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 Wisconsin.

**Wisconsin Government Make Up**

**Governor**

Tony Evers (D)  
Elected in 2018

**Attorney General**

Josh Kaul (D)  
Elected in 2018

**Legislature**

State Senate  
21 Republicans | 12 Democrats

State Assembly  
61 Republicans | 38 Democrats

**Current State of Abortion in Wisconsin**

Abortion is currently illegal at all stages of pregnancy in Wisconsin. After Roe was overturned, an abortion ban, passed in 1849, came back into effect. Governor Evers and Attorney General (A.G.) Kaul have vowed not to enforce the law. The law is currently being challenged in the courts by A.G. Kaul, and Evers has called on the state legislature to repeal it. Bills have been introduced by Republicans to ban abortion in the case that the 1849 law gets overturned. Gov. Evers has vowed to veto these bills.

**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.

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- Gov. Tim Evers, Democrat

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**Pro-Choice Candidates**

**U.S. House:**
- Roe (WI-01)
- Pocan (WI-02)
- Pfaff (WI-03)
- Moore (WI-04)

**Statewide:**
- Evers (D-Governor)
- Kaul (D-Attorney General)
- Barnes (D-Senate)

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