

Evers Campaign: Wisconsin's archaic abortion ban is older than 20 states

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MADISON, Wis. — As the U.S. Supreme Court positions itself to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, Wisconsin legislators will convene on June 22 in a special session that Governor Tony Evers [called](#) to repeal Wisconsin's 1849 abortion ban. Passed in 1849, 12 years before the start of the Civil War, Wisconsin's archaic centuries-old abortion ban has sat dormant for the last 50 years — but if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, this ban could go back into effect, effectively turning back the clock on reproductive healthcare access by 173 years. For context, Wisconsin's 1849 abortion ban is older than the following 20 states:

- California

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Minnesota

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Oregon

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Kansas

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West Virginia

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Nevada

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Nebraska

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Colorado

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North Dakota

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South Dakota

- Montana

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Washington

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Idaho

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Wyoming

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Utah

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Oklahoma

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New Mexico

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Arizona

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Alaska

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Hawaii

[61% of Wisconsinites support abortion access](#), and last month, Gov. Evers led a coalition of governors [calling](#) on Congress to pass the Women's Health Protection Act.

"Wisconsin's abortion ban is so archaic, it's older than nearly half of the states in the U.S.," said **Tony for Wisconsin Senior Press Secretary Kayla Anderson**. "If the Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade, reproductive rights and abortion access in Wisconsin could plummet backwards by 173 years. Rather than turn back the clock, Governor Evers is doing the right thing and fighting to protect access to abortion."