



## January 2023 Clearinghouse on Women's Issues Newsletter <https://womensclearinghouse.org>

CWI Meeting Invitation January 24, 2023 noon -1:30 PM on zoom.

### Identifying and Protecting U.S. Reproductive Rights After the Supreme Court's Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization Decision

**Register:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtduihqTwoH9OFy3CXpKFeSS1hFQJc0DYQ>

Feminists need to understand the many ways federal and state governments can continue to protect rights to reproductive health care despite the Supreme Court overruling of Roe v. Wade longstanding constitutional protections for abortion rights. Our presenters will highlight many of the existing protections especially those at the federal level that are the focus of the Biden-Harris interagency Task Force on Reproductive Healthcare Access and Pres. Biden's Executive order 14076 on "Securing Access to Reproductive and Other Healthcare Services". They will highlight ways states are, or should be, implementing provisions to provide additional protections and also how reproductive justice organizations are working to educate and push for these provisions to provide easily accessible reproduction related health care. The Executive Director of Virginia Planned Parenthood will describe how they are identifying and protecting reproductive rights as well as advocating new approaches.

We have not been successful in finding a federal presenter from the interagency Task Force on Reproductive Healthcare Access co-chaired by Xavier Becerra, Sec. of HHS and Jennifer Klein, Director, White House Gender Policy Council or the Department of Justice Reproductive Rights Task Force. However, the White House is planning to have a near future meeting so [Click here to sign-up for the White House women's community newsletter](#). These federal resources are also helpful.

- <https://reproductiverights.gov/>
- [FACT SHEET: President Biden to Sign Executive Order Protecting Access to Reproductive Health Care Services](#)
- [FACT SHEET: President Biden Issues Executive Order at the First Meeting of the Task Force on Reproductive Healthcare Access](#)

Presenters:

**Shaina Goodman**, JD, Director for Reproductive Health and Rights, National Partnership for Women & Families. She received her JD, master's in social work and bachelor's degree in women & gender studies from Washington University in St. Louis and has a Maryland law license. She will report on many of the federal activities and plans to protect abortion rights and access. She will start by providing general principles on where federal laws and policies overpower those of state and local governments.

**Jamie Lockhart**, (she/her) serves as the Executive Director of Planned Parenthood Advocates of Virginia, a statewide advocacy organization whose mission is to preserve and broaden access to reproductive health care through legislation, public education, electoral activity and litigation in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Previously, Jamie served as the National Director of Mission: Readiness, was recruited for campaigns in the Commonwealth of Virginia, including President Obama's 2012 re-election, and served as a Legislative Assistant and Director of E-Communications for Congresswoman Diana DeGette. Jamie graduated magna cum laude from James Madison University and obtained a Master in Public Administration degree from the Harvard Kennedy School. She is a certified group fitness instructor, triathlete and mom to a toddler. Jamie will describe the current status and future possibilities for abortion rights in VA.

## Summary of CWI Zoom Meeting on Oct. 25, 2022, on “Having a Say in the Federal and State Policies: Strategies to Elect Feminists” By Sheila Wickouski and Connie Cordovilla

The CWI Zoom meeting on Oct. 25, 2022, stressed the importance of the election process and on what efforts are needed to ensure that diverse populations turn out to solidify the recognition of feminism as an essential tenet in a safe democracy.

The importance of getting feminists to vote in the upcoming election is key to support the issues that have arisen both long term (the Right to Vote, ERA, Pay Equity, Advancement of Women in Managerial Positions) and more recently, the right to control her own health decisions with the 2022 dismissal of the Roe v Wade verdict of 1973. The current climate of rescission and back tracking has feminists recognizing the significant threat of the November 8th mid-term election to their basic Human/women’s rights. A recording of this discussion is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDPLpFwnVnU> .



**Connie Cordovilla**, Co-president CWI and VA NOW/VA NOW PAC Treasurer with 20 years’ experience as an election officer in Fairfax County, spoke from her experience in working on women’s and LGBTQIA issues and on several presidential campaigns. Connie laid out the qualification and process of registering to vote, noting differences can exist between various states and people should check with their local offices of elections. Identification used to match the voter with the registration was discussed as well as the safeguards to the vote that make American voting systems some of the safest and most honest in the world. The use of and acceptance of provisional ballots that ensures each person at the polls gets the right to cast their ballot were discussed at length. She pointed out the role that feminists can play through all the steps of the voting process to ensure representation of all viewpoints. Particularly important are the steps of door-knocking, getting people committed to vote, working as poll workers to provide information to those who are at the polls, working as an election officer (though it is a 16-hour day opportunity) by checking in voters, handing them ballots, showing them how to cast their ballot and giving them the all-important “I voted” sticker.



**Katherine (Kobby) Hoffman**, Executive Vice President of VA NOW, Inc., discussed strategies for reaching young feminist voters such as the actions of VA NOW and the Feminist Majority in working with college students to get out the vote. She is currently directing two projects on VA College campuses to turn out the vote on November 8. She had a dedicated team of assistants on each campus that have undertaken such tasks as poster around campus and dormitories to make sure students know they can register and vote in the state where they are attending college, holding tabling events in main campus areas where students can pick up information on NOW feminist priorities, locations of the polls and information on issues of importance to feminists. Some of the more playful ideas put into action were having Puppies to the Poll with dogs for petting during tabling, providing cookies with messages to go vote on them and Pumpkins to the Polls for those who came for information before or on October 31. Ensuring a way to the polls which are off campus was done by hiring a trolley to take students round trip. Cameos of students stressing the reasons that the vote is important for every election will be produced and used in social media posts



**Madalene Xuan-Trang Mielke**, President and CEO Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (<https://www.apaics.org>), is a nationally recognized civil rights leader with 25 years of expertise in political campaigns, training and fundraising. She shared her wisdom on effective strategies to support the implementation of progressive and feminist political goals particularly among the varied Asian Pacific American Populations. Her presentation was based on the data from the APAIVote recent survey, [2022 Asian American Voter Survey](#). Madalene cautioned the attendees that just as Hispanic voters are not a monolithic group, so too Asian American Pacific Islanders are composed of many different cultural groups and hence the data collected is split among seven major groupings. In the past two decades, Asian Americans have also become one of the fastest growing racial or ethnic groups in the United States. Yet less than half have been contacted by either of the major parties. Asian American respondents ranked health care (88%), jobs and the economy (86%), crime (85%), education (82%), gun control (73%) and the environment (75%) as “extremely important” or “very important” issues for deciding their votes in November.

**Lisa Sales**, President of the Virginia Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) discussed the newly launched “Virginia Law Audit Project” which is rooting out sexist and misogynistic references in the Virginia constitution and codified law to be replaced with non-gendered alternatives. The project will develop recommendations and propose model language to members of the General Assembly to modernize Virginia codes. In addition, she outlined the key feminist issues that the National Organization for Women has identified as feminist building blocks: Reproductive Rights and Justice; Constitutional Equality/the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA); Ending Violence Against Women; Racial Justice; LGBTQIA + Rights; and Economic Justice. She pointed out these cover areas of concern to the voters polled for this election.

**Karen Humphrey** of National Women’s Political Caucus (NWPC) in California brought up other techniques to gain attention such as grass roots texting, phone banking and door to door campaigning.

**The next CWI noon zoom meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2023.** At that that time those winning election on November 8 will be assuming office and we will begin to see what happens next with the laws of our country that will affect our lives and our rights as women.

## **RESOURCES**

On 10/6/2022 [Msmagazine.com](https://msmagazine.com) published “A Feminist Guide to the 2022 Midterms” which provides a general review of the challenges and strategies of many election issues. See [https://msmagazine.com/2022/10/06/2022-midterms-how-to-vote/?omhide=true&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=everyaction&emci=21f2455f-8546-ed11-b495-002248258d38&emdi=88c845fa-0947-ed11-b495-002248258d38&ceid=404269](https://msmagazine.com/2022/10/06/2022-midterms-how-to-vote/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=21f2455f-8546-ed11-b495-002248258d38&emdi=88c845fa-0947-ed11-b495-002248258d38&ceid=404269)

ERA Elect Equality: Candidate Designation Program and Voter Tool -Newly launched [Equal Voice/Equal Vote Campaign](#) video and [Social Media Toolkit](#) –  
Abi Ranganathan and Velu Ochoa Campaign Update

Updates from Congress (House and Senate)

- S.J. Res 1: Update on Senate and Visits [Here is a link to the social media kit](#) More Actions: [Call, email and tweet Leader Schumer](#):
- House Resolution 891 - [Co-Sponsors](#) and Use the letter to ask your [Representative to Sign-on](#). [Target List here](#).

- White House - [Urge President Biden to instruct the U.S. Archivist to publish the ERA](#)

L.A. Blade: Race to the midterms: Black leaders on race and the LGBTQ vote

- <https://www.losangelesblade.com/2022/10/23/race-to-the-midterms-kirby-and-jones-on-race-hope-voting/>

National Black Justice Coalition: This YouTube reel was just released October 25 focused on the Black LGBTQ+/SGL vote: [https://youtube.com/shorts/JympQY\\_9EbA?feature=share](https://youtube.com/shorts/JympQY_9EbA?feature=share)

Change Research and Higher Heights Leadership Fund - Black Women Vote Survey *Black Women are Motivated to Vote, Desire More Representation & Change on Many Issues of*

Concern <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V7W94yTzCWh5Ksrhm6c05SOsImQSGnf2LeITlpDgVDY/edit>

Ms Magazine, Feminist Majority and Lake Research Partners: Poll results from a survey of likely voters ages 18 to 29 in battleground states, <https://msmagazine.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Ms.-FMF-poll-youth-survey.pdf>

Ms Magazine, Feminist Majority and Lake Research Partners: Poll results on the voter gender gap from a survey of likely voters in battleground states, <https://msmagazine.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Ms.-FMF-poll-gender-gap.pdf>

## **EVENTS of Interest to Feminists (Times are Eastern) Most events are virtual.**

Thanks to Montgomery Co. NOW for sharing information on many of the events.

Tue. Jan. 17, 6 PM Reproductive Justice or Bust! Virtual. Abortion Access Front **TO REGISTER**

Tue. Jan. 17 6:30-8 PM virtual. Brave Hearted: the omen of the American West, Smithsonian Associates

**FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER**

Wed. Jan 18 12 PM. [Brave Girls Virtual Storytime: Dear Mr. Dickens](#) virtual from the National Women's History Museum. Nancy Churnin reads her picture book. [Register here](#)

Wed. Jan. 18, 7-8 PM. MCMDNOW Chapter Monthly Meet-UP and Consciousness Raising Zoom "How can we work together for change?" ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83256412567>

Meeting ID: 832 5641 2567 Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/894233531729887>

Sun. Jan. 22, 12-2PM Bigger than Roe: National Day of Action Womens March. RSVP For DC <https://www.dc-now.org/events-1/womens-march-bigger-than-roe> **FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER**

Mon. Jan. 23, 7 PM Montgomery Public Schools: Probability or Pipe Dream, League of Women Voters

**FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER**

Tue. Jan 24. Noon-1:30. Identifying and Protecting US Reproductive Rights After the Supreme Court's Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization Decision, Zoom Clearinghouse on Women's Issues Meeting. Register. See Newsletter P. 1

Tue. Jan. 24. 3-4 PM. The ERA Factor: Reproductive Rights, Justice and Health. ERA Coalition and the Fund for Women's Equality. Virtual Town Hall, **FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER**

Wed. Jan. 25. 12 PM, [Brave Girls Virtual Storytime: Bringing in the New Year. Virtual.](#) National Women's History Museum, [Register here.](#)

Wed. Jan.25 7-8PM. Maryland Suffragists on the National Votes for Women Trail. Virtual, Cost \$15

Register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/484879777467>

Thur. Jan. 26, 6 PM Webinar: The Impact of STEM Role Models and Mentors. National Girls Collaborative Project [Register](#)

Sunday, Jan. 29, 12:30-5 PM. Maryland Women's Legislative Briefing. Cost \$23 Early Bird, \$30 after Jan. 27. Montgomery County Commission for Women. **FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER**

Fri. Feb. 3, 12:30-2:30 PM. Fiona Hill on Vladimir Putin and His War in Ukraine. Women's Democratic Club of Montgomery County. **FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER**

Sun. Feb. 12, 3PM. Virtual [Sundays@Home: In Conversation with Professor Wanda A. Hendricks, Author of \*The Life of Madie Hall Xuma\*](#) National Woman's History Museum, [Register here.](#)

Sun. Feb. 12, 5-6:30 PM, DCNOW meeting, Teatism, 400 8<sup>th</sup> ST, NW, DC followed by book club reading "the Pain Gap" by Anushay Hossain. RSVP [here](#)

Tue, Feb. 21, 12 PM. Girls in STEM: A (Data-based) Tale of Confidence & Satisfaction. Webinar National Girls Collaborative. [Register:](#)

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*Newsletter edited by Sue Klein*

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