### Timeline of Abortion Legislation in the United States

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<td>New York State criminalizes abortion. Pre-quickening abortions were a misdemeanor, post-quickening abortions were a felony (“quickening” refers to the first time the woman can feel the fetus move, usually around 4 months)</td>
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<td>c1836 – 1840</td>
<td>Madame Restell begins providing abortion services in New York</td>
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<td>1845</td>
<td>New York passes a statute that said women who had abortions could serve between 3 months to a year in prison. Selling medication to induce abortions was also illegal. If a woman sought an abortion, she was fined up to $1,000 (more than $26,000 in 2020 after inflation). This law cites the story of Mary Rogers as one of its justifications.</td>
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<td>1857</td>
<td>The American Medical Association begins a campaign to end abortion. This campaign targeted above all others Madame Restell in New York</td>
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<td>New York State passes a law that says anyone who performs an abortion can serve 4-20 years in prison</td>
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<td>Comstock Act passed in the United States. This prevented the distribution (through the US Postal Service) any information about abortion, contraceptives, and abortion medication</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>New York State legalizes abortion up until the 24th week. The only requirement be that the procedure be performed by a licensed physician at an accredited hospital</td>
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<td>1971</td>
<td>New York State repealed the statute that said inducing an abortion was a criminal offense</td>
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<td>1973</td>
<td>Roe v Wade: a landmark decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in which the Court ruled that the Constitution of the United States protects a pregnant woman’s liberty to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction.</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>Reproductive Health Act passed in New York State: allows for abortions past the 24th week if the mother’s health or life is in danger or the fetus isn’t viable. It also allows for qualified health practitioners to perform abortions, not just licensed medical doctors</td>
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