

The Socialist Party USA believes that access to a broad range of reproductive choices is a right to all. This includes safe, affordable and on demand access to abortion, STI screening, access to birth control, prenatal care, hormone replacement therapy (HRT), and other gender-related healthcare services. The right to choose when, if, and how to have children is rooted in the most basic right of bodily sovereignty. We support comprehensive sex education that includes information on safe sex and contraception, rather than abstinence only education, and oppose misleading and predatory 'pregnancy crisis' centers. We oppose any medical research or procedure without a woman's full knowledge and consent and oppose involuntary sterilizations.

Unlike the anti-choice lobby, whose concern for human welfare seems to evaporate after birth, we stand in opposition to a system where children are born into poverty and parents struggle to provide meals, healthcare, education, and childcare. We call for 16 months paid leave to be shared by new parents or in its entirety by a single parent, and the expansion and fullfunding of high-quality child care facilities.

Access to high quality, affordable reproductive healthcare in the US continues to be an obstacle for many Americans. The Right has spent years

pushing through regressive legislation in the guise of spending cuts or feigned concern over women's safety. Despite Conservative's fear of 'government overreach', many states have enacted laws that trample on the rights of women and their doctors. These laws mandate what medical professionals can and can't say, and require invasive, humiliating, and unnecessary medical procedures. Legislation that demands unneeded and prohibitively expensive regulations on clinics providing abortions as well as long waiting periods have effectively made abortion inaccessible, especially in rural and impoverished areas.

Liberals and Conservatives alike have cut back social programs and put forward an agenda that is rooted in racism, sexism, transphobia, and homophobia. The proposed cuts to Planned Parenthood are just the latest in a string of actions that chip away at the needs of working-class Americans. They limit access to contraception, shut down vital healthcare and health screening services, and do nothing to stop abortions-they only make abortions less safe.

From our position outside the Democratic Party, we can and must present a much needed voice of socialist feminism--one that places abortion access in the context of social and economic justice and independent political action. To achieve liberation for

women -ALL women- we must challenge the duopoly of corporate power. Strategies of mass protest building towards civil disobedience and other forms of noncompliance are critical tools for changing the political culture in this country. By using this strategy, we can defend the rights we have, but also push to expand them.

Changing capitalist institutions from the inside is a losing strategy. Lobbying and collecting donations won't put an end to the attack on basic human rights such as bodily sovereignty and reproductive rights. The radical left needs to offer an alternative to the liberal, mainstream organizations such as NARAL and NOW, whose placating strategies make them complicit in the ongoing assaults on reproductive rights.

As socialist feminists, we see restricting reproductive rights as not only an attack on women's' and LGBTQIA+ rights, but as a part of a well-planned strategy being initiated by the right in the form of budget cuts enacted across the country. Only our persistent and militant grassroots efforts will bring about our fundamental objective: a comprehensive system of socialized healthcare within a society that guarantees the right to reproductive freedom, healthcare justice and equity. A system that ends all forms of violence against anyone because of their gender identity.

The Socialist Party USA is a socialist feminist party that believes healthcare is a human right. For this reason, we support socialized medicine, a system that would provide quality healthcare to all regardless of their ability to pay. We also call for full funding of all social services as well as a system of full employment. We see these things as fundamental to creating a more equitable and humanitarian society. If you want to get involved, contact a Socialist Party organizer today!



No to austerity!

Healthcare is a human right!

Repeal the Hyde Amendment!

**Stop the Right-Wing attack on
Reproductive Rights!**

Why the Socialist Party USA?

The Socialist Party is a socialist feminist organization. We see socialism as a new social and economic order in which workers and consumers control production and community residences control their neighborhoods, homes, and school and the production of society is used for the benefit of all humanity, not the private profit of a few.

We see the working class in a key and central position to fight back against the ruling class and its power. The working class is the major force worldwide that can lead the way to a socialist future-to a real radical democracy from below.

We stand in opposition to all forms of oppression including but not limited to racism, sexism, ableism, and homophobia. We are a multi-tendency organization. We orient ourselves around our principles and develop a common program, but our members have various underlying philosophies and views of the world.

Our tactics in the struggle for radical democratic change reflect our ultimate goal of a society founded on principles of egalitarian, non-exploitive, and non-violent relations among all people and between all peoples. We advocate for independent political action outside the Democratic and Republican parties.

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