



THIRD WAY

TEXAS



Election Day: November 8 | Early Voting: October 24 – November 4
Elections for U.S. House, statewide elected offices, State Senate, State House, 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 Texas.

Texas Government Make Up

**Governor**

Greg Abbott (R)
Elected in 2014

**Attorney General**

Ken Paxton (R)
Elected in 2014

**Legislature**

State Senate
18 Republicans | 13 Democrats
State House of Representatives
83 Republicans | 67 Democrats

Current State of Abortion in Texas

Abortion in Texas is currently illegal at all stages of pregnancy, with an exception for life-threatening medical emergencies. It is currently being challenged in the court system. Texas also allows private citizens to sue those who assist someone else in obtaining an abortion.

Gubernatorial Candidates 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 will fight for every woman's freedom to control their own health care, their own body, their own future."

- Beto O'Rourke, Democratic Gov. Nominee



"The U.S. Supreme Court correctly overturned *Roe v. Wade*," and when asked about exceptions for rape victims, "Texas will work tirelessly to make sure that we eliminate all rapists from the streets of Texas."

- Gov. Greg Abbott, Republican

Pro-Choice Candidates

U.S. House:

- Omere (TX-04)
- Green (TX-09)
- Escobar (TX-16)
- Castro (TX-20)
- Crockett (TX-30)
- Veasey (TX-33)
- Casar (TX-35)
- Fletcher (TX-07)
- Vallejo (TX-15)
- Jackson Lee (TX-18)
- Garcia (TX-29)
- Allred (TX-32)
- Gonzalez (TX-34)
- Doggett (TX-37)

Statewide:

- O'Rourke (Gov.)
- Garza (A.G.)

These candidates have been endorsed by reproductive rights groups such as NARAL and Planned Parenthood. This list is not inclusive of all pro-choice candidates in the state.

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