Spreading Awareness about Reproductive Rights

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Why Reproductive Rights?

Pro-Choice Activists on 40th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

Senator Wendy Davis filibustering TX Senate Bill

The “War on Women” was often mentioned during the 2012 election cycle.
Facts and Figures

- From 2011-2012, 135 anti-choice laws were passed in state legislatures around the country.

- Laws include provisions to target abortion providers, mandates for non-medically necessary procedures, parental consent, counseling, hospital privileges, waiting periods, and a ban on abortion in the event that Roe v. Wade is overturned.

- Since 2000, the number of states hostile to abortion rights has doubled from 13 to 26 (Guttmacher Institute).

The coasts are more pro-choice than the Midwest and South.
More than half of all abortions in the United States are performed on women in their 20s.

More than half of all abortions in the United States are performed on women who are unmarried and not cohabiting.

3.17% of women aged 15-44 in New Jersey had an abortion in 2007

Approximately 50% of maternal health related deaths in the 20th century (prior to Roe v. Wade) were a result of illegal and unsafe abortions.

“The personal is political.”
Research as Activism

- Gita Sen on research as activism in relation to gender and development

- Mary Simonson on the idea of “doing feminism”
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