

RESOLUTION ON REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

WHEREAS:

1. Our socialism must be feminist, intersectional, and unapologetically for bodily autonomy for all.
2. Abortion is healthcare, and healthcare is a basic human right.
3. Abortion rights are under attack in the United States, both on the federal level and in the states. In the past week, Alabama lawmakers voted to effectively ban abortion in the state, except at “great risk” to the pregnant person’s life, and Georgia's Gov. Brian Kemp signed a bill that would make performing an abortion illegal once a heartbeat is detected, which is often before people even know they’re pregnant. Ohio, Mississippi, and Kentucky have all passed similar “heartbeat” bills this year, and in Indiana, Gov Eric Holcomb signed a piece of legislation that nearly bans the most common and safe procedure for second trimester abortions. 25 abortion restrictions have been enacted across the U.S. in 2019 so far, and lawmakers in 28 state legislatures have introduced bills that seek to add even more restrictions.
4. Though under Roe v Wade, abortion is still technically legal, financial and logistical barriers including legal restrictions, waiting periods, shortage of providers and expense make it extremely difficult for many members of the working class to access abortion. These barriers compound oppression of people already deeply affected by capitalism.
5. The restriction and criminalization of abortion most severely impacts individuals who are already marginalized in our society, including people of color, trans men and non-binary individuals, and disabled individuals.
6. We cannot rely on the courts or the Democratic Party to protect our reproductive freedom.

WE RESOLVE:

1. To only endorse candidates who are vocally, enthusiastically, and unequivocally
2. support abortion rights, access to abortion, the repeal of the Hyde amendment, and full federal funding of abortion.
3. To require that the delegates elected to represent us at the DSA National Convention in 2019 commit to voting in support of the national equivalent of this resolution.
4. To declare that Medicare for All must include free reproductive healthcare for all people, including unrestricted access to abortion.
5. To demand free birth control, free abortion, free and high quality prenatal care, and free and high quality childcare.
6. To demand that our call for abortion access should not be “safe, legal, and rare”, but for fully-funded abortion without stigma for all who desire it.

Approved unanimously by TCDSA membership at the May 18th, 2019 General Meeting.