

Elections for U.S. Senate, 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 Georgia.

Georgia Government Make Up



Governor Brian Kemp (R)

Elected in 2018

Attorney General Chris Carr (R) Elected in 2018



Legislature

State Senate 34 Republicans | 22 Democrats State House of Representatives 103 Republicans | 77 Democrats

Current State of Abortion in Georgia

Abortion is currently illegal after six weeks of pregnancy, when most women don't even know they're pregnant. The six-week abortion ban was passed by the Georgia State Legislature and signed by Governor Brian Kemp. The law was passed back in 2019, but was caught up in the courts until Roe v. Wade was overturned. GOP lawmakers continue to introduce legislation to further restrict reproductive rights, like restrictions on abortion-inducing medication.

The Party Divide 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.

"Women deserve full citizenship in the United States and certainly in the state of Georgia, and they are being denied that because of Brian Kemp's 6-week [abortion] ban." - Democratic Gov. Nominee Stacey Abrams

"As a pro-choice pastor, I believe in a

woman's right to choose, and that's a

decision between her and her doctor-not

the government."

- Senator Raphael Warnock, Democrat



Senate Race

"I campaigned on signing the toughest abortion bill in the country," he said, "and this is the toughest one we've got in the Legislature now." He has since signed a 6-week abortion ban bill into law. - Gov. Brian Kemp, Republican

When asked if he wanted a total ban on abortion, Walker responded, "There's no exception in my mind." He has been accused of urging his ex-girlfriend to get an abortion, twice. - Republican Senate Nominee Hershel Walker

Pro-Choice Candidates

U.S. House:

- Bishop (GA-02)
- Johnson (GA-04)
- Williams (GA-05)
- McBath (GA-07)
- Scott (GA-13)
- Statewide:
 - Abrams (D-Governor)
 - Jordan (D-Attorney General)
 - Warnock (D-Senate)

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

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