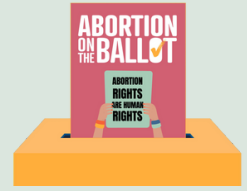




# WISCONSIN



Election Day: November 8 | Early Voting: October 25 – November 5

Elections for U.S. Senate, U.S. House, statewide elected offices, State Senate, State Assembly, and other local elections

The November 8th midterm election marks the first time people across the United States have an opportunity to stand up for reproductive freedom following the landmark Supreme Court decision overturning the 50-year abortion rights precedent set by Roe v. Wade. Abortion is quite literally on the ballot and this fact sheet aims to inform voters about what is at stake in Wisconsin.

## Wisconsin Government Make Up



**Governor**  
Tony Evers (D)  
Elected in 2018



**Attorney General**  
Josh Kaul (D)  
Elected in 2018



**Legislature**  
State Senate  
21 Republicans | 12 Democrats  
State Assembly  
61 Republicans | 38 Democrats

## Current State of Abortion in Wisconsin

Abortion is currently illegal at all stages of pregnancy in Wisconsin. After Roe was overturned, an abortion ban, passed in 1849, came back into effect. Governor Evers and Attorney General (A.G.) Kaul have vowed not to enforce the law. The law is currently being challenged in the courts by A.G. Kaul, and Evers has called on the state legislature to repeal it. Bills have been introduced by Republicans to ban abortion in the case that the 1849 law gets overturned. Gov. Evers has vowed to veto these bills.

## The Party Divide on Reproductive Rights Conversations

Democrats this election cycle are talking about protecting a person's reproductive rights, and Republicans want to criminalize reproductive choice and prevent access to care.

"I have been firm in my support for abortion rights. Tim Michels has been clear that he supports a criminal ban on abortion, with no exceptions for rape, incest, or health of a mother – we cannot let this divisive and radical candidate win."

- Gov. Tim Evers, Democrat

### Governor's Race



"You'd be amazed at the people that have called me up... that say, 'Tim, you have to soften your stance, you need an exception for rape and incest as well,'... I'm not gonna soften my stance on abortion."

- Tim Michels, Republican Gov. Nominee

"Abortion is health care. The right to choose is fundamental. It's that simple – and any legislator who says it isn't does not deserve their office."

- Mandela Barnes, Democratic Senate Nominee (WI)

### Attorney General's Race



When asked about the Wisconsin abortion ban, Johnson said driving across state lines to Illinois would likely be an option. "I just don't think this is going to be the big political issue everybody thinks it is, because it's not going to be that big a change."

- U.S. Senator Ron Johnson, Republican

## Pro-Choice Candidates

### U.S. House:

- Roe (WI-01)
- Pocan (WI-02)
- Pfaff (WI-03)
- Moore (WI-04)

### Statewide:

- Evers (D-Governor)
- Kaul (D-Attorney General)
- Barnes (D-Senate)

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