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*Promoting the theory and practice of psychodrama,
sociometry and group psychotherapy*

Official Statement Regarding Recent Events

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The Executive Council of the ASGPP wishes to acknowledge the recent overturn of Roe vs Wade by the United States Supreme Court. This decision will impact women and families across the entire nation, especially marginalized communities. The overturn of a legal right by the Supreme Court is unprecedented in our nation's history. From the beginning, the expansion of rights has been our course as a nation - from Civil Rights, Voting Rights, legal rights to own property, equal rights for formerly enslaved persons, to the right to marry for LGBTQ+ communities. These have all been the hallmark of our democracy. While some would say that the overturn of Roe vs Wade ensures the right of the unborn, we must pause and reflect upon what this means to the millions of women and families who have lost the authority to make their own decisions about their lives and bodies.

It is clear that those with means of finances and travel will more than likely be able to find and access reproductive health services when not possible within their own state. It is the millions of women who cannot access, or do not have resources to secure the means that this will most impact – particularly people of color, those with lower income, individuals with disabilities, folks living in rural communities, young people, undocumented immigrants.

As Psychodramatists, our philosophy and methods inherently value individual autonomy, empowerment, and choice. The ASGPP as the member organization of the United States psychodrama community states and stands with the full and unencumbered right of all people to a life that is self-determined, free to determine one's own course, and with access to resources to thrive. It is for this vision that the ASGPP stands.

In Solidarity,

ASGPP Executive Council

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