

# The Organizer

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## Full Reproductive Rights for All People

*Statement drafted by the SPUSA Women's Commission and passed by the national Action Committee*

"We demand full support for the right to women to choose when, if and how to have children, including the right to free abortion on demand at any stage of pregnancy, without interference or coercion. Clinics providing abortion services must have the full protection of the law." *Socialist Party USA Platform*

The Socialist Party USA supports full reproductive rights for all people, including the right to choose abortion. Through decades of legal maneuvering and trickery, abortion has become effectively unobtainable for most people in the United States, robbing us of our basic right of bodily sovereignty. The hypocrisy of those who want to limit reproductive freedom is on full display, as they cry 'my body, my choice' when asked to take basic health measures during a pandemic; and claim to be against the government limiting personal freedom while supporting and legislating laws that force anyone who gets pregnant to carry the fetus to term. Liberals and conservatives alike have used abortion access as a wedge issue to galvanize their base, while working in tandem to maintain our current oppressive, patriarchal, capitalist system.

Many restrictions on abortion force pregnancies to be carried to term after 6 weeks, before most people even know they are pregnant. The Texas restrictions have no exceptions for rape or incest. Using private citizens to enforce the law and enacting bounties is particularly barbaric and sets a

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## Two Decades of US Occupation of Afghanistan

*Statement drafted by the Anti-War Working Group and amended and passed by the National Action Committee*

In Fall 2001, the Socialist Party USA held its biennial convention and discussed the then-recent attacks of September 11, 2001 and the beginning phases of what became the twenty year long USA-led War in Afghanistan. The Convention produced a statement which condemned any moves toward war while calling on the government of the USA and the people to pursue peaceful resolution of the conflict. The statement of the SPUSA predicted a long conflict that would kill thousands, destroy the country of Afghanistan, create more terrorists rather than eliminating them, and cost the USA vast sums of money, before failing. The Party condemned the lack of transparency in the decision-making process, the explanation of intelligence concerning the targets and strategic objectives, and the destruction the USA was about to thrust upon the people of Afghanistan.

After almost 20 years to the date, the USA is finally leaving Afghanistan behind, having accomplished what it claimed was its one strategic objective, namely to murder Osama bin Laden. In the end, US and Afghan forces murdered more civilians than the Taliban; who had offered to hand over Osama bin Laden to the Bush administration several times.

Over the last two decades, the USA has occupied Afghanistan with as many as 150,000 US servicemen and women, untold numbers of private military contractors, and countless billions of dollars-worth of advanced military technology. We have dramatically altered the physical face of Afghanistan, primarily in and around the capital city of Kabul, while not altering the situation much at all in much of the country. We have dumped more than 2 trillion dollars, most of which has not been accounted for in any way, into the effort. Along the way enriching warlords and US defense contractors, and funding building projects that in many instances served political rather than practical purposes and which were poorly executed to boot.

We have raped, tortured, maimed, and/or killed tens of thousands of Afghans in an ongoing civil war that our presence in the country perpetuated, and created more than 100,000 Afghan refugees, both internally displaced, as well as externally fled. We have allowed our warlord allies in their 'poppy palaces' to profit unchallenged from opium sales. And

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## ***Reproductive Rights continued...***

dangerous precedent. But Texas is not alone, they are one of many states that have either shut most clinics down or made abortion restrictions so strict that they prevent most people from accessing this vital and necessary part of health care. Currently, many states have tripwire laws that will make abortion completely illegal if Roe vs Wade is overturned, all while the policies that prevent unwanted pregnancies are attacked and dismantled.

Reproductive rights are not only a gender issue, but also a class issue: as these restrictions are easy to get around for those with enough status and money. Our current government does not represent the rights of working people, it does what is necessary to maintain power for the chosen few while upholding the status quo. We may lose the reproductive freedoms we fought so hard for in the next few years, despite most Americans believing that abortion should be both safe and accessible. And make no mistake: these laws do NOT limit abortions; they simply limit safe abortions. Capitalism has failed to provide even the most basic human needs to the working class, it should come as no surprise that they have failed to protect our reproductive rights. And like most regressive policies, restricting access to safe and legal abortion will hurt the most marginalized most.

Currently, the future for reproductive rights in the United States looks bleak. With even our bodily sovereignty robed of us, what else can they take? But we cannot lose hope, we still have an opportunity to build a revolutionary movement that guarantees all basic human rights, as opposed to the current corporations and lobbying groups that have acted in the name of grassroots organizing. Even if you cannot get pregnant, I assure you this issue affects you and those you care about. Do not give into despair and anger, turn those emotions into action and change. There are many groups organizing to provide vital reproductive services, below are some resources that can help. The national day of action for Reproductive Rights is October 2nd, 2021 (find local events here). If you would like to organize for reproductive rights within the Socialist Party USA, consider joining or supporting the women's commission. This fight is not and will not be over until we achieve full liberation, we cannot win this without your help: please educate, agitate, and organize in any way you can.

### **Hotlines/Texlines/Support**

Reprocare Healthline (1-833-226-7821) – Provides anonymous peer-based emotional support, medical information, and referrals to people having an abortion at home with pills.

All-Options (1-888-493-0092) – Offers full-spectrum free peer counseling to callers from anywhere in the US or Canada.

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## **Find abortion clinic near you**

Make sure to call ahead to ensure they are open, what your options are, what the laws require in your area. Be wary of 'pregnancy crisis centers', who pretend to be doctors but exist to lie to, use emotional manipulation and abuse, to threaten or trick pregnant people into carrying unwanted pregnancies to term by any means. Don't be afraid to request a free escort to your appointment. **Links:** <https://www.abortionfinder.org/>

## **Facts about abortion**

<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/abortion/considering-abortion/what-facts-about-abortion-do-i-need-know>  
<https://www.reproductiveaccess.org/abortion/>

Join or reach out to the SP-USA Women's Commission at [spusa.womenscommission@gmail.com](mailto:spusa.womenscommission@gmail.com)

## **Afghanistan continued..**

still, we left the country at least as insecure with regards to international terrorist organizations as it was when we invaded it. After 20 years of USA military presence, it took two weeks for governance to fall into the hands of the Taliban.

Those in our government who were responsible must be held accountable for their unconscionable inhumanity towards the men and women of our own military and the hundreds of thousands of people in Afghanistan whose lives were destroyed by their criminal war of choice. Included in this list are current and former Presidents of the USA, and their puppets in Afghanistan, Secretaries of State, Defense, Homeland Security and Treasury, leaders and members of both house of Congress who authorized this action, voted repeatedly to continue to fund it, We know who these people are: their addresses are public. None of them are hiding. It is time they are held accountable and responsible for their crimes against humanity.

The Anti-War Working Group of the Socialist Party USA issues this statement in unequivocal opposition to not only this war, but ALL wars, and in solidarity with those who lost their lives due to American ultra-militarism, war-profiteering, and imperialism. We will continue to call for alternative, peaceful resolution to international conflict.



## **NATIONAL CONVENTION**

The Socialist Party USA will be holding our 2021 National Convention virtually from October 22-24, 2021.

**Registration and more at:**  
[socialistorganizing.org](http://socialistorganizing.org)