

RESTRICTIONS PREVENT SOME WOMEN FROM OBTAINING WANTED ABORTIONS

States with multiple abortion restrictions place the abortion out of reach for some women despite abortion being legal.

This study is the first to ask women entering prenatal care about whether they had considered abortion for this pregnancy. We found that about three out of ten women entering prenatal care considered abortion for their current pregnancy. This means that it's ok to talk about abortion as part of prenatal care.



Women in Louisiana were **six times** as likely to report a policy-related barrier to obtaining an abortion than women in Maryland. This means that **Louisiana's multiple restrictive abortion policies** limit women's ability to obtain abortions, while Maryland's abortion policies do not.



There was **no difference** between states in the proportion of women who continued their pregnancies after visiting an abortion clinic, despite the fact that Louisiana has multiple laws that seek to change women's minds about having an abortion and Maryland does not have any such laws. This means that **women make their own decisions about pregnancy regardless of these decision-targeting laws.**

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