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All,

I am not sure how to start this week's newsletter. It's been a tough one, Missouri.

On Monday night, Politico obtained a [draft copy](#) of a majority opinion from the United States Supreme Court penned by Justice Samuel Alito. In the draft he states "we hold that Roe and Casey must be overruled," and "Roe was egregiously wrong from the start."

Horrifying.

After 50 years, radical Republicans are stripping us of our right. It is even weird to type that? For years they have been slowly picking away at Roe v. Wade. Whether or not the process was slow, or we didn't want to believe it was actually possible, we are now watching the beginnings of the Handmaids Tale in real time.



Read this [Vice article](#) about totalitarian patriarchy in the Handmaids Tale, and how it's not as unbelievable as we thought.

If this opinion comes to fruition, the blow to women's rights will be extraordinary. Roe was originally ruled in 1973 and for nearly five decades has been upheld in courts across our country.

Most Americans, let alone Missourians, supported Roe v. Wade back then and now. Leading up to its historical passage, over 60% of Americans agreed that we all should have unfettered access to healthcare. That percentage has remained stable for decades for one simple reason: it is a fundamental right.

We live in America, the leader of the free world - unless you are a woman. There are seriously underdeveloped countries that provide their citizens this right - and they often did so after the leadership of the United States in 1973. **Now what will the world think?** The weight of the collective embarrassment is a lot to comprehend.

Before we go any further, let's chat about *the leak.*

Admitting it was a leak does not make you a Republican. It also doesn't mean you do or do not agree with the leak. But, it is an integral part of the fact-finding process in this morbid situation. The Republicans have hijacked the leak for their own messaging, no surprise, and we can't fall into their trap. But, as educated citizens and Democrats, we need to know the method of getting this draft is indeed important.

Historically, the Supreme Court has been "above" partisan politics. Whether this leak was internal or external, the Court is quickly becoming less trusted and revered. Which again, is embarrassing - and surely something our founding fathers never intended or imagined.

Check out this [Politico opinion](#) about the historic leak and why "It's About Time," according to their senior media writer. It is absolutely fascinating:



Now let's talk about the justices.

It is critical to note that the justices in support of overturning Roe v. Wade have been placed on the court by presidents who lost the popular vote. Hmmmm...

And two of them...



Enough said.

Now? We fight.

Join us in [donating](#) to the Missouri Abortion Fund, which is the only fund that directly supplies financial assistance for abortion care. There are many incredible Pro-Choice organizations and non-profits around our state. We encourage you and others to donate to MOAF specifically - this money will go directly to people in need of procedures.

This draft opinion should invigorate us all and serve as a reminder we must fight for Roe v. Wade rights - again. Freedom to choose what to do with your body is an essential American value that we cannot let be swallowed up by a polarized and politicized version of the Supreme Court of the United States.



ON THE CALENDAR

During this crazy week we've had, I hope you were able to at least have some good tacos or tamales on Thursday.

Although our calendar section will be a little smaller this week, we hope those you who celebrated Eid al-Fitr earlier this week had a beautiful celebration with friends and family. May also is a host to many awareness causes including:

- Jewish American Heritage Month
- Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (often shortened to AAPI Month)
- Elder Americans Month
- Mental Health Awareness Month

COMMUNITY



Help represent Missouri at this year's T3 Program! It is time again for the annual Train the Trainers program through The Best Practices Institute. The DNC Best Practices Institute (BPI) is excited to announce the launch of our Train the Trainer (T3) Program for 2022! The T3 webinar training program is a free, six-week, twelve-part course, covering several aspects of grassroots campaigning.

Click [here](#) to sign up or get more information.

Together we can protect abortion care. Stand up to the radical right and politicized Court and help those in your communities. Instead of our ActBlue donation link, please donate to the Missouri Abortion Fund in its place.

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