

## Synthèse Abortion/US Elections

### 1. Introduction type Centrale (sans annonce de plan)

Abortion has always been a divisive issue in the USA, but with recent developments it has become even more central to American politics. The four documents, all published in the year leading up to the 2024 election, highlight how crucial reproductive rights will be for both parties next November. While two *Guardian* articles analyze the way abortion may be an asset for Democrats, and report on Elizabeth Warren's accusations against Donald Trump, *The New York Times* examines one aspect of the party's strategy to beat the former president, whom cartoonist Bill Bramhall depicts as a common street scammer. (98 words)

### 2. Proposition de synthèse type CCINP (avec annonce de plan et conclusion)

#### Women's rights and the 2024 US election (6)

With the Dobbs decision, women's rights have become central to American politics for 2024. These documents published in the year before the election, highlight how crucial this question will be next November. Two *Guardian* articles analyze how abortion may be an asset for Democrats (document 1), and report on Elizabeth Warren's accusations against Donald Trump (document 2), and *The New York Times* examines one aspect of progressists' strategy to beat him (document 3), whom cartoonist Bill Bramhall depicts as a street scammer (document 4). While Republicans' record on reproductive rights has become a liability, Democrats are trying to use the issue to win the election.

All the documents refer to Trump and Republicans' historical support for anti-abortion legislation. The GOP has been a longtime supporter of the most extreme pro-life movement (document 1), and the three texts highlight the former president contributed to the reversal of *Roe v. Wade* by appointing three conservative justices, helping deliver the Dobbs decision. Bramhall in his cartoon alludes to the fact it is now up to each state to decide to keep abortion legal or not. And Trump has bragged about about all this (documents 2 & 3), especially to his ultra conservative hardcore supporters (document 2).

However such a record is an issue for Trump and his party: all the documents mention his attempts not to be associated with the Dobbs decision and its consequences on women's rights (abortion and IVF). Bramhall shows him trying to confuse the American people playing the three-car trick, possibly to square the circle of keeping his base happy and appealing to a broader swath of the electorate. As recent elections have shown US citizens care about reproductive rights: in the 2022 midterms and in 2023 GOP candidates had disappointing results because of the issue, with Republican voters siding against them (document 1), it is necessary. And yet it does not seem to work, as nobody is happy with his flip-flopping (documents 1 and 2).

Therefore Democrats — especially Kamala Harris and Elizabeth Warren (document 2) — aim to exploit this weakness and attack Republicans on reproductive rights issues, in order to maximise their chances for 2024, as it seems to be a winning strategy and they are encouraged by their recent victories (document 1). They accuse the former president of having no moral compass and just being an opportunist (document 2), and some of their allies are even trying to take votes away from him by funding a far-right third-party candidate, especially in swing states where a few votes may change everything (document 3).

To conclude, although polls seemed alarming for Democrats in late 2023, Biden's replacement by Harris as presidential candidate (document 3) and Trump's incoherent stance on reproductive rights (docs 1, 2, 3 & 4) gave them a chance to win in November 2024.

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