

Seven Ways the Trump Administration Has Made Pregnancy More Dangerous

As Trump fuels international chaos and headline-grabbing threats abroad, his administration has quietly hollowed out abortion rights at home—often with deadly consequences for women.

5 Trump has been in office for less than a year. The Supreme Court killed *Roe v. Wade*¹ less than three years ago. And today, if you are a woman in the United States, your rights change when you cross state lines—men’s rights do not.

It’s easy to lose sight of just how debilitating this administration has been for reproductive rights, because they are doing so much else so loudly. (Apologies to Greenland.) But this administration
10 has quietly attacked abortion rights from just about every angle.

A few highlights:

1. The Trump administration has effectively told emergency rooms and hospitals that they do not have to save pregnant women’s lives or preserve their health.

Under a long-standing federal law, emergency rooms have to stabilize patients regardless of
15 whether or not those patients can pay; if the hospital cannot provide the care the patient needs, they are required to stabilize them and then transfer them somewhere that can. For pregnant patients, this means that hospitals and ERs may sometimes have to provide abortion care: If a pregnant woman is in a health- or life-threatening emergency, in some cases, the only way to stabilize her is to end the pregnancy. But “pro-life” groups don’t like this law; they prefer to let
20 women lose their uteruses, or hemorrhage, or wind up on a ventilator or nearly die of sepsis or other infection—they claim that abortion is *never* medically necessary, and threaten to prosecute any doctor who deems it so.

The result is that some women are dying; many more are nearly dying, particular women in the
25 midst of miscarriages. In Texas, rates of sepsis infection among miscarrying women *increased by more than 50 percent* after their abortion ban—doctors are waiting until pregnant women have serious potentially deadly infections before giving them the care they need. And they’re doing this because new Trump administration rules do not require them to treat pregnant patients like all other people; pregnant women are a legal sub-category of person, not entitled the same requirement of care as everyone else.

¹ *Roe v. Wade* (1973): Supreme Court ruling granting women the constitutional right to abortion.

30 **2. The Trump administration has launched a politically-motivated safety review of mifepristone, “the abortion pill,” seeking to challenge its approval by the FDA.**

Mifepristone is overwhelmingly safe, and has been used all over the world for decades now—for safe abortions, but also for a variety of other indications. The drug’s safety record is excellent, and the only reason to have the FDA review its approval is because it’s used for abortion—not
35 because there are any real safety concerns. If the review results in a change to the FDA’s approval of mifepristone, it would leave millions of women without access to a safe abortion option.

3. The Trump administration froze contraceptive funding for American women.

Millions of women have lost access to contraception and reproductive healthcare between
40 Trump’s Medicaid cuts in the Big Beautiful Bill and his stripping of Title X family planning² funds from clinics across the country.

4. The Trump administration stripped reproductive healthcare from veterans—including rape victims.

Veterans who are pregnant from rape, or face severe risks to their health from carrying a
45 pregnancy to term, can no longer get safe abortions through their VA health insurance thanks to new Trump administration rules. These are women who have served our country, and have been targeted by Trump’s team.

5. Trump pardoned violent antiabortion criminals.

Some two dozen people who had been criminally prosecuted for attacking patients and
50 healthcare workers, vandalizing abortion clinics, and stealing fetal tissue were pardoned by Trump. Several are already back in court for further criminal acts. And since the Trump administration announced it basically wouldn’t prosecute antiabortion protesters so long as they didn’t kill or seriously injure someone (keyword there is “seriously”), antiabortion extremists have gotten more aggressive and more violent.

55 There is much more to come. [...]

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² Title X (1970): federal programme funding family planning for low-income Americans.