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# **Reproductive Rights and Policies**

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# What is Reproductive Policy?

Any policy pertaining to an individual's ability to decide whether and when to have children



# The Different Aspects of Reproductive Policy

**01**

## **Abortion Rights**

Do women and doctors have the right and ability to terminate a pregnancy?

**03**

## **Adoption and Foster Care**

What is the adoption process? Who can adopt?

**02**

## **Infertility Policy**

Is infertility care accessible to those who want it? Is the industry properly regulated?

**04**

## **Parents Rights**

Is there paid maternity and paternity leave? Who has rights to the child?

# Countries with Protected Abortion Rights

**28% of women**  
have no or very  
limited abortion  
access

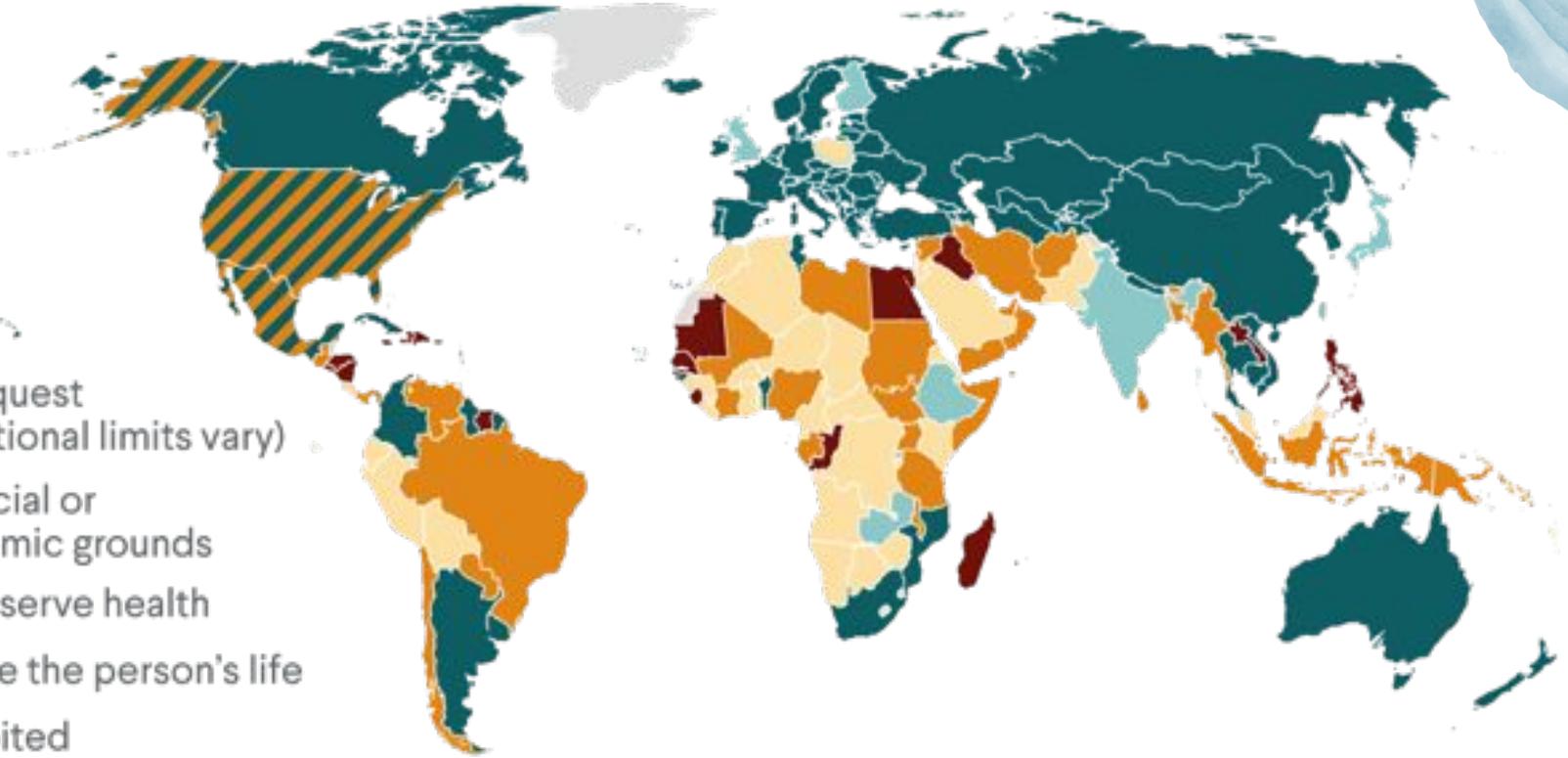
**12% of women**  
are allowed an  
abortion to preserve  
their physical health



**24% of women**  
have access based on  
socioeconomic grounds

**36% of women**  
have access on  
request (with  
gestational limits)

- On request (gestational limits vary)
- On social or economic grounds
- To preserve health
- To save the person's life
- Prohibited





# Consequences

**73,000,000**

Abortions performed  
each year  
(2017-2019), globally

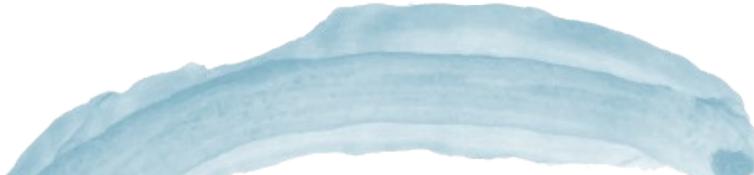
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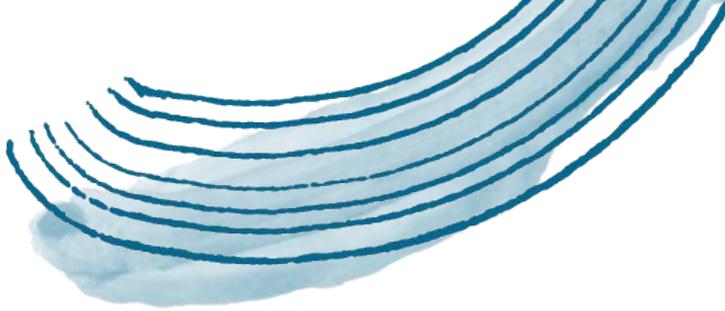
Of women who died as a  
result of pregnancy died  
due to complications  
from unsafe abortions

**\$333 million**

**USD**

In economic losses  
(in Africa alone) as a  
result of unsafe  
abortions





# What is Infertility?

“The inability to become pregnant after six month or one year of unprotected sex”

*(CDC definition of clinical infertility)*



# Infertility Treatments



## Artificial Insemination (IUI)

Sperm is transferred directly into uterus to facilitate conception



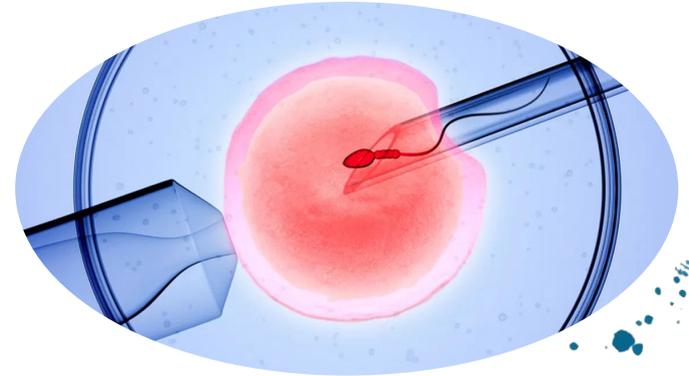
## In vitro Fertilization

Embryos are created outside of uterus, prior to reimplantation



## Ovulation Induction

Hormone treatments are used to stimulate ovarian production



# Public Policies

## Medicaid

Approx. 75 million low-income citizens have **little to no** coverage of infertility treatments



## Title X

Since 1970, the federal program provides family-planning services to low-income Americans, including **some** access to public fertility clinics

# TRICARE Military Insurance



- Excludes “non-coital reproductive procedures, services or supplies, including in vitro fertilization”
- Excludes treatment for same-sex couples and unmarried service members



- May cover 3 cycles of IVF, if:
  - *Service member is active duty*
  - *Experienced serious illness or injury while active duty*
  - *Lost natural reproductive ability due to above illness or injury*
  - *Can provide their own genetic material*
  - *Has a spouse who can also provide their own genetic material*



**\$19,200**

for a single IVF cycle in the U.S.

**37%**

average success rate for an IVF cycle

**34% of women**

can only afford one cycle of IVF





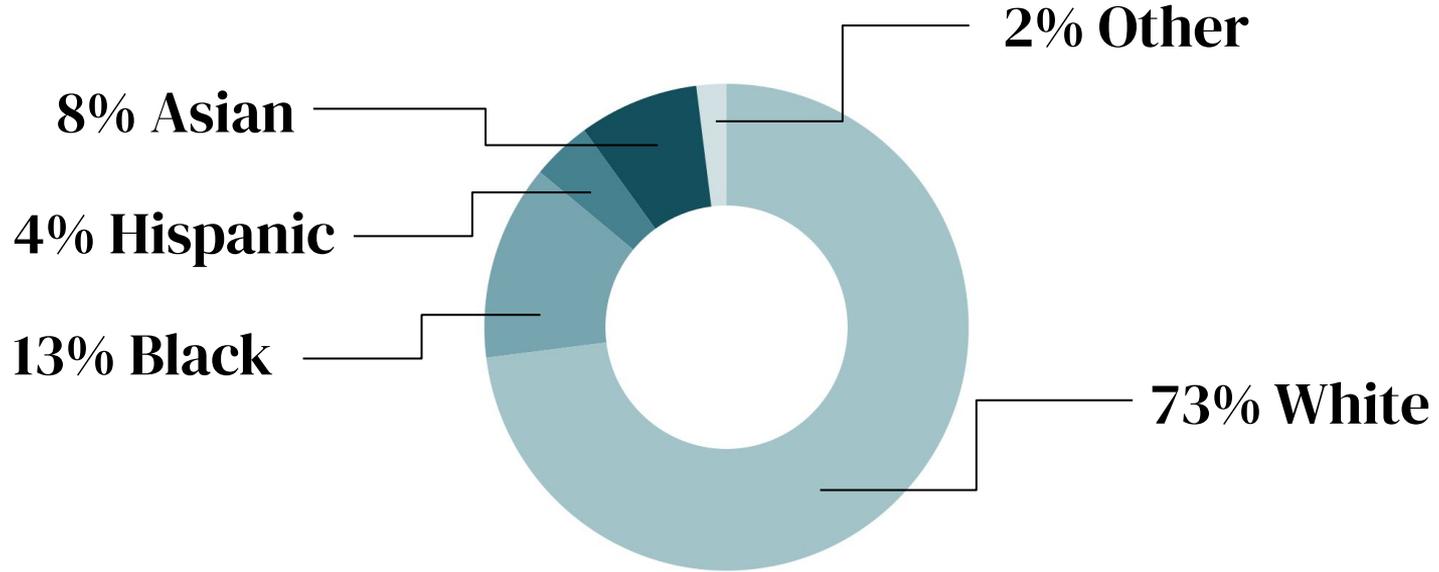
**BIPOC women are 80% more likely to experience infertility, but 20% less likely to receive treatment than white women**



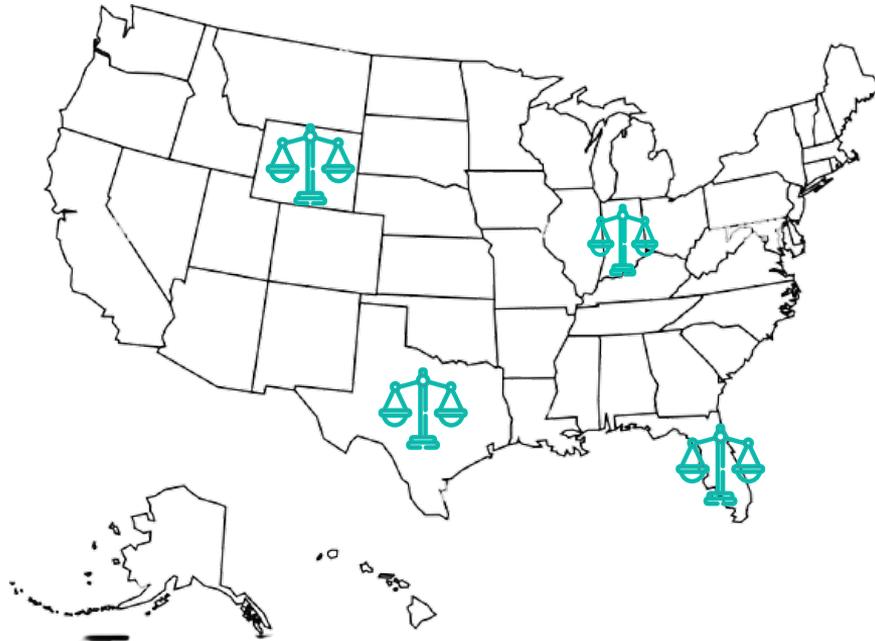
# **There are NO laws requiring insurance to provide inclusive fertility coverage**

In order to achieve the required diagnosis of clinical infertility, same-sex couples or individual seekers may be required to engage in an average of 6-12 unsuccessful cycles before they're eligible for coverage

# Race of Sperm and Egg Donors in the U.S.



# The Fertility Patient Protection Act





# Questions to Consider

What does the disproportionate rate of abortion and infertility care access between races say about society?

How can this industry be regulated without compromising accessibility?

Is the infertility industry committing a new form of eugenics?

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