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Une interview d'Elizabeth Nash par Shelly De Vito
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Women's Reproductive Rights in the US

Elizabeth Nash is a specialist, and deals with state information for reproductive rights in America.

Elizabeth: Roe versus Wade knocked down a Texas statute that had prohibited abortion, except when the woman's life is endangered. It was incredibly important, because many states had that exact law in 1973. Doe versus Bolton put a little more meat on the bones, shall we say, and it said that a woman could obtain an abortion, but that there were some limits that happened later, that the woman could be prevented from getting an abortion later in pregnancy, but that they still had to allow an abortion if the woman's life or health were endangered, and health was very broadly construed to include mental and physical health.

So, what has happened since 1973 has been a back and forth at state level, trying to figure out if women can have this right to abortion, or if it needs to be limited in some way. There have been rulings by our Supreme Court to limit access to abortion by allowing states to adopt restrictions on abortion, and some states, such as Mississippi, have adopted many restrictions, making it very hard to open an abortion clinic, and for a woman to access abortion,