

Life After Dobbs

The Consequences of Banning Abortion

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BACKGROUND: Who cares?

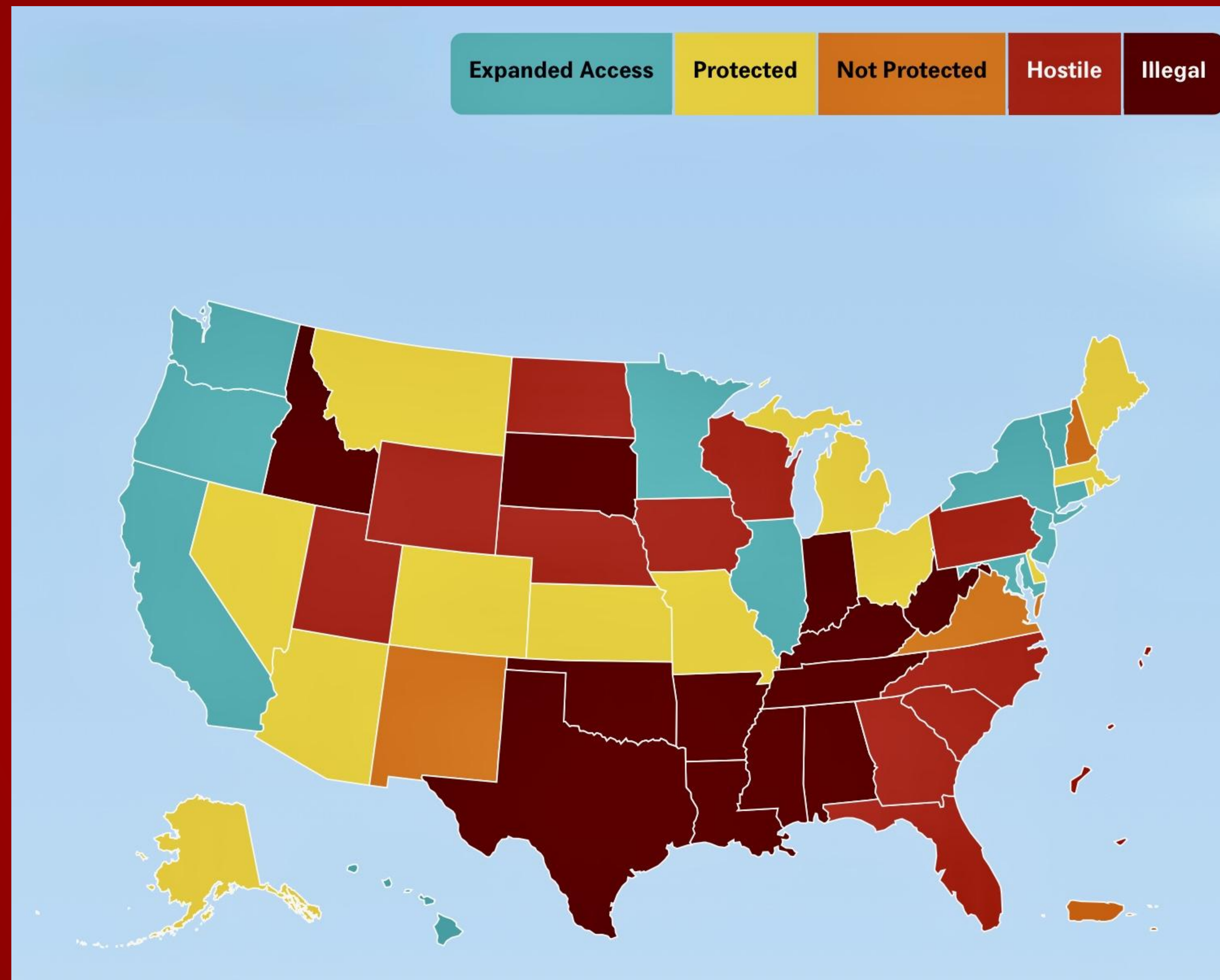
On June 24, 2022 the Supreme Court issued its ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. This decision overturned *Roe v. Wade* and took away the constitutional right to abortion that Americans had for close to 50 years.

CONCLUSIONS

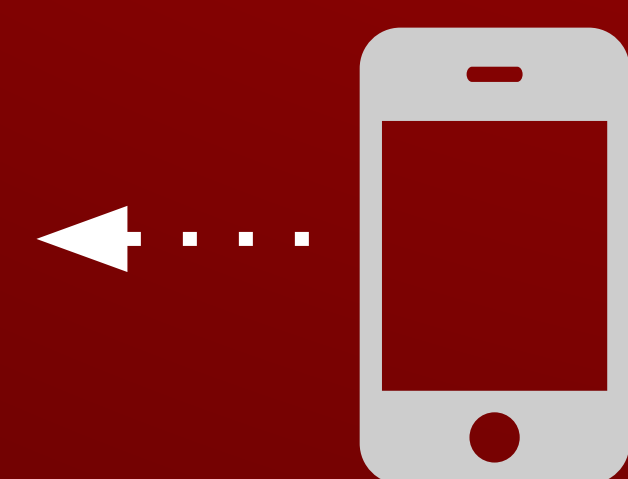
- The infant mortality rate rose.
- On average the rate of infant mortality is higher in states with restrictive abortion laws.
- The maternal mortality rate fell.
 - It rose for black women and fell for every other race.
 - Abortion restrictive states have the highest rates.
- The number of maternal health care deserts in abortion restrictive states rose.
- Abortion restrictive states generally have lower per capita GDPs.
- States with abortion bans show signs of brain drains and an increase in people migrating out of the states.
- Impacts on the medical profession: less obstetrics training for doctors, workforce redistribution, chilling effect due to threat of lawsuit, and the tug between moral and legal duties.

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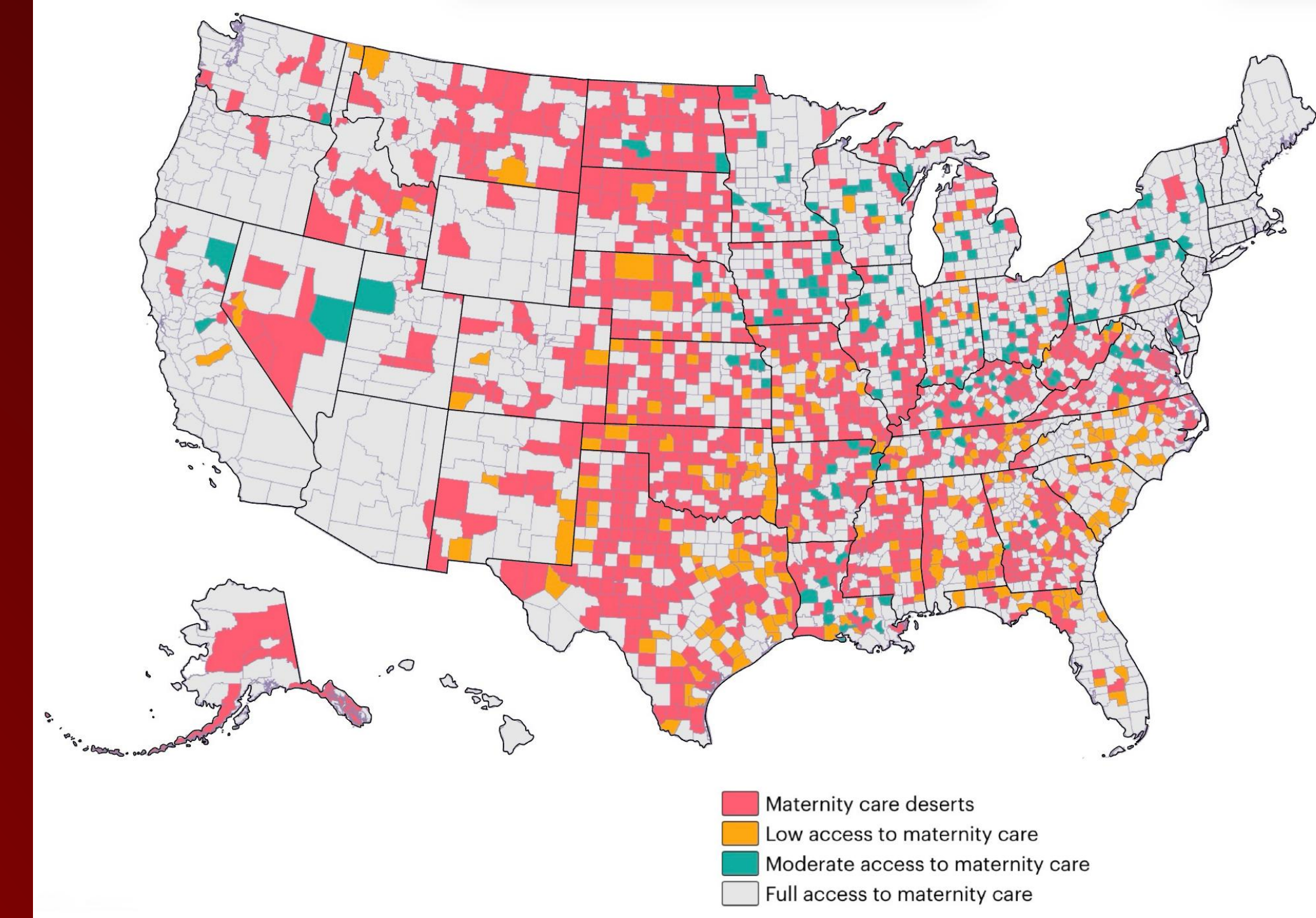
What happens when abortion is no longer a constitutionally protected right?



Source: The Center for Reproductive Rights

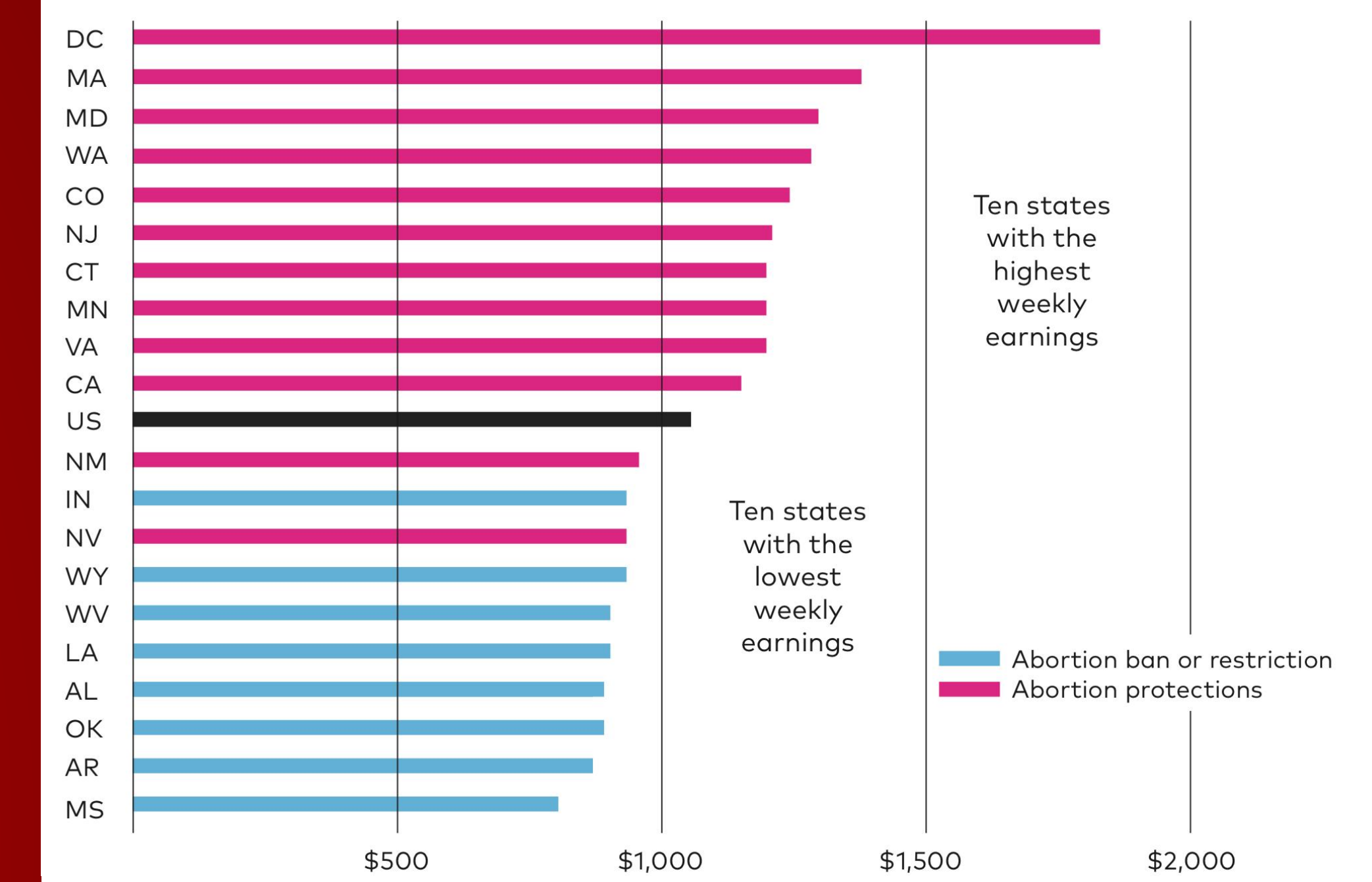


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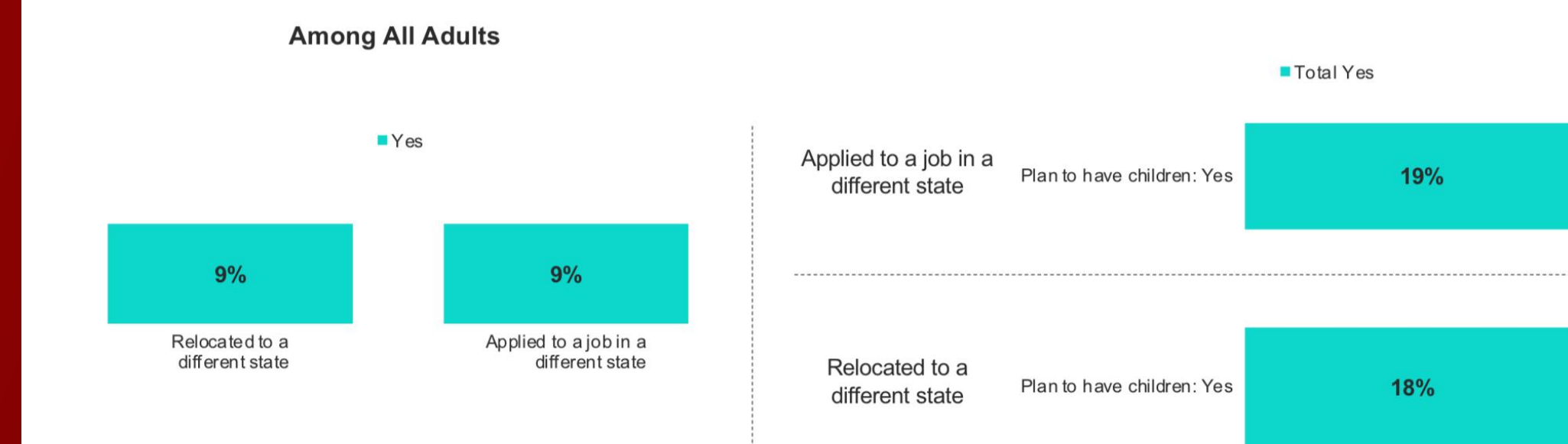
Source: March of Dimes

Figure 1. Most States That Paid Women the Least in 2023 Have Abortion Bans or Restrictions, While All States That Paid Women the Most Provide at Least Some Abortion Protections



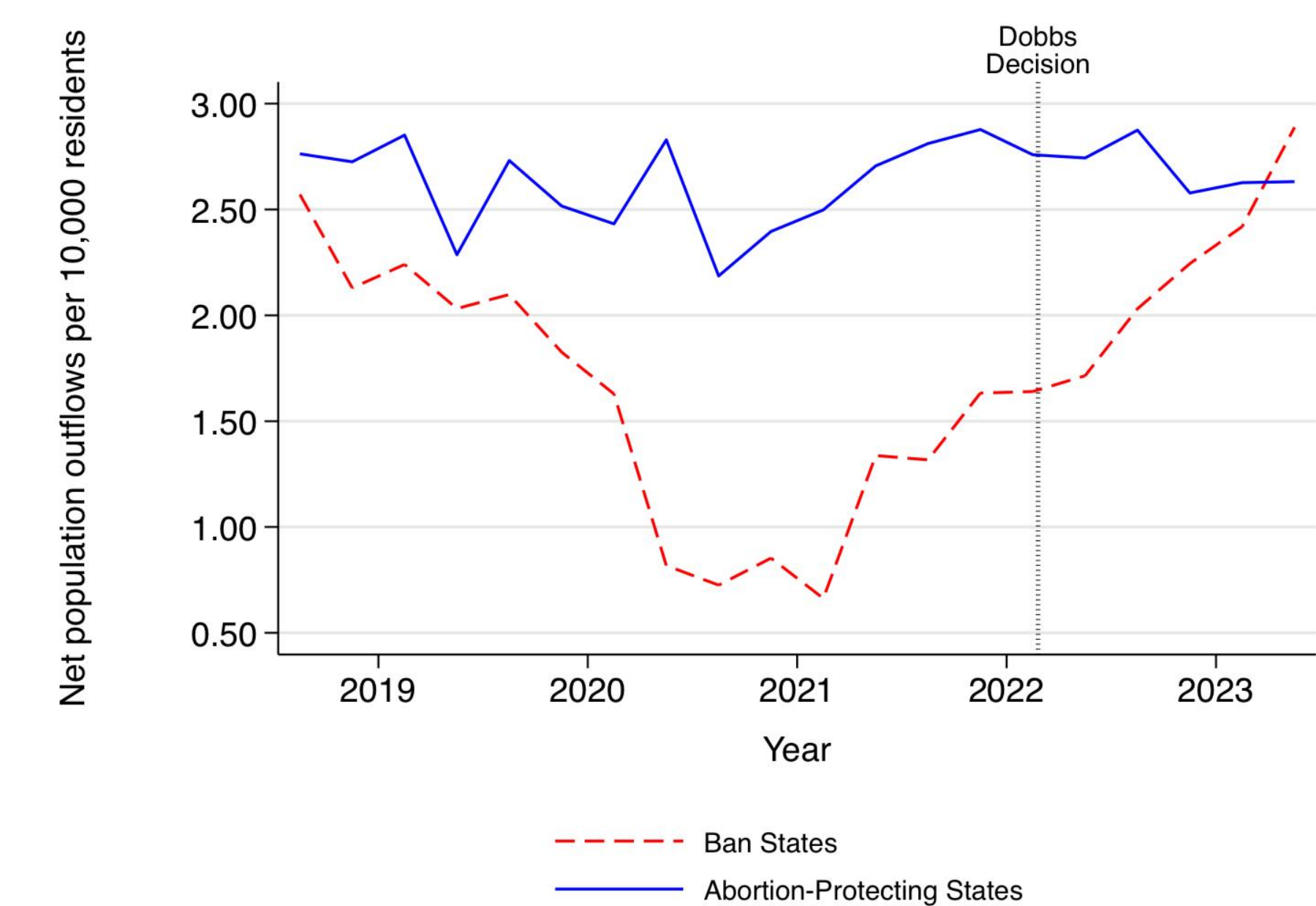
Source: Institute for Women's Policy Research

Have you or someone you know ever done the following because of a state's **abortion restrictions**?



Source: Institute for Women's Policy Research

Figure 1
Net Population Outflow Rates for Abortion-Ban States vs Abortion-Protecting States



Source: National Bureau of Economic Research