



Coverage of 28 September by the Press and Media in English, Spanish & French

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GLOBAL

GLOBAL – Wessex Scene, Hannah Beeson

International Safe Abortion Day Around the World

<https://www.wessexscene.co.uk/features/2017/09/28/international-safe-abortion-day-around-the-world/>

In recognition of International Safe Abortion Day this article takes a look at some of the contrasting abortion policies of countries throughout the world.

GLOBAL – Any Day Guide

International Safe Abortion Day

<https://anydayguide.com/calendar/3349>

International Safe Abortion Day is observed annually on September 28th. This article details the day's origins and feminist movements around the world.

GLOBAL – DW Online – Carla Bleiker

Half of all abortions carried out in unsafe conditions

www.dw.com/en/half-of-all-abortions-carried-out-in-unsafe-conditions/a-40720100

Highlights International Safe Abortion Day and provides an outline of WHO's latest findings. It also remarks that various protests for safe and legal abortions are expected around the world in the coming days.

GLOBAL – Medical Xpress

Working group urges better access to safe abortion, in developing world

<https://medicalxpress.com/news/2017-09-group-urges-access-safe-abortion.html>

Offers an overview of the recent study published in the Lancet to mark International Safe Abortion Day and outlines some of the key findings.

GLOBAL – UN Dispatch Alanna Shaikh

Map of the Day: where abortions are most dangerous around the world

<https://www.undispatch.com/map-day-abortions-dangerous-around-world/>

A short explanation of what the data says in the latest study on abortion published by WHO and Guttmacher Institute to coincide with International Safe Abortion Day.

GLOBAL – Eurekalert

Working Group urges better access to safe abortion, in developing world

https://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2017-09/uoma-wgu092717.php

An article explaining how UMass Amherst biostatisticians, international team, have improved global estimates of abortion safety in their latest study published on International Safe Abortion Day.

GLOBAL – Vice, Carter Sherman

Nearly half of all abortions worldwide are unsafe

<https://news.vice.com/story/nearly-half-of-all-abortions-worldwide-are-unsafe>

A brief overview of the key findings in the study published in the Lancet this 28th September.

GLOBAL – Gears of Biz, Bill Cooke

Working group urges better access to safe abortion, in developing world

gearsofbiz.com/working-group-urges-better-access-to-safe-abortion-in-developing-world/98379

On International Safe Abortion Day, an international research group reports in a new paper with senior author Leontine Alkema at the University of Massachusetts Amherst that out of the 55.7 million abortions that are estimated to have occurred each year between 2010 and 2014, almost half (45.1%) were unsafe.

EUROPE

AUSTRIA – Committee for a Workers' International, Sonja Grusch

Women's rights: 28th September - International Safe Abortion Day

<http://www.socialistworld.net/index.php/other-topics/women/9442-women-s-rights-28th-september-international-safe-abortion-day>

This looks at the origins of International Safe Abortion Day and explains some of the deadly abortion policies around the world.

BELGIUM – The Brussels Times, Lars Andersen

One thousand people demonstrate for abortion rights

www.brusselstimes.com/brussels/9256/one-thousand-people-demonstrate-for-abortion-rights

On International Safe Abortion Day, the police said that 1,150 people demonstrated outside the European institutions in Brussels.

BELGIUM – Democracy Now

Abortion rights activists march for safe and legal abortions across Europe

https://www.democracynow.org/2017/9/29/headlines/abortion_rights_activists_march_for_safe_and_legal_abortions_across_europe

Over a thousand people marched near European Union buildings in Brussels on 28th September, calling for safe, legal access to abortion across Europe.

EUROPE – Euractiv, Caroline Hickson

Will the EU take a stand against the erosion of women's rights?

www.euractiv.com/section/freedom-of-thought/opinion/will-the-eu-take-a-stand-against-the-erosion-of-womens-rights/

The article speaks of the increased attacks on the safety and dignity of women, within the EU and beyond. The author notes that International Safe Abortion Day will be marked in Brussels with a march to denounce all governments who still deny women the right to choose.

EUROPE – Sherbrook Times

Abortion: like Ireland, which countries of the EU, Limiting abortion?

<https://sherbrooktimes.com/abortion-like-ireland-which-countries-of-the-eu-limiting-abortion/8723>

Abortion will be the subject of a referendum in Ireland in 2018. It is allowed, more or less restrictive, in all the countries of the European Union, except Malta.

GERMANY – DW

Half of all abortions carried out in unsafe conditions

<http://www.dw.com/en/half-of-all-abortions-carried-out-in-unsafe-conditions/a-40720100>

This article highlights that millions of women resort to desperate measures to terminate their pregnancies. The percentage of unsafe abortions is highest in Latin America.

ITALY – Tua City Mag, Barbara Quattrocchi

International Safe Abortion Day

<https://www.tuacitymag.com/28-settembre-international-safe-abortion-day/>

International Safe Abortion Day has its origins in Latin America and is commemorated every year when thousands of people are mobilised all over the world. The article notes the role that the EU has played in defending the right to abortion and details the Italian legal situation around abortion.

ITALY – Open Democracy, Claudia Torrisi

Non Una di Meno protests for women's rights: "Enough is enough"

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/protest/non-una-di-meno>

The recent protest against obiezione di coscienza – whereby Italian gynaecologists can refuse to conduct abortions – is the latest of many demonstrations by this growing women's rights movement.

IRELAND – Guardian, Nicola Slawson

Thousands march in Dublin calling for end to Ireland's abortion ban

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/sep/30/thousands-march-in-dublin-calling-for-end-to-irelands-abortion-ban>

Coverage of Ireland's March for Choice, where thousands turned out in Dublin to show their appetite for change after the announcement of 2018 referendum.

IRELAND – The Irish Times, Ronan McGreevy and Ciaran D'Arcy

Thousands attend Dublin abortion rights protest

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/thousands-attend-dublin-abortion-rights-protest-1.3239832>

This report covers Ireland's March for Choice on 30 September to mark International Safe Abortion Day.

IRELAND - University Times, Blathin Wilson

From across the world, voices are joining the refrain of repeal

www.universitytimes.ie/2017/09/from-across-the-world-voices-are-joining-the-refrain-of-repeal/

Ahead of the Dublin March for Choice on Saturday the author interviews various international groups showing solidarity with Ireland's repeal movement.

IRELAND – Democracy Now

Meet the Irish photographer documenting women in Ireland who must travel abroad for safe abortion

<https://www.democracynow.org/2017/9/29/ireland>

This report includes a video and article and details the journalist's travels to Belfast, Northern Ireland, where Amy Goodman spoke with abortion rights activist Emma Campbell of Alliance for Choice.

IRELAND – Donegal Now

Scores of Donegal women to march in Dublin to support abortion referendum

<https://www.donegalnow.com/news/scores-donegal-women-march-dublin-support-abortion-referendum/186789>

A local paper noting that women will be traveling to Dublin to attend the March for Choice this Saturday 30 September to commemorate International Safe Abortion Day.

IRELAND – The Atlantic, Yasmeen Serhan

The fight for abortions in Ireland <https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2017/10/ireland-abortion-referendum/541527/>

As the country prepares to hold a referendum on abortion, religiously-motivated opposition to it may be on the wane.

IRELAND – Daily Edge

Almost half of all abortions happening around the world every year are unsafe

www.dailyledge.ie/unsafe-abortion-worldwide-3618232-Sep2017/?r_dir_d=1

This article details the findings from the Lancet study released on International Safe Abortion Day – of the 55.7 million abortions that take place worldwide every year, 25.5 million are unsafe.

IRELAND – The Journal

How Dublin's March for Choice was reported around the world

An interesting overview of how International Safe Abortion Day was reported in different news outlets all over the world.

IRELAND – Huffington Post, Lorna O'Hara

Why young Irish women are marching for choice

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/why-young-irish-women-are-marching-for-choice_us_59cea2afe4b034ae778d4a5a

This article explains some of the reasons that Irish women are marching for their abortion rights this September and explains the momentum behind the pro-choice movement at the moment in Ireland, as the silence and stigma around abortion is slowly being broken.

IRELAND – The Independent, Jason Kennedy and David Young

Thousands attend pro-choice rally in Dublin ahead of abortion law vote

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/news/thousands-attend-prochoice-rally-in-dublin-ahead-of-abortion-law-vote-36183758.html>

Coverage of the March for Choice that took place in Dublin's streets this Saturday to mark International Safe Abortion Day. The article also describes the upcoming abortion referendum and the existing Eight Amendment and what it means for women. The article is accompanied by a short video clip and photos of the March for Choice.

IRELAND – Belfast Telegraph

Protesters rally for change to Irish abortion law

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/republic-of-ireland/protesters-rally-for-change-to-irish-abortion-law-36186780.html>

Coverage of the sixth annual March for Choice, which is believed to have been the biggest to date. Thousands also marched through Dublin city centre, while protests were also held in London, Manchester, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Brussels.

IRELAND – Huffington Post, Paul Jennings

Why gay men must support women and march for choice

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/paul-jennings/gay-men-support-pro-choice_b_18136420.html

This article argues why its important to support the Repeal of the Eighth Amendment and defend women's rights to safe, legal abortions. It encourages people to attend Ireland's March for Choice.

IRELAND – The Daily Edge

Everything you need to know about getting involved in tomorrow's March For Choice

<http://www.dailyedge.ie/march-for-choice-2017-3620420-Sep2017/>

Details of why, where and how people are attending the Abortion Rights Campaign's sixth annual March For Choice in Dublin this year.

IRELAND – Common Space, Caitlin Logan

Pro-choice demonstrations in Scotland to show solidarity with Irish women

<https://www.commonspace.scot/articles/11781/pro-choice-demonstrations-scotland-show-solidarity-irish-women>

Pro-Choice campaigners in Scotland joint others across the world in holding solidarity rallies in support of Ireland's campaign repeal the eight amendment of the Irish constitution.

IRELAND – The Irish Times, Tanya Sweeney

Everything you need to know

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/march-for-choice-everything-you-need-to-know-1.3238263>

Details ahead of the annual March for Choice in Dublin.

IRELAND – Player 98 FM, Niall Colbert

Thousands attend march for choice in Dublin city centre

player.98fm.com/Thousands-Attend-March-For-Choice-In-Dublin-City-Centre

Coverage of Dublin's March for Choice.

IRELAND – The Irish Times, Marie Claire Digby

Global support grows for Dublin's March for Choice

<https://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/abroad/working-abroad/global-support-grows-for-dublin-s-march-for-choice-1.3235893>

Details how Irish abroad are organising solidarity events in more than 20 cities across the world for Dublin's March for Choice.

IRELAND – Guardian, Alison Hackett

Irish voices raised for choice on abortion

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/sep/28/irish-voices-raised-for-choice-on-abortion>
Alison Hackett explains why she will be joining the March for Choice in Dublin

IRELAND – Independent, Sasha Brady

In Pictures: Thousands take to the streets of Dublin for pro-choice rally

www.independent.ie/irish-news/news/in-pictures-thousands-take-to-the-streets-of-dublin-for-prochoice-rally-36184275.html

Thousands of pro-choice campaigners took to the streets of Dublin for the annual March for Choice to protest Ireland's strict abortion laws.

IRELAND – Guardian, Naomi Elster

It's time to talk about the pseudoscience corrupting the abortion debate

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/womens-blog/2017/sep/29/its-time-to-talk-about-the-pseudoscience-corrupting-the-abortion-debate>

On the eve of the final March for Choice ahead of Ireland's referendum on abortion rights next year, a scientist explains why we urgently need to challenge the dogma

IRELAND – Reuters

Tens of thousands march for abortion rights in Ireland

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-ireland-abortion/tens-of-thousands-march-for-abortion-rights-in-ireland-idUSKCN1C50LZ>

Coverage of Ireland's sixth March for Choice to defend women's right to safe and legal abortions.

POLAND – TeleSurTV

Protesters gather for 'BlackProtest' against petition to make abortion illegal in Poland

<https://www.telesurtv.net/english/news/Protesters-Gather-for-BlackProtest-Against-Petition-to-Make-Abortion-Illegal-in-Poland-20171003-0003.html>

To mark International Safe Abortion Day in Poland activists gathered for Czarny Protest or Black Protest – a movement against a proposed total ban on abortions.

POLAND – Krakow Post, Steven Hoffman

On anniversary of abortion ban protests, women take to the streets again: "We have not folded our umbrellas"

www.krakowpost.com/18264/2017/10/abortion-ban-czarny-protest-anniversary

A year after 2016's Czarny Protest (Black Protest) against a proposed total abortion ban, thousands of women across Poland and the world will hold more public demonstrations this afternoon.

POLAND – Washington Post, Vanessa Gera

Polish women march again, year after large 'black protest'

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/polish-women-march-again-year-after-large-black-protest/2017/10/03/69273402-a866-11e7-9a98-07140d2eed02_story.html?utm_term=.4f0636d62160

Thousands of Poles, mostly women, marched through Warsaw and other Polish cities Tuesday to demand greater reproductive rights and protest what they see as discrimination by the conservative government.

POLAND – ABC News, Vanessa Gera

Polish women march again, year after large 'black protest'

abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/polish-women-march-year-large-black-protest-50259552

Coverage of Poland's Black Protest which took place to mark International Safe Abortion Day.

POLAND – The Mercury News

Polish women march for reproductive rights

www.mercurynews.com/2017/10/03/polish-women-march-for-reproductive-rights/

The demonstration in Poland this week for safe legal abortion came on the first anniversary of a massive so-called "Black Protest" by women dressed in black that stopped a plan in parliament for a total ban on abortion.

POLAND – US News Poles

Dressed in Black march in defense of women's Rights

<https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2017-10-03/soles-dressed-in-black-march-in-defense-of-womens-rights>

Several thousand Poles dressed in black marched through city streets in Poland on Tuesday in defence of women's rights, on the first anniversary of mass protests against a planned near-total ban on abortion.

POLAND – AFP News

Thousands of Poles rally to defend women's rights

<https://sg.news.yahoo.com/thousands-soles-rally-defend-womens-rights-201157228.html>

Several thousand black-clad women took to streets across Poland on Tuesday to defend their reproductive rights.

POLAND – Daily Mail

Polish women march again, year after large 'black protest'

www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-4945714/Polish-women-march-year-large-black-protest.html

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RUSSIA – Pravda Report

Backstreet abortions kill 50,000 women every year

www.pravdareport.com/news/society/family/29-09-2017/138795-abortion-0/

Experts at WHO and Guttmacher Institute estimate that as many as 25 million women resort to backstreet abortions every year.

SCOTLAND – Hot Press, Peter McGoran

The 6th Annual March For Choice takes place this Saturday, September 30

<http://www.hotpress.com/The-6th-Annual-March-For-Choice-takes-place-this-Saturday-September-30/20825849.html>

In a statement on the Abortion Rights Campaign's website, the activist group said: The 6th Annual March for Choice takes place on Saturday the 30th of September... The theme of our March this year is Time to Act!

SCOTLAND – Socialist Party Scotland

Women's rights: 28th September – International Safe Abortion Day

<http://socialistpartyscotland.org.uk/2017/09/26/womens-rights-28th-september-international-safe-abortion-day/>

September 28th is International Safe Abortion Day. The date originates from the Campaña 28 Septiembre, a campaign launched in Latin America and the Caribbean in 1990 for the decriminalisation of abortion.

SCOTLAND – The National Scot, Kirsteen Paterson

Scottish abortion laws making slow progress

www.thenational.scot/news/15561930.Scottish-abortion-laws-making-slow-progress/

This article details findings of a new report released to mark International Safe Abortion Day which finds that Scotland lags behind countries like Canada, where the process of ending a pregnancy has been decriminalised and integrated into the health system.

SCOTLAND – The National Scot, Shona Craven

Knowledge is power, so it's time to talk honestly about abortion

www.thenational.scot/news/15565150.Shona-Craven-Access-to-safe-abortion-must-be-accepted-as-a-human-right-no-ifs-or-buts/

A new report published by Engender to coincide with yesterday's International Day of Safe Abortion, demonstrates how the law in Scotland compares to other jurisdictions, including Canada, where abortion was decriminalised in 1988 and is now treated the same as any other medical procedure.

UK – Evening Standard, Sean Morrison

London March for Choice: Hundreds descend on Irish embassy calling for change to country's strict abortion laws

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/prochoice-campaigners-gather-in-london-calling-for-change-to-irelands-strict-abortion-laws-a3647611.html>

Pro-choice campaigners gathered in central London to call for change to Ireland's strict abortion laws, urging the country to have a "respectful debate" ahead next year's referendum.

UK – Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists

International Safe Abortion Day

<https://www.rcog.org.uk/en/global-network/global-health-policy-advocacy/international-safe-abortion-day/>

On International Safe Abortion Day 2017, the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists adds its voice to global movements to support a woman's right to legal and safe abortion, and hears from and celebrates abortion care providers both in the UK and around the world.

ASIA

BANGLADESH – The Independent Bangladesh

International Safe Abortion Day Thursday

<http://www.theindependentbd.com/post/116151>

This piece details calls from within the UN for 28th September to become an official UN day for safe abortion worldwide to help encourage governments to decriminalise abortion and provide reproductive health services in a legal, safe and affordable manner.

INDIA – Quint, Rosheena Zehra

On Safe Abortion Day, a look at India's medical & legal realities

<https://www.thequint.com/fit/her-health/international-safe-abortion-day-and-india>

This article details India's restrictive abortion law and follows a couple of case studies. It highlights the need for International Safe Abortion Day in order to assert the right to one's body.

INDIA – Silguri Times

International Safe Abortion Day in Kalchini

silguritimes.com/international-safe-abortion-day-kalchini/

This short piece talks about how the Kalchini branch of Family Planning Association of India observed the International Safe Abortion Day by setting up a free abortion camp at their office in Kalchini.

INDIA – Youth Kiwaaz

How Indian Women are powerfully breaking the silence around abortion

<https://www.youthkiwaaz.com/2017/09/abortion-choice-and-stigma-in-india/>

To mark International Safe Abortion Day this September, Love Matters spoke to several women who chose to have an abortion in India and discusses the context of stigma and silence around abortion.

INDONESIA – Sociozine

International Safe Abortion Day

<http://sociozine.com/opini/international-safe-abortion-day-2017-militansi-perjuangan-menuju-aborsi-aman-dan-legal-otoritas-perempuan-atas-tubuhnya-sendiri/>

A short explanation of International Safe Abortion Day, its roots and some of the actions taken to commemorate it.

NEPAL – Marie Stopes International

Diverse Actions, Different Places, One Demand: Access to Safe & Legal Abortion NOW!

www.mariestopes.org.np/en/about-us/news/global-day-action-access-safe-and-legal-abortion?section=newslywed

Marie Stopes Nepal undertakes September 28 annual campaigning activities in collaboration with its members, partners, and allies around the world, and as a member of the International Campaign for Women's Right to Safe Abortion. This blog provides a brief outline of the legal situation in Nepal regarding abortion.

AFRICA

BURUNDI – IWACU, Diane Uwimana

Local organization pleads for medical abortion in some cases

www.iwacu-burundi.org/englishnews/local-organization-pleads-for-medical-abortion-in-some-cases/

The association of women fighting against HIV/AIDS and Malaria in Burundi celebrated International Safe Abortion Day this 28th September. It recommends Burundi government to ratify the Maputo protocol to promote women's rights.

KENYA – Human Rights Watch, Agnes Odhiambo

Women still dying from unsafe abortions despite the law

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/10/02/women-still-dying-unsafe-abortions-despite-law>

This piece from Human Rights Watch provides a description of the legal framework around abortion in Kenya and explains how unsafe abortion remains a major public health concern in the country.

MALAWI – AllAfrica, Darlington Harawa

Malawi: Why retain the law that kills women

allafrica.com/stories/201709280874.html

The author says that she is inspired that the silence on abortion is being broken with an increase of traditional leaders calling for liberalised abortion law and goes on to explain how and why Malawi's abortion law should change. She says we should use International Safe Abortion Day to reflect on why Malawi continues to have colonial abortion laws that kill women.

MALAWI - AllAfrica , Centre for Solutions Journalism

Malawi: Time to decriminalize draconian abortion law

www.allafrica.com/stories/201709280872.html

A statement issued by the Centre for Solutions Journalism on International Safe Abortion Day calling on the Malawi government to decriminalise abortion.

MALAWI – Nyasa Times, Elijah Phimbi

ARASA calls for safe, legal and accessible abortion

<https://www.nyasatimes.com/arasa-calls-safe-legal-accessible-abortion/>

Aids and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA), Alliance for Women Advocating for Change (AWAC), SAfAIDS and Southern Africa Litigation Centre (SALC) on 28th September led hundreds of other African Rights Organizations in joining the rest of the World to commemorate this year's International Safe Abortion Day.

SOUTH AFRICA – AllAfrica, Marion Stevens

Africa: It's time to end the stigma and silence around abortion

allafrica.com/stories/201709280584.html

The article begins with an explanation of the significance of International Safe Abortion Day and details South Africa's much-celebrated Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Act (CTOPA) which promotes the reproductive rights and freedom of choice of women by allowing them to have a safe and legal abortion. Yet, failure to implement the law and deep-rooted stigma persist.

SOUTH AFRICA – Enca

Department of Health come out against proposed pregnancy termination bill

<https://www.enca.com/south-africa/department-of-health-come-out-against-proposed-pregnancy-termination-bill>

This article describes how South Africa's Department of Health has come out against a private members bill, which seeks to change the laws on the termination of pregnancy. The bill also makes ultrasounds and counselling mandatory for women as Thursday marked the International Safe Abortion Day.

SOUTH AFRICA – Daily Maverick, Laura Carmody and Mandy Mudarikwa

Op-Ed: More must be done to realise rights to access safe and legal abortion

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2017-09-28-op-ed-more-must-be-done-to-realise-rights-to-access-safe-and-legal-abortion/#.WczMFGhSziU>

To mark 28 September, the authors highlight the difficulties faced by women and girls in South Africa who are denied the right to make decisions about their own health, reproduction and future.

SOUTH AFRICA – Heard

International Safe Abortion Day – A day for action towards access to safe and legal abortion

<https://www.heard.org.za/news-post/international-safe-abortion-day-a-day-for-action-towards-access-to-safe-and-legal-abortion/>

Unsafe abortion is a major cause of mortality and morbidity and has been identified as one of the key health crises on the global health agenda. Ninety-eight percent of unsafe abortions take place in middle- and low-income countries with the most deaths occurring in countries with restrictive abortion policies.

UGANDA – COHERINET

September 28, 2017, Global Day of Action for Access to Safe and Legal Abortion

http://www.coherinet.org/?page_id=183

This provides some history to commemorating International Safe Abortion Day on the 28th September.

PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA – Junkee, Sam Langford

UN experts are calling on all countries to decriminalise abortion – and that includes Australia

<http://junkee.com/un-experts-decriminalise-abortion/125570>

This article highlights that it's Safe Abortion Day and welcomes the OHCHR statement and explains the current system in place in Australia which frequently prevents women from having a safe abortion.

AUSTRALIA – Adelaide Now, Tory Shepherd

Complicated abortion laws driving women to buy termination drugs online

www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/south-australia/complicated-abortion-laws-driving-women-to-buy-termination-drugs-online/news-story/a206b260ae3f0b2f35f88824553c2744

This article describes the findings from a joint study by Flinders, Monash and Charles Darwin universities which was published to mark 28th September. It says that if access to safe abortion is restricted, women turn to unsafe means.

NORTH AMERICA

CANADA – Canadian Atheist, Scott Douglas Jacobsen

International Safe Abortion Day

<https://www.canadianatheist.com/2017/09/international-safe-abortion-day/>

This brief piece marks International Safe Abortion Day by offering an argument on why abortion is a human rights issue.

USA – Refinery29, Sara Coughlin

5 times abortion laws failed pregnant women

www.refinery29.com/anti-abortion-stories-pregnant-women-doctor-laws

The article mentions International Safe Abortion Day and goes on to outline five times when the state has failed women

USA – Pulse Policy Watch, Rob Schofield

Local physicians speak out for reproductive freedom on International Safe Abortion Day

<http://pulse.ncpolicywatch.org/2017/09/28/local-physicians-speak-reproductive-freedom-international-safe-abortion-day/#sthash.ExPPQBED.XugXT8Bh.dpbs>

In commemoration of International Safe Abortion Day, a group of North Carolina physicians have authored an essay shared on this site.

USA – Huffington Post, Lizz Winstead

www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/lady-parts-justice-league-is-serving-up-factsyoucanswallow_us_59cd313ce4b0149549227e2b

Lady Parts Justice League is serving up #FactsYouCanSwallow on International Safe Abortion Day

To mark 28th September, the article introduces a group of feminist provocateurs called the Lady Parts Justice League who have launched a new video called “The Abortion Pill: Facts You Can Swallow” to spread the word about the ease and safety of using the abortion pill.

USA – GeorgeTown Health, Kory Stuer
Protect global health, end the Gag Rule

georgetownvoice.com/2017/09/28/protect-global-health-end-the-gag-rule/

This article urges people to take advantage of International Safe Abortion Day and tell their representatives to repeal the global gag rule.

USA – The Bustle – Samantha Mendoza

What is the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act? The GOP isn't giving up on it

<https://www.bustle.com/p/what-is-the-pain-capable-unborn-child-protection-act-the-gop-isnt-giving-up-on-it-2466345>

Despite it being International Safe Abortion Day, anti-abortion lobby groups in the US attempt to ban abortion after 20 weeks.

USA – Doctors of the World

Global Safe Abortion Day: Every woman has the right to be in control of her body

<https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/News/safe-abortion-day-every-woman-has-the-right-to-be-in-control-of-her-body>

On International Safe Abortion Day 2017, Doctors of the World adds its voice to the global movement to support a woman's right to legal and safe abortion. The piece offers some first-hand-experience from Doctors of the World staff who witness the dangers of illegal and unsafe abortions every day.

USA – Huffington Post, Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro

Why 'resist & persist' is the perfect theme this September 28th, and everyday

www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/why-resist-persist-is-the-perfect-theme-this-september_us_59cd1400e4b095b7ae59d8f4

This year's theme for International Safe Abortion Day, “Resist and Persist”, gives voice and visibility to the many women's organizations and leaders working around the world on a topic that deserves more support, resources, and attention.

USA – Feminist News Wire

Commemorating International Safe Abortion Day

<https://feminist.org/blog/index.php/2017/09/29/commemorating-international-safe-abortion-day/>

This blog details the key components of International Safe Abortion Day which include advocating for the decriminalization of abortion, reducing the negative stigma surrounding abortions, and ensuring equal access to safe abortions for all individuals. According to a UN statement to mark the day: “Denying women access to necessary health care is inherently discriminatory and a violation of their human rights.”

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

EGYPT – Egypt Today

International Safe Abortion Day

<https://www.egypttoday.com/Article/6/25147/International-day-for-Safe-Abortion>

This article provides some history about International Safe Abortion Day and outlines some facts about the scale of unsafe abortion.

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

ARGENTINA – TeleSurTV

Argentine protesters demand free, legal and safe abortions

<https://www.telesurtv.net/english/news/Argentine-Protesters-Demand-Free-Legal-and-Safe-Abortions--20170929-0010.html>

Demonstrations took place in Buenos Aires on International Safe Abortion Day as part of a two-day event dedicated to reproductive rights. Argentine protesters were demanding the right to legal abortions within the country.

BARBADOS – Guardian, Dame Billie Miller

Why do politicians still force women through unwanted pregnancies?

<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2017/sep/28/why-do-politicians-still-force-women-through-unwanted-pregnancies-dame-billie-miller-barbados>

Dame Billie Miller explains how she played a vital role in legalising abortion – and as a result the number of women dying from unsafe terminations plunged. To mark International Safe Abortion Day, the former deputy PM of Barbados explains that countless lives depend on more countries following suit.

BRAZIL – TeleSurTV

Feminists in Sao Paulo mark Latin American Day of Struggle for the Decriminalization of Abortion

<https://www.telesurtv.net/english/news/Feminists-in-Sao-Paulo-Mark-Latin-American--Day-of-Struggle-for-the-Decriminalization-of-Abortion-20170928-0031.html>

To commemorate International Safe Abortion Day, feminist groups in Sao Paulo, Brazil held a public discussion on the criminalization of abortion in the country.

BRAZIL – Human Rights Watch, Margaret Wurth

Why Brazil should decriminalize abortion

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/09/28/why-brazil-should-decriminalize-abortion>

This piece summarizes Brazil's restrictive abortion law and outlines the feelings and experiences of pregnant women interviewed by the author last year. It urges the Brazilian government to pay attention to human rights defenders around the world who are using International Safe Abortion Day to advocate for change in harsh abortion laws.

BRAZIL - Human Rights Watch, Andrea Caravalho

Why Brazil should protect women's reproductive rights

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/09/28/why-brazil-should-protect-womens-reproductive-rights>

On International Safe Abortion Day, we should remind the Brazilian authorities how important it is for them to respect a woman's right to make independent reproductive decisions, without interference.

COLOMBIA – Diet News

In Colombia there are still women who do not know they have the right to an abortion

www.dietnews.net/news/in-colombia-there-are-still-women-who-do-not-know-they-have-the-right-h76.html

The national survey of people's views on abortion in the country shows that although this has improved, law enforcement continues to be a challenge

LATIN AMERICA – TeleSurTV

Women demand safe access to abortions around the globe

<https://www.telesurtv.net/english/news/Women-Demand-Safe-Access-to-Abortions-Around-the-Globe-20160928-0023.html>

This piece highlights the actions taken across the world to mark International Safe Abortion Day, and details the findings from the *Lancet* study on unsafe abortion.

MEXICO – Huffington Post, Araceli Lopez Nava Vázquez

Why Mexico is proof anti-abortion laws don't work

www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/araceli-lopez-nava-vazquez/global-gag-rule-safer-abortion-day_b_18119418.html

This article begins with a case study of an unsafe abortion in Mexico and the writer describes the pregnant woman's eventual arrival at her clinic. To mark International Safe Abortion Day the writer then decides to bust some myths on abortion in Mexico to set the record straight.

NICARAGUA – Human Rights Watch, Janet Walsh

Nicaragua's abortion ban makes victims the criminals

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/09/28/nicaraguas-abortion-ban-makes-victims-criminals>

This article includes a couple of interviews with Nicaraguan women who have experienced Nicaragua's harsh abortion laws first-hand. It notes the significance of September 28th not just in Nicaragua but around the world.

VENEZUELA – Venezuela Analysis, Katrina Kozarek
Feminists demand right to abortion in Venezuela (Video)

<https://venezuelanalysis.com/video/13409>

Revolutionary feminist movements in Venezuela mobilized outside the ANC on the International Day for the Decriminalization of Abortion, demanding that women's right to decide be included in the new constitution.

IN SPANISH

ARGENTINA – El Día

Mañana se celebra el Día Mundial de Lucha por la Despenalización y Legalización del Aborto
www.eldia.com/nota/2017-9-27-17-22-15-manana-se-celebra-el-dia-mundial-de-lucha-por-la-despenalizacion-y-legalizacion-del-aborto-informacion-general

Details of a march taking place in Argentina on Friday in addition to a range of other activities to mark International Safe Abortion Day.

ARGENTINA – Catolicas

28 de septiembre, día de lucha mundial por la despenalización y legalización del derecho al aborto

<http://catolicas.org.ar/28-septiembre-dia-lucha-mundial-la-despenalizacion-legalizacion-del-derecho-al-aborto/>

This piece explains the origins of International Safe Abortion Day and invites all activists, networks and organisations to demonstrate solidarity for safe and legal abortions for all women who need them.

ARGENTINA – AIM Digital

Día internacional de lucha por la despenalización del aborto

www.aimdigital.com.ar/2017/09/27/dia-internacional-de-lucha-por-la-despenalizacion-del-aborto/

Describes the roots of International Safe Abortion Day and notes the various actions taking place to commemorate the day.

BOLIVIA – La Razón

Derecho a decidir

www.la-razon.com/opinion/editorial/Derecho-decidir_0_2790920951.html

Explains the importance of International Safe Abortion Day in highlighting the unsafe conditions in which many women are forced undergo an abortion, putting their lives at risk.

NICARAGUA – La Prensa, Janet Walsh

La prohibición del aborto en Nicaragua

www.laprensa.com.ni/2017/09/28/opinion/2304092-la-prohibicion-del-aborto-en-nicaragua

Argues that to deny a woman or a girl the make independent decisions on abortion threatens a broad spectrum of human rights.

SPAIN – Europe Press La Vanguardia

El feminismo asturiano se moviliza este jueves en Gijón por el derecho al aborto

www.lavanguardia.com/local/asturias/20170927/431595548782/el-feminismo-asturiano-se-moviliza-este-jueves-en-gijon-por-el-derecho-al-aborto.html

Explains actions taking place to commemorate International Safe Abortion Day

LATIN AMERICA – Pynnoticias

En todo el mundo se producen aproximadamente 25 millones de abortos peligrosos al año

pynnoticias.com/en-todo-el-mundo-se-producen-aproximadamente-25-millones-de-abortos-peligrosos-al-ano/

LATIN AMERICA – 20 Minutos, Silvia Aldavert Garcia

En el Día Internacional por la Despenalización del Aborto: Ni muertas, ni presas, ni clandestinas. Nos queremos vivas y libres

<https://blogs.20minutos.es/mas-de-la-mitad/2017/09/28/en-el-dia-internacional-por-la-despenalizacion-del-aborto-ni-muertas-ni-presas-ni-clandestinas-nos-queremos-vivas-y-libres/>

Outlines some key global statistics on unsafe abortions, explains how harsh abortion laws infringe on women's fundamental rights and calls on Latin American governments to repeal restrictive abortion laws.

GLOBAL – Ciudadania Express

Abortos seguros para todas las mujeres que los necesiten: ONU

<http://ciudadania-express.com/2017/09/27/abortos-seguros-para-todas-las-mujeres-que-los-necesiten-onu/>

Details the statement given by UN experts this International Safe Abortion Day which calls on governments to decriminalise abortion and change policies based on outdated stereotypes.

URUGUAY – Mujer y Salud en Uruguay

Noticias #UnGritoGlobal

<http://www.mysu.org.uy/multimedia/noticia/ungritoglobal/>

Details of the significance of International Safe Abortion Day.

VENEZUELA – Aporrea

Acción de calle en el Día Mundial por la Despenalización del Aborto se llevó a cabo en las afueras del Ministerio de Salud (Vídeo)

<https://www.aporrea.org/actualidad/n315244.html>

Details a protest that took place outside the Ministry of Health to mark International Safe Abortion Day 2017 and demand safe legal abortions.

IN FRENCH

GLOBAL – Libération, Anaïs Moran

“Les anti-IVG sont souvent anti-genre, homophobes et contre le planning familial”

http://www.liberation.fr/planete/2017/09/28/les-anti-ivg-sont-souvent-anti-genre-homophobes-et-contre-le-planning-familial_1599310

In light of International Safe Abortion day, Neil Datta, Secretary General of the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development, talks to *Liberation* about the alarming rise of the anti-abortion movement in Europe.

GLOBAL – LaDepeche.fr

Le droit à l'avortement sauve des vies

<http://www.ladepeche.fr/article/2017/09/28/2654692-le-droit-a-l-avortement-sauve-des-vies.html>

On International Safe Abortion day, the World Health Organisation/Guttmacher publishes data on the subject, just as Doctors of the World, reiterates the importance of the right of women and girls to safe abortion around the world.

GLOBAL – LCI, Charlotte Anglade

Journée du droit à l'avortement : et si vous habitez au Venezuela, en Irlande ou en Pologne ? (video)

<http://www.lci.fr/societe/journee-du-droit-a-l-avortement-les-femmes-face-aux-inegalites-dans-le-monde-2065777.html>

On International Safe Abortion Day, rallies are planned in France, but also in Europe, to defend the "fundamental right" to abortion. A right which is not yet accessible to all women in the world. Far from it. The video gives a tour of the world of the unequal access to abortion.

GLOBAL - Le Figaro, Esther Paolini

Où en est l'accès à l'avortement dans le monde ? (Video)

<http://www.lefigaro.fr/actualite-france/2017/09/28/01016-20170928ARTFIG00053-o-en-est-l-acces-a-l-avortement-dans-le-monde.php>

A report providing an overview of abortion rights globally, within Europe and France. It includes a video montage and some great infographics!

GLOBAL - Sciences et Avenir, Sarah Sermondadaz

“Contraception et droits à l'avortement dans le monde : où en est-on ?”

https://www.sciencesetavenir.fr/sante/contraception-et-droits-a-l-avortement-dans-le-monde-ou-en-est-on_116719

On International Safe Abortion Day, access to abortion around the world remains very uneven, and where it is forbidden it increases the risks to the health of women.

GLOBAL - France 2

Avortement : Un droit loin d'être universel (Video)

http://www.francetvinfo.fr/societe/ivg/avortement-un-droit-loin-d-etre-universel_2393318.html

A concise video and accompanying summary of current restrictive abortion law around the world.

GLOBAL – Le Temps

Près de la moitié des avortements dans le monde sont dangereux

<https://www.letemps.ch/monde/2017/09/28/pres-moitie-avortements-monde-dangereux>

This article reports on the WHO/Gutmacher findings.

GLOBAL – 20 Minutes

Journée mondiale du droit à l'avortement: Mobilisation dans toute la France et en Europe (Video)

<http://www.20minutes.fr/societe/2140851-20170928-video-journee-mondiale-droit-avortement-mobilisation-toute-france-europe>

The video providing a round-up of abortion (lack of) rights around the world. The article also briefly discusses EU countries in which abortion is restricted as well as access to abortion in France.

GLOBAL – CNCD, Carine Thibaut

Le droit à disposer de son corps : le long chemin vers une reconnaissance mondiale

<http://www.cncd.be/Le-droit-a-disposer-de-son-corps>

This article gives a global overview of current abortion law, highlighting small progress made in countries such as Chile and in which countries restrictive laws remain such as Nicaragua, Malta and the Dominican Republic. It reports that 25% of the world is deprived of access to reproductive rights and the growing trend returning to conservative views on abortion.

GLOBAL – La Nouvelle République, Nicolas Troadec

Une journée pour le droit à l'avortement

<http://www.lanouvellerepublique.fr/Indre/Actualite/Sante/n/Contenus/Articles/2017/09/28/Une-journee-pour-le-droit-a-l-avortement-3240370>

EUROPE – NPA, Mimosa Effe

IVG : 28 septembre, la volonté de reconstruire un mouvement féministe de masse

<https://npa2009.org/actualite/feminisme/ivg-28-septembre-la-volonte-de-reconstruire-un-mouvement-feministe-de-masse>

This article gives a brief round-up of rallies which took place for International Safe Abortion day. It also concludes that 28 Sept should be a step towards building a larger feminist movement.

GLOBAL – 2M

Dans le monde, un avortement sur deux est "dangereux" (OMS)

<http://www.2m.ma/fr/news/dans-le-monde-47-mille-deces-sont-causes-par-des-avortements-non-securises-20170929/>

This provides an outline of WHO's latest findings.

EUROPE – Le Journal des femmes, Kanitha Thach

Avortement : à quand un accès égal pour toutes, partout ?

<http://www.journaldesfemmes.com/societe/combats-de-femmes/1929330-avortement-mobilisation-europeenne-le-28-septembre/>

The article report on the European collectif "Avortement: les femmes décident"'s call to take the street on International Safe Abortion day. Moreover, it outlines the current situation with access to abortion in France.

EUROPE – Europe 1, Noémi Marois

Ces pays de l'Union européenne où l'avortement n'est toujours pas un droit

<http://www.europe1.fr/societe/ces-pays-de-lunion-europeenne-ou-lavortement-nest-toujours-pas-un-droit-3448985>

In Europe restrictive abortion laws still exists, the article discusses the situation in Malta, Poland and Cyprus as well the curious case of Italy.

EUROPE – 7 sur 7, Alizé Bona

"C'est de notre devoir de respecter le droit à l'avortement"

<http://www.7sur7.be/7s7/fr/1520/Sexe-Relations/article/detail/3269500/2017/09/27/C-est-de-notre-devoir-de-respecter-le-droit-a-l-avortement.dhtml>

In this article, Claudine Mouvet, Director of the family planning centre Louise Michel, who talks about the importance of the right to abortion, and the struggle for its cause.

EUROPE – madmoiZelle, Esther

“Le 28 septembre, mobilisons-nous pour garantir le droit à l’IVG en Europe !”

<http://www.madmoizelle.com/journee-mondiale-droit-ivg-manifestations-834947>

Co-ordinated rallies throughout Europe and a petition addressed to the EU parliament.

EUROPE – RTL, Marie Zafimehy

Droit à l'avortement: les féministes européennes lancent un appel

<http://www.rtl.fr/girls/identites/droit-a-l-avortement-les-feministes-europeennes-lancent-un-appel-7790269628>

A collective of feminist associations mobilizes to guarantee access throughout Europe. The article states that where women do have access to abortion, it has been threatened by the lack of adequate frameworks in hospitals and service providers shutting in countries such as France and Greece as well in countries where doctors can make a conscious objection.

FRANCE – France 3 Bretagne, Jeanne Travers

À Rennes et Saint-Brieuc, les bretonnes manifestent pour le droit à l'avortement

<http://france3-regions.francetvinfo.fr/bretagne/rennes-saint-brieuc-bretonnes-manifestent-droit-avortement-1336633.html>

Solidarity rallies held in towns around France for women living in countries with restrictive abortion laws, this includes a video.

FRANCE – L'Obs, Mathilde Goupil

"Ce qui rend l'IVG traumatisante, c'est la façon dont on traite les femmes" (a woman's account)

<http://tempsreel.nouvelobs.com/sante/20170927.OBS5244/ce-qui-rend-l-ivg-traumatisant-c-est-la-facon-dont-on-traite-les-femmes.html>

For International Safe Abortion day, l'Obs publishes an anonymous account of a woman's experience with abortion.

FRANCE – France 3 Occitanie, Patrick Noviello

Françoise Laborde : « L'IVG, ça redevient le parcours du combattant ! »

<http://france3-regions.blog.francetvinfo.fr/midi-pyrenees-politiques-france3/2017/09/28/francoise-laborde-ivg-ca-redevient-le-parcours-du-combattant.html>

An interview with Françoise Laborde (Senator) on International Safe Abortion day. Laborde highlights a study which she previously undertook on abortion legislation in 7 European countries and in Texas, and discusses the current situation in France.

FRANCE – L'Humanité, Daniel Roucoux

IVG, un droit garanti par la loi à toutes les femmes

<https://www.humanite.fr/ivg-un-droit-garanti-par-la-loi-toutes-les-femmes-642778>

This article briefly outlines law and policy with regards to terminating a pregnancy in France, as well as other useful details such as cost and social security health coverage.

FRANCE – Paris Normandie.fr, Marie-Ange Maraine

“Les femmes réaffirment leur droit à l'avortement”

<http://www.paris-normandie.fr/actualites/societe/les-femmes-reaffirment-leur-droit-a-l-avortement-AP10972552>

This article announces planned 28 Sept activity taken in le Havre as well as its aims in the context of abortion rights in the EU.

FRANCE – BFM TV

Elles jettent des cintres à Paris pour le droit à l'avortement

<http://www.bfmtv.com/breves-et-depeches/jeter-de-cintres-a-paris-pour-le-droit-a-l-avortement-1266357.html>

On Thursday night (28 Sept), hundreds of people gathered in Paris to defend the right to abortion free and legal abortion worldwide.

FRANCE – RFI, Vincent Souriau

Véronique Séhier (Planning familial) : IVG, « nous devons être vigilants sur ce droit fondamental » (Radio interview/Video)

<http://www.rfi.fr/video/20170929-veronique-sehier-planning-familial-ivg-nous-devons-etre-vigilants-droit-fondamental>

In this interview, Véronique Séhier – co-president of Planning familial – discusses abortion law and policy in France and Europe

FRANCE – Centre Presse

Rassemblement à Poitiers pour un droit à l'avortement identique partout en Europe

<http://www.centre-presse.fr/article-555970-rassemblement-a-poitiers-pour-un-droit-a-l-avortement-identique-partout-en-europe.html>

Rally in Poitier in solidarity and conjunction with other rallies planned across Europe.

FRANCE - Le Figaro

"Jeter de cintres" à Paris pour le droit à l'avortement

<http://www.lefigaro.fr/flash-actu/2017/09/28/97001-20170928FILWWW00351-jeter-de-cintres-a-paris-pour-le-droit-a-l-avortement.php>

This article reports on the rally held in Paris on International Safe Abortion Day, and briefly outlines the situation in the EU with regards to abortion rights.

FRANCE – Le Point

"Jeter de cintres" à Paris pour le droit à l'avortement

http://www.lepoint.fr/societe/jeter-de-cintres-a-paris-pour-le-droit-a-l-avortement-28-09-2017-2160658_23.php

This article reports on the rally which took in Paris where protesters threw coat hangers as a symbol to unsafe abortion/ restrictive laws.

FRANCE – 20 minutes (Lyon edition), Elisa Frisullo

Droit à l'IVG: Des améliorations à Lyon mais encore de vraies difficultés

<http://www.20minutes.fr/lyon/2141139-20170928-journee-mondiale-droit-ivg-ameliorations-lyon-encore-difficultes>

"20 Minutes" reports on abortions providers in the Rhone, the effects of summertime on access to services and referrals made.

FRANCE – France 3 Grand-Est, Cecile Poure

Strasbourg : le droit à l'avortement, à corps et à cri

<http://france3-regions.francetvinfo.fr/grand-est/bas-rhin/strasbourg-0/strasbourg-droit-avotement-corps-cri-1336601.html>

In several towns around Europe, rallies are taking place to defend the fundamental right to abortion. France 3 met those taking part in Strasbourg.

FRANCE – Le Télégramme

“Droit à l’avortement. Un appel à un rassemblement départemental à Douarnenez”

<http://www.letelegramme.fr/finistere/douarnenez/droit-a-l-avortement-un-appel-a-un-rassemblement-departemental-a-douarnenez-26-09-2017-11678923.php>

On International Safe Abortion Day, Le Planning Familial and its associated unions and activists, call for regional rallies.

FRANCE – La Dépêche.fr

“Rassemblement pour le droit à l'avortement en Europe”

<http://www.ladepeche.fr/article/2017/09/29/2655094-rassemblement-pour-le-droit-a-l-avortement-en-europe.html> (subscription required for full article)

Details rallies taking place throughout Europe and, mentions countries in Europe with restrictive laws.

FRANCE – Ouest-France

Caen. Manifestation pour le droit à l'avortement

<https://www.ouest-france.fr/normandie/caen-14000/caen-manifestation-pour-le-droit-l-avortement-5280482>

Women and a few men mobilised in Caen, on the evening Friday, 29 September to defend the right to abortion in the whole of Europe.

FRANCE – L'Union, Anaïs Lecoq & AFP

Droit à l'avortement: dans le monde, une IVG sur deux est illégale (2 Videos)

<http://www.lunion.fr/52051/article/2017-09-28/video-droit-l-avortement-dans-le-monde-une-ivg-sur-deux-est-illegale>

This article features Le Planning Familial's campaign 'Ce ceci n'est pas un cintre' (this is not a coat hanger), including their campaign video for this year. It also provides an overview of access to abortion, which has improved in recent years as well include a video of women's experiences with abortion.

FRANCE – L'Ardennais, Anaïs Lecoq & AFP

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IRELAND – Courrier International

Les Irlandais devront se prononcer sur l'avortement en 2018

<http://www.courrierinternational.com/depeche/les-irlandais-devront-se-prononcer-sur-lavortement-en-2018.afp.com.20170927.doc.st65i.xml>

This article details current law and policy in Ireland with views from organisations of both side of the debate, it mentions that Ireland has come a long way to attempt in modernising its restrictive law, with the referendum in 2018.

IRELAND – Cheek Magazine

Irlande : Un référendum sur l'accès à l'avortement sera organisé en 2018

<http://cheekmagazine.fr/societe/irlande-ivg-referendum/>

Reports on Ireland's abortion law and upcoming referendum; extracted from *Courrier International*.

IRELAND – TV5 Monde

L'Irlande vers le droit à l'avortement ?

<http://information.tv5monde.com/terriennes/l-irlande-vers-le-droit-l-avortement-193987>

Ahead of the International Safe Abortion Day, Ireland announces that a referendum will be held in May/June 2018 with regards to access to abortion. It also provides a snapshot of other countries (Malta and Poland) with restrictive abortion laws.

IRELAND – Pourquoi docteur ?, Ambre Amias

IVG : référendum en Irlande pour élargir les conditions d'accès

<https://www.pourquoidocteur.fr/Articles/Question-d-actu/23017-IVG-referendum-Irlande-elargir-conditions-d-acces>

Abortion is illegal in Ireland except if the pregnancy poses a risk to life; a referendum will take place in 2018 for unrestricted access to the right to terminate a pregnancy.

IRELAND – Madame, Le Figaro

L'Irlande organise un référendum sur la légalisation de l'avortement

<http://madame.lefigaro.fr/societe/irlande-referendum-avortement-270917-134445>

Irish people are preparing themselves for a referendum on abortion rights in 2018.

IRELAND – Républicain Lorrain

Les pro-avortement défilent

<http://www.republicain-lorrain.fr/france-monde/2017/10/01/les-pro-avortement-defilent>

Pro-choice activists maintaining the pressure on the Irish government, whilst it commits to holding a referendum on the issue.

IRELAND – Cosmopolitan France, Loïse Delacotte

L'avortement sera peut-être bientôt légalisé sans condition en Irlande

<http://www.cosmopolitan.fr/l-avortement-sera-peut-etre-bientot-legalise-sans-condition-en-irlande.2005887.asp>

This article discusses Ireland's restrictive policy on abortion, and the possibility for change with a referendum in spring 2018.

IRELAND – EURO NEWS

Droit à l'IVG : vers la fin de l'hypocrisie en Irlande ?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRcN31XxAv8>

BELGIUM – RTL Info,

Un millier de personnes ont manifesté à Bruxelles pour le droit à l'avortement

<https://m.rtl.be/info/957253>

On International Safe Abortion Day, over a thousand people gathered in Brussels to protest for the right to abortion. Additionally, a petition addressed to the EU parliament has reached over 22,000 signatures.

BELGIUM – RFI, Laxmi Lota

Des centaines de manifestants défilent à Bruxelles pour le droit à l'avortement (Audio report)

<http://www.rfi.fr/europe/20170928-centaines-manifestants-defilent-bruxelles-droit-avortement-petition-ue>

On Thursday 28th September 2017, many protested around the EU institutions for the right to abortion. A petition was also given to the EU parliament.

BELGIUM – Le Soir

Un millier de personnes manifestent en faveur de l'avortement à Bruxelles (photos et vidéo)

<http://www.lesoir.be/116657/article/2017-09-28/un-millier-de-personnes-manifestent-en-faveur-de-lavortement-bruxelles-photos-et>

In light of International Safe Abortion Day, hundreds of people reminded us of the importance and fragility of this right.

BELGIUM – RTBF

Journée internationale du droit à l'avortement: même en Belgique, il y a des soucis

https://www.rtf.be/info/societe/detail_journee-internationale-du-droit-a-l-avortement-meme-en-belgique-il-y-a-des-soucis?id=9721331

As the decriminalisation of abortion is still a topic of debate in Belgium, Sylvie Lausberg expresses her concerns with conscientious objection among doctors, who can choose to provide abortions. This needs to be resolved, she notes, as it could ultimately lead to a shortage of doctors practising abortion and fewer service providers.

BELGIUM - 7 sur 7, Sarah Winkel

Et si demain, les Belges perdaient leur droit à l'avortement?

<http://www.7sur7.be/7s7/fr/1520/Sexe-Relations/article/detail/3270356/2017/09/28/Et-si-demain-les-Belges-perdaient-leur-droit-a-l-avortement.dhtml>

This article reports that the right and access to abortion are far from guaranteed in many countries around Europe. On International Safe Abortion Day, many events were planned throughout Europe. Women took over the European Quarter of Brussels to reclaim their sexual and reproductive rights and advocate for access to abortion in the whole of Europe.

BELGIUM – DH.be, Maïli Bernaerts

Marche pour l'IVG en Europe: quid de la situation en Belgique ?

<http://www.dhnet.be/actu/societe/marche-pour-l-ivg-en-europe-quid-de-la-situation-en-belgique-59cd2471cd70be70bcb175af> (subscription required for access)

It is reported that almost 10,000 abortions are performed informally each year. There are women in Brussels who do not dare to go to family planning for an abortion. These women prefer to go to their general practitioner who may not provide abortions.