

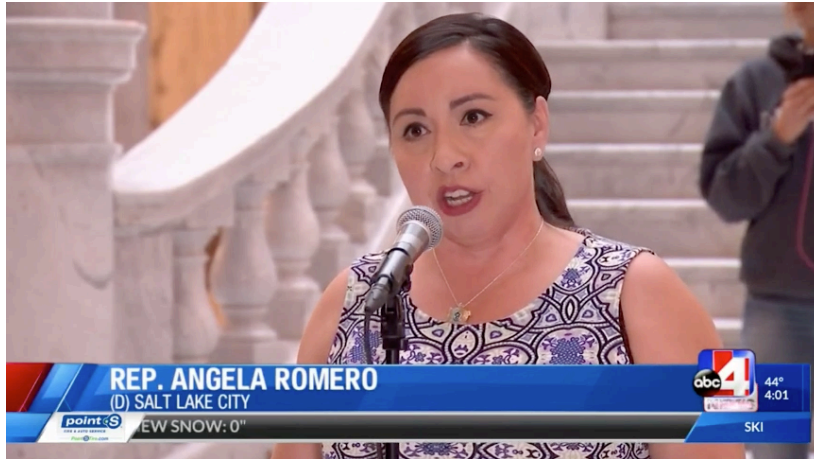
Utah activists protest new wave of abortion bans

Utahns rally for abortion access

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SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (ABC4 News) - As states continue to pass strict abortion bans. Hundreds of activists descended on Utah's Capitol Hill in protest.

Tuesday protest was part of a nationwide effort to tell politicians and special interest groups, "hands-off access to abortions."

The [Planned Parenthood Council of Utah](#) protested recent sweeping abortion bans across

the nation including one here in Utah that would [potentially ban abortions at 18 weeks](#).

Some activists dressed as characters from Hulu's "The Handmaid's Tale," a show about a society where women are subjugated.

Activists say the rally was about trusting women to make decisions for themselves and to have autonomy over their bodies.

"Not all women have access to healthcare and when we attack planned parenthood, we attack poor women we attack marginalized women we attack them and their reproductive health rights," said Representative Angela Romero, (D-Salt Lake City.)

An activist at the rally Isabelle Herzog said, "If men were the people getting abortions since they are the people in power...there would be a lot more access to it."

Utah State Representative Cheryl Acton wants Roe v. Wade which legalized abortion in 1973 overturned.

"I do see it being overturned in the distant future. Hopefully very soon. But not in totality," Rep. Acton, District 43.

Recent polling by Publitas shows 73 percent of Americans don't want Roe v Wade reversed.

Karrie Galloway with Planned Parenthood added, "Women have been pushed around for a long time with women wanting to make use of their bodies."