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"SMA" stands for self-managed abortion! This term refers to medical abortions typically induced at home using a combination of two medications:

misoprostol and mifepristone.

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People choose to self-manage their abortions for a number of reasons! They may feel more comfortable completing

the process in a familiar space, want to reduce the risk of trauma under the medical industrial complex, or even just find that it's more convenient.

No matter the reason, people ending a pregnancy deserve the ability to decide what type of care best meets their needs and fits with the reality of their lives.

IT'S THAT

Abortion should be available where we live: on our campuses and in our communities.

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or mife & mise

Mifepristo

(as they're commonly abbreviated) are extremely safe and effective

Additionally, research has continuously found medication abortion to be:

Safer than carrying a pregnancy to term

introducing:

- Similar to taking other medications like Tylenol
 - and Viagra
- Common procedures
 like colonoscopies

TLDR:

BESTIES

Medication abortion has a revolutionary potential to provide accessible, safe abortion care within our communities.



At least **26** people have been criminalized for self-managing their abortions since 2005, and the overwhelming majority of them were people of color.

Unfortunately, current laws block us from exercising this right threatening individuals who self manage their abortions with criminalization and disproportionately burdening low-income folks, people of color, LGBTQ+ people, and immigrants.

No one should fear arrest or jail for ending their own pregnancy, supporting someone who's decided to do so, or for seeking medical help during the abortion care process.

> However a person decides to end a pregnancy, we must ensure that they can do so safely, effectively, and with dignity and respect.

There are many misconceptions about abortion care especially when it comes to self-managed abortion!

HERE ARE THE FACTS:



D. HAVING AN ABORTION DOES NOT AFFECT SOMEONE'S ABILITY TO CONCEIVE IN THE FITURE. PREGNANCY CAN EVEN OCCUR IMMEDIATELY AFTER A PERSON USES ABORTION PILLS!

2. MANY PEOPLE HAVE MORE THAN ONE ABORTION! PRIOR SAFE ABORTIONS DO NOT AFFECT THE SAFETY OR EFFECTIVENESS OF MISO&MIFE, NOR DO THEY IMPACT A PERSON'S OVERALL HEALTH.

3. ABORTION ALLS CANNOT BE DETECTED IN BLOOD OR OTHER MEDICAL TESTS. A MEDICATION ABORTION IS MEDICALLY INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM A MISCARRIAGE, UNLESS A PERSON TELLS THEIR DOCTOR THEY VE TAKEN ABORTION PILLS. We can't achieve liberation if we're perpetuating stigma. The language we use should always be **#AbortionPositive!** This means avoiding messages that use gendered language, demonize abortions and people who have them, perpetuate myths, or reinforce shame.

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ABORTION

JOMEN'S

We'll never achieve Reproductive Justice by attempting to compromise with people dedicated to deriding our autonomy.

VIOUSLY NOBODY

ABORTION

Real Abortion Access means:

 Medication abortion is available on our college campuses, free from shame or medically unnecessary barriers.

 Obtaining care is accessible.
 All pregnancy-related care should receive full insurance coverage, regardless of where one lives.

> Ending laws that burden young people by forcing parental involvement during abortion care.

Opposing and repealing ALL abortion bans. Period.

> The normalization and decriminalization of self-managed abortion, so folks are able to access the care that works for
> THEIR lives.

 All LGBTQ+ folks are able to access affordable abortion care that affirms
 their, experiences.

> • Freedom from ableism, white supremacy, and classism.



But how do we achieve this?

Here's what YOU can do to get involved & expand abortion access in your Community!

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BECOME AN ABORTION DOULA

Abortion doulas provide emotional, physical, and informational support to people going through the abortion process.



CUNIC ESCORT

Clinic escorts help support abortion clinic patients by assisting folks as they enter the clinic and helping to protect against potential harassment from anti abortion activists.

DONATE TO YOUR LOCAL ABORTION FUND Fund abortion, FUND ABORTION

build power. **Find your local** abortion fund at abortionfunds.org/funds/

CL'NIC ESCORT

Get N/oled with URGE!

URGE is a young people's movement for Reproductive Justice, grounded in a framework originated by SisterSong, that all people have personal bodily autonomy, have children, not have children, and parent the children they have in safe and sustainable communities. We are an #AbortionPositive organization

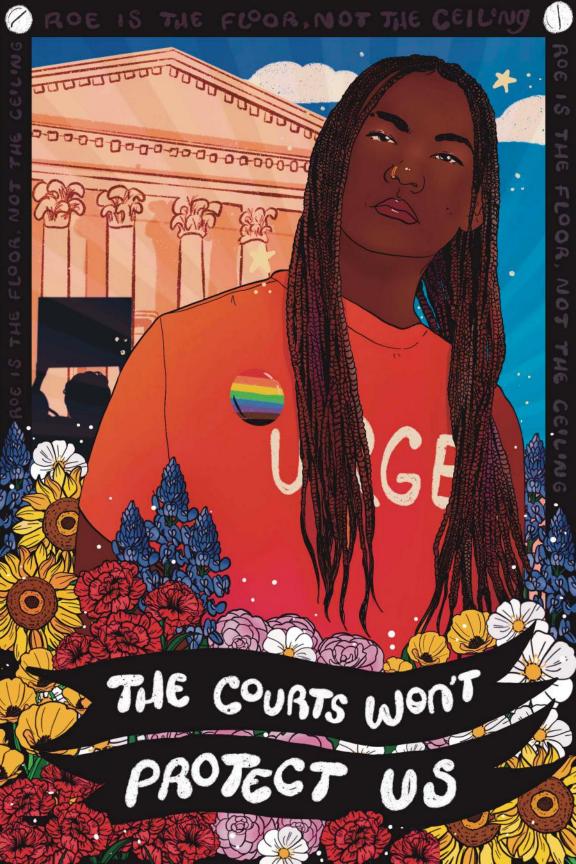
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