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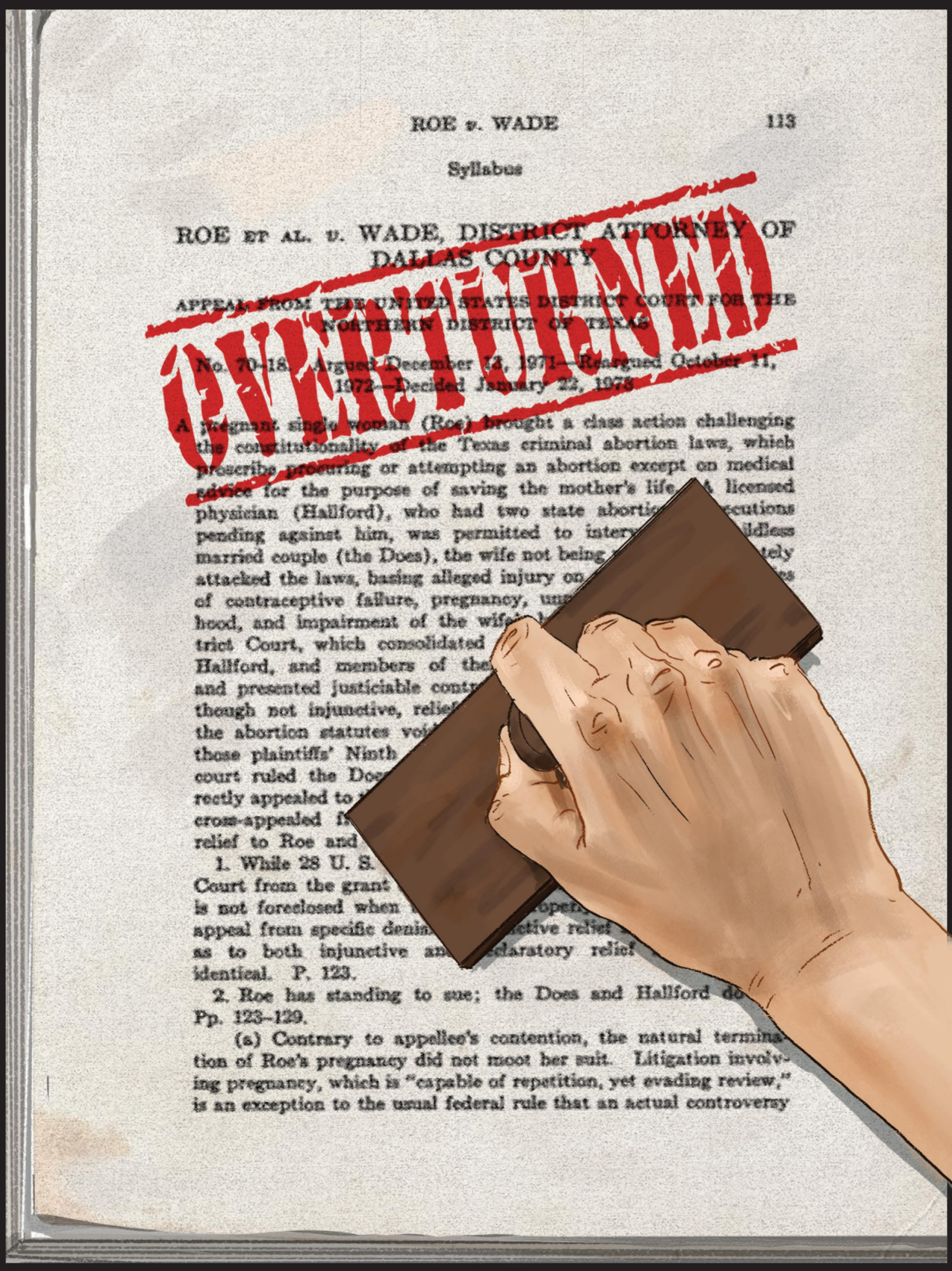


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Roe v. Wade reversed, Supreme Court votes

Abortion rights regulated by respective states

A draft Supreme Court majority opinion leaked on May 3 in a POLITICO article about overturning Roe v. Wade sent shock waves across the country. On June 24, the court reversed the landmark decision that legalized abortion in all 50 states.

"It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives," the Supreme Court stated in the opinion of the court.

The decision has furthered a deep fracture in the trust many Americans have in the country's institutions.

Media outlets have called it the "unthinkable," the "once-unfathomable," with the New York Times editorial board writing: "Even if we knew it was coming, the shock reverberates."

The tide against abortion rights has risen significantly, regardless of if people didn't expect the court's decision. The "what if?" was always on the table.

Since the Roe v. Wade ruling in January 1973, support for abortion gradually increased in the U.S. but stabilized in the 2010s as more Americans came out against the procedure, according to a May 14, 2010 Gallup poll article.

Several states had already enacted anti-abortion laws long before the overturn, with the position championed by the evangelical right, even though they were not always the majority voice on the issue, according to a June 20, 2019 NPR article.

In this special issue of the Spartan Daily, we examine the history, status and potential future of abortion in the U.S., with a focus on California reproductive rights. We aim to help our readers navigate the reality of a post-Roe society and the ripple effects it will have throughout the country.

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