

## In Post-Roe Louisiana, Things Go From Bad to Worse for Teens

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Now that *Roe v. Wade* has been overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court, Louisiana's trigger laws banning and criminalizing abortions—although currently contested—are in effect. These bans will have a deep and lasting impact on families across Louisiana, particularly among the most vulnerable—including teens, Black, lowincome, and rural Louisianans.

When it comes to sexual and reproductive health, teens in Louisiana have racial disparities and some of the highest rates of STIs, pregnancies, and births in the country. Before *Roe* was overturned, teens already had limited access to abortion care in Louisiana, due to our numerous restrictions, including a parental consent law.

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