 is about saving lives and ensuring Black women can make their own health decisions without political interference.

**Q:** What message does a Yes vote on Amendment 4 send?

**A:** When the system fails, that's when we need to speak up the loudest. Voting Yes on Amendment 4 is how we turn frustration into action and doubt into determination. It's our way of saying we won't be ignored, and we won't be controlled. Voting YES is how we push back against Florida's extreme abortion ban.

## Black Voter Conversation Starters

- ★ Drive home how voting is not just about a distant political process but directly shapes the everyday lives and futures of Black families—especially healthcare.
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- ★ Lay bare how laws like Florida's abortion ban aren't just abstract policies; they are tools of systemic racism that disproportionately harm Black communities, particularly Black women, threatening their health, autonomy, and dignity.



**Q:** What makes voting Yes on Amendment 4 so important right now?

**A:** No woman should be forced into a tragic situation by politicians who don't understand her struggles. We all know someone—a daughter, sister, or mother—who could be affected by this extreme abortion ban. Amendment 4 gives us the chance to protect them and ensure they have the support, care, and power they need during difficult times. Voting Yes is a vote for their dignity and safety.

**Q:** How does Amendment 4 reflect our community values?

**A:** As a community that values respect, family, and freedom, we recognize that every situation is unique. Amendment 4 upholds these values by keeping deeply personal decisions in the hands of women and their families—not politicians. Voting Yes affirms our right to live according to our values and make decisions based on love, faith, and compassion.

**Q:** What message does a Yes vote on Amendment 4 send?

**A:** A Yes vote sends a powerful message: we believe that decisions about our health and future belong in the hands of women and their families, not politicians. This vote defends our freedom, dignity, and the ability to choose our own path, free from harmful government control.

## Latino Voter Conversation Starters

- ★ Clearly communicate that Florida's abortion ban is extreme and unreasonable, and lacks meaningful exceptions for rape, incest, or the health of the woman.
- ★ Share stories (with permission!) of women who faced dangerous medical situations due to the abortion ban. Humanize the issue and highlight the impact of the ban.
- ★ Acknowledge that abortion is a morally complex issue. Avoid minimizing the gravity of the decision, and instead, focus on the need for compassionate and reasonable options.



**Q:** What makes voting Yes on Amendment 4 so important right now?

**A:** Amendment 4 safeguards the right to make personal health decisions, free from political interference. It protects access to essential healthcare, including abortion, and ensures that no politician can put lives at risk by restricting healthcare choices. Voting Yes is about securing your health and your future.

**Q:** How does Amendment 4 impact our future and rights?

**A:** Voting Yes on Amendment 4 isn't just one vote—it's about shaping the future. Supporting it ensures that your voice is heard and that your rights are protected. It's a stand against politicians trying to strip away personal freedoms, and it sends a clear message: we won't let others control our healthcare or our future.

**Q:** What message does a Yes vote on Amendment 4 send?

**A:** A Yes vote on Amendment 4 sends a bold message: we demand the freedom to make our own choices. It's about rejecting government overreach and protecting our right to decide what's best for our health and future. It is a stand for freedom, equity, and the power to control our own lives.

## Youth Voter Conversation Starters

- ★ Connect Amendment 4 directly to how it affects their autonomy and future. Explain how it protects their right to make decisions about their bodies and health.
- ★ Make it clear that their vote can protect reproductive rights by supporting Amendment 4. Empower them with information on how to register, vote, and get involved.
- ★ Emphasize that Amendment 4 is not just about reproductive rights—it's about ensuring that everyone, regardless of their background, has equal access to healthcare and the right to make decisions about their bodies.



**Q:** Who wrote the financial impact statement?

**A:** The financial impact statement was written by the same politicians who want to maintain the extreme abortion ban. Knowing that their position is unpopular, they resort to deceptive tactics to mislead voters. It is intended to distract and confuse voters. It's filled with speculation rather than facts and is meant to instill fear.

**Q:** How is misinformation being used in Florida?

**A:** Florida's government has adopted misinformation as a policy. When the truth doesn't suit their agenda, politicians resort to lies and scare tactics to mislead voters, especially on issues like abortion, where they have banned it with no legitimate exceptions. This state-sponsored sabotage aims to rig the system against its citizens.

**Q:** How are taxpayer dollars being used against women's rights?

**A:** Floridians' tax dollars are funding a campaign to control women's decisions about their bodies, with dire consequences. The state uses its power to enforce an extreme abortion ban that endangers women's lives. Extreme politicians know they can't win fairly, so they try to bully voters into silence.

## Government Interference

- ★ Florida politicians are using deceptive financial tactics to manipulate voters in order to maintain control over women's healthcare decisions.
- ★ The financial impact statement is a smokescreen, designed by the state to distract from the real issue: government interference in our personal freedoms.
- ★ The state is spending millions of taxpayer dollars to push disinformation, using government resources to manipulate public opinion. This is a calculated effort to confuse voters and keep extreme policies in place, rather than allowing Floridians to make informed decisions about their own healthcare.



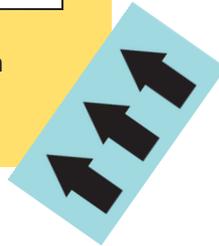
## Time to Fight for Your Rights

This November let's remind our elected officials that they don't have the final say when it comes to our rights — we do. We know you're ready to vote and take action, make sure your friends and family are ready too.

Check out more voter resources at:

[aclufl.org/en/florida-voter-center](https://aclufl.org/en/florida-voter-center)

Share this guide with others so that they can engage their circles too.



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