

Partners In Health

Stance on Contraception and Abortion

<https://www.pih.org/press/statement-regarding-reports-court-poised-repeal-roe-v-wade>

Partners in Health made the following statement after the *Dobbs v. Jackson* opinion leaked to the public:

News of a draft opinion by the U.S. Supreme Court indicating it will strike down Roe v Wade has left us saddened, distressed, and outraged. Unfortunately, the provision of safe abortions has become the latest policy casualty, sacrificed to feed a self-destructive and divisive political strife. Access to safe abortion is an integral part of reproductive health, not a political issue. The right to health care is an inalienable human right, and all aspects of health care should be considered and safeguarded as such.

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Partners in Health made a statement on the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in 2022, stating that it was “enraged” by the decision.

<https://www.pih.org/press/pih-opposes-reinstatement-of-mexico-city-policy>

PIH released a statement in 2017 “strongly opposing” the Trump administration’s “global gag rule,” which required countries receiving money from the US to not “perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning.”

PIH said the following:

Abortion is illegal in most of the countries where PIH works. Yet in every country, some women do seek abortion or need an abortion for medical reasons. We believe that access to reproductive health is a human rights issue and includes access to contraception, safe abortion, and post-abortion care.

<https://www.pih.org/programs/womens-health>

The following paragraph shows that PIH's program on Women's Health includes ensuring contraceptive access for women, especially in poor and developing countries:

Clinicians in PIH-supported maternity wards counsel women and adolescents on their family planning options and provide both short-term and long-acting contraceptive methods. This programming is tailored to specific communities. In Mexico, for example, health workers offer a 3-day workshop which used art to explore reproductive health. And in Haiti, PIH operates mobile clinics that provide long-acting contraception directly in communities, so women can plan their families without having to travel to a health facility.

<https://www.pih.org/article/innovation-contraception-program-empowers-women-haiti>

This article from PIH is entitled "Innovation: Contraception Program Empowers Women in Haiti." Based on their "work" in Haiti, PIH states the following:

More training for nurses and greater access to family planning services has resulted in significantly more new mothers leaving a Haiti hospital with long-term contraception, a fact that could lead to safer pregnancies and fewer maternal deaths.

<https://twitter.com/PIH/status/1540394973639675907>

<https://twitter.com/PIH/status/1540395388322152448>

PIH posted these tweets on X/Twitter on June 24, 2022:



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Evidence from around the world shows that criminalizing abortion never reduces abortions; it just weaponizes the health system against women and pregnancy-capable people. It impacts the most marginalized communities and results in unsafe abortions.

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Unsafe abortions are fatal and are the third leading cause of maternal mortality worldwide according to the World Health Organization (@WHO).



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Eliminating access to abortion is egregious and dehumanizing to the over 160 million women and pregnancy-capable people who live in this country. 2/2

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<https://www.pih.org/article/empowering-women-girls-choose-their-reproductive-futures>

The above article discusses women's choices regarding their reproductive futures:

As she enters her teen years and young adulthood, a girl has many decisions to make—whether to become sexually active, to stay in school, to get married, to advance her career, to become a mother...Additionally, she may lack access to—or be discouraged from seeking—reproductive health care, such as sex ed, contraception, and family planning services... Similarly, in Malawi and Sierra Leone, PIH has implemented the No Woman or Girl Left Behind project. The project aims to strengthen sexual and reproductive health services by delivering medical care, training health workers, and offering education about family planning, as well as by responding to cases of sexual and gender-based violence. PIH provided contraception to 1,105 adolescent girls in Malawi from July 2022 to June 2023.

<https://pihcanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/V7-AR23-PIH-Canada-Jan-3-Final-Version-1.pdf>

On page 6 of its Annual Report, PIH Canada boasts about getting “1,105 adolescent girls started on contraception in Malawi.”

<https://www.pih.org/our-mission>

This is PIH's mission statement:

We are a social justice organization that responds to the moral imperative to provide high-quality health care globally to those who need it most. We strive to ease suffering by providing a comprehensive model of care that includes access to food, transportation, housing, and other key components of healing. We bring the benefits of modern medicine to those who have

suffered from the overt and subtle injustices of the world, in the past and in the present. **We refuse to accept that any life is worth less than another.**

Stance on LGBTQ+ Lifestyle

<https://www.pih.org/programs/gender-equity>

Regarding gender equity, PIH states on its website that gender is a “social construct.”

...the socially constructed norms that impose and determine roles, relationships, and positional power for all people across their lifetime,” according to the Global Health 50/50 Initiative. Gender—which is related to, but separate from, biological sex—is ever evolving in any given individual, community, and society. It impacts all aspects of our lives, health chief among them.

Partnerships

<https://www.pih.org/partnerships>

Partners in Health lists its various partnerships, which include Doctors Without Borders, USAID, UNICEF, CDC, WHO, Direct Relief, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



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