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AFL-CIO Tool Kit Dobbs Jackson response

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National Women’s Law Center Roe v Wade Resource Hub

<https://nwlc.org/resource/resource-hub-the-supreme-court-and-roe-v-wade/>

Equal Pay and the Wage Gap

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General Health Care and Coverage

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Child Care and Early Learning

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Income Supports

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IATSE Statement on SCOTUS Leak Roe v Wade

The US Supreme Court has acknowledged the authenticity of its leaked initial draft opinion to overturn Roe v. Wade. While the draft opinion is genuine, it is not the final ruling, and for now it remains legal to access abortion and reproductive healthcare in the United States.

Should the court's final decision resemble this outrageous draft, SCOTUS would abandon a 50-year precedent and the will of 70% of the American people to impose one of the worst contractions of freedoms in modern US history. Such a move would directly harm the welfare of our union sisters and kin, and therefore we must respond strongly.

We know well the catastrophic consequences that follow when authoritarians snatch control over our wombs, bodies, and lives. Taking away the option to receive compassionate reproductive care in the form of safe, legal abortions will disproportionately harm working-class people, force unwilling parents into poverty, worsen the already unacceptable maternal mortality crisis, imprison innocents for their biological functions (including miscarriages), and cut short far too many bright careers and lives.

If the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health decision stands as is, the court would have built a pathway to nullify other rights Americans fought and died for. Rights Americans build our lives around today. The draft language opens opportunities to take away contraceptives and birth control, Civil Rights legislation, interracial marriage, LGBTQ+ marriage equality, Title IX, and even Brown v Board of Education. If extremist justices will blatantly ignore established legal precedent and lie about it in their confirmation hearings, how far will they go? Even the First Amendment right to form or join unions and our very existence may be at risk. We stand together as sisters, brothers, and kin to ensure liberty and justice for ALL. We call on lawmakers at all levels to defend reproductive healthcare and Americans' other fundamental freedoms immediately, or face being replaced by those who will.



IATSE Women's Committee Statement

The IATSE Women's Committee believes in the right of all persons to make life choices based on the best information they have which impacts their immediate decision. The language in the Supreme Court's leaked draft late Monday evening is an indication that Judge Alito and others do not share that belief. In particular, they would deny that right to more than half the population of our country, to read, those identifying as female.

Having lived in this country as women, many of us know too well the injustices and inequities that we'll face under such an authoritarian move. Not that long ago, we fought for contraceptive insurance coverage, and it's still not comprehensive. We still fight for equal pay. We still don't have equal representation in our so-called halls of justice.

This draft represents actions by a privileged few that will have far reaching implications on a majority of working Americans. It once again illustrates that some Supreme Court Justices are neither objective nor tone deaf to the ideological tenets of their appointing authorities. If it stands as is, it will mean the first step onto a slippery slope of all the hard-won movements for equality that have enriched us over the last 50 years.

Let's not forget that just a few short months ago we saw many Americans stealing the pro-choice slogan "My Body, My Choice" when it was convenient for them. Our bodies are no less valuable. Our contributions to this country are no less valuable. Our choices are equally significant. This act is about controlling women.

The Women's Committee is primed to take back our slogan and stand with the 70 % of Americans who support choice. We will stand together with our sisters, brothers, and kin to ensure ...liberty and justice for ALL.