





## Conclusions

Our interviews revealed that pregnant Texans who sought out-of-state abortion care after SB 8 went into effect expressed almost exclusively negative thoughts and feelings about the law. Restrictions on abortion compromised the right to reproductive autonomy. Not being able to access timely care close to home creates unnecessary hardships in multiple arenas of people's lives.

Further restrictions on abortion in Texas and other U.S. states will interfere with pregnant people's health and well-being. Our research indicates that even those who do obtain abortion care in the face of increased restrictions experience emotional impacts along with financial and logistical burdens.

## Methods

We recruited participants from abortion facilities in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, and Oklahoma using flyers. Participants self-referred to the study and, after we determined they were eligible, they completed the interview by phone.

To create the word clouds, we used interview transcript segments that included any comments participants made about their reactions to SB 8. We identified the 1000 most common words in these responses and highlighted both description and emotion words. We then organized these reactions into two categories: what people thought about the law and descriptions of how the law made people feel. Direct synonyms (e.g., harder/more difficult) were categorized together for clarity in the creation of the word clouds. NVivo was used for all qualitative analyses. The Institutional Review Board at The University of Texas at Austin approved the study protocol.

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