

Current Intern of Newcomb Institute Co-writes MS. Article on Recent Developments in Abortion Bans in Texas

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The article "[Our Abortion Stories: Two Years of Texas' S.B. 8](#)" follows up two years after the implementation of Texas' S.B. 8, known as the six-week abortion ban with a "bounty hunter" provision. The state has become a battleground for reproductive rights. Last summer, the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* further exacerbated the situation. S.B. 8, one of two abortion bans in Texas, has made abortion nearly impossible.

The other ban, the Human Life Protection Act, criminalizes abortion from fertilization, carrying severe penalties, including life imprisonment and hefty fines. The Center for Reproductive Rights is challenging these laws in the landmark case *Zurawski v. Texas*. "Our Abortion Stories," a recurring column Val Diez Canseco bylines, sheds light on the struggles of Ms. readers fighting for safe and accessible abortion care.

You can follow Val Diez Canseco [here](#) to read more of her work.