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 Michigan.

**Michigan Government Make Up**

**Governor**
- Gretchen Whitmer (D)
- Elected in 2019

**Attorney General**
- Dana Nessel (D)
- Elected in 2018

**Legislature**
- State Senate
  - 22 Republicans | 16 Democrats
- State House of Representatives
  - 57 Republicans | 53 Democrats

**Current State of Abortion in Michigan**

Abortion in Michigan is currently legal up until viability. An outdated zombie law, last updated in 1931, threatens to ban all abortions in Michigan if anti-abortion candidates win critical statewide and decisive November elections. Governor Whitmer and Attorney General (A.G.) Nessel have vowed to protect reproductive choice by not enforcing the abortion ban. On top of all that, Michigan Proposal 3, the Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative, is a proposed constitutional amendment to protect reproductive rights. In contrast to Democrat’s protection-oriented legislation, Republicans in the state legislature have introduced two abortion ban bills. All Michiganders must vote to preserve the right to choose.

**Pro-Choice Candidates**

**U.S. House:**
- Scholten (MI-03)
- Rep. Slotkin (MI-07)
- Rep. Kildee (MI-08)
- Rep. Stevens (MI-11)
- Rep. Tlaib (MI-12)
- Rep. Dingell (MI-06)

**Statewide:**
- Gov. Whitmer (Gov.)
- A.G. Nessel (A.G.)

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

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**Governor’s Race**

"I want every Michigander to know that no matter what happens in D.C., I’m going to fight like hell to protect access to safe, legal abortion in Michigan."

- Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Democrat

"This law is dangerous. This law effectively strips women of their dignity and bodily autonomy, and in some cases, of their lives. I will not enforce it, and neither will I defend it. I will take no part of driving women back into the dark ages and the back alleys."

- A.G. Dana Nessel, Democrat

**Attorney General’s Race**

"You gotta figure out how to ban the pill from the state."

- Matthew DePerno, Republican A.G. Nominee

"Procedures needed to save the life of the mother should be the ONLY exception to abortion bans."

- Tudor Dixon, Republican Gov. Nominee

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