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"For Women's Lives".

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The Palm Beach County chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) was founded by professors at Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in 1973, the same year that American women received reproductive freedom in the Roe V. Wade U.S. Supreme court decision. Now it appears that this court will bring us back to the years when women died, especially poor women from illegal abortions.

Some State legislators, funded by tax exempt organizations will go back to placing more controls on women's lives. Religious organizations with taxpayer funded resources and protections will impose their convictions on other religions and individuals who do not believe as they do. Many also do not believe in sex education, birth control and reproductive health care.

Supportive services for mothers, like paid family leave offered by almost all other nations will continue to be denied as too costly and unnecessary. Child care and child safety protections that now are wholly inadequate and underfunded will result in more child abuse and deaths. Will we go back to the days of orphanages or will we expand the for-profit foster care programs? Please no.

A small minority are dictating what they believe should be the world of American families. This is not Freedom.



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