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## Physicians Who Provided Abortions Before *Roe v. Wade*: A Multimedia Project

"Before *Roe v. Wade*, I had no guilt feelings about what I was doing. I was proud of being able to help the women I was taking care of."

- [Dr. Tom Allen](#)

"When people ask me if I was ever worried about the abortions I had done. I say no. The ones that haunt me are the ones that I didn't do."

- [Dr. Jane Hodgson](#)

"I think it is important for us to hear these stories. It is important for us to teach these young people what it was like before *Roe v. Wade*, so that we will never again go back to those days ... We have to let young women and men know the tragedy of illegal abortion."

- [Dr. Mildred Hanson](#)

## Pre- *Roe v. Wade* Physicians Speak Out About the Impending Supreme Court Nomination

This Supreme Court nomination may be the most important one in our lifetimes. We're speaking out because we know what's at stake.

As physicians who provided or facilitated abortions before *Roe v. Wade*, we saw the horrors of illegal abortion first-hand. Emergency rooms and doctors' offices were crowded with women who were dying unnecessarily. We stood by helplessly as our patients suffered, died or became gynecological cripples before our eyes.

We value the health of our nation's women, and we value the trust they place in us as doctors. History shows us that women with families -- women who are mothers, sisters and daughters -- will put their lives at risk in order to decide when and whether to become mothers.

We know that overturning *Roe v. Wade* would create a public health crisis, and putting other restrictions on abortion would harm women's health. We know that when politics are allowed to trump good healthcare, the result is disastrous for our country's families. We know this because we've seen it.



We can never forget what we saw when abortion was illegal – and we don't want anyone else to forget either. Denying safe, accessible abortion puts women's lives at risk and makes criminals out of caring physicians. We've lived in an America where women suffered tragically and needlessly, and we don't want anyone to live through that again.

It is of critical importance to American families that the justice who replaces Sandra Day O'Connor is committed to protecting our individual rights and freedoms. We need a justice who understands the legal, medical, public health and social significance of *Roe v. Wade*. We need a justice who sees why increased restrictions on abortion interfere with the provision of healthcare and endanger women. And we need a justice who won't make our country repeat a dark chapter of its history. We saw how horrible it was then, and we can't let it happen now.

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