

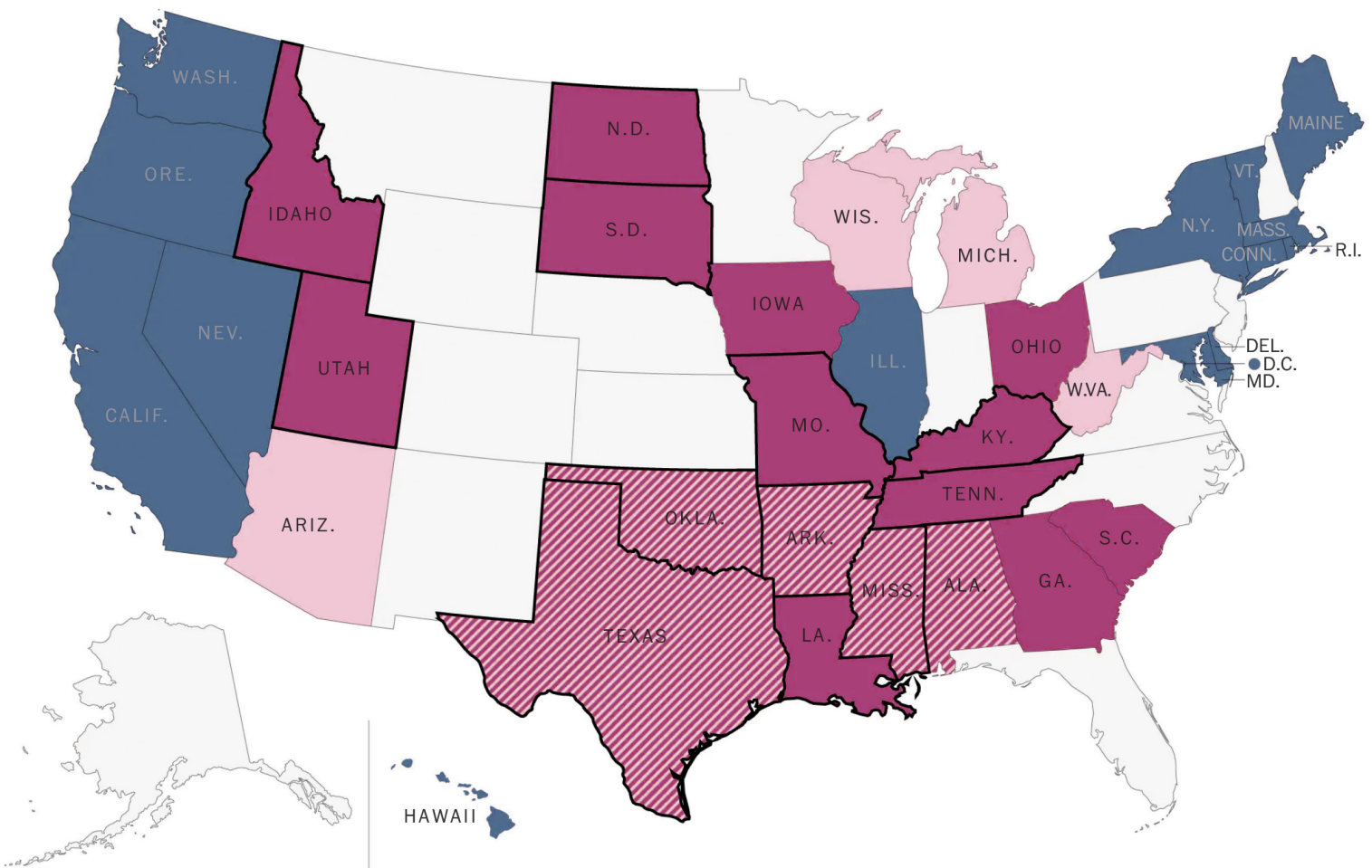
WHAT ABORTION POLICY WILL LOOK LIKE IN THE U.S. WHEN *ROE V. WADE* FALLS

If the Supreme Court overturns the 1973 precedent, the legality of abortion will be left to individual states. Many have already made their intentions clear.

As of today, many states have “trigger laws” stating that the day *Roe v. Wade* is modified or overturned, abortion will become automatically illegal in those states, with more being added to the list post-Texas law.

STATE ABORTION POLICY ABSENT *ROE V. WADE*

- Post-*Roe* laws that would ban or restrict some or all abortions
- “Trigger” law banning all or nearly all abortions if *Roe* is overturned
- Unenforced pre-*Roe* ban on abortions
- Laws that explicitly protect abortion



Note: Arkansas and Mississippi have pre-*Roe* bans and post-*Roe* trigger laws. Oklahoma and Texas have pre-*Roe* bans and trigger laws that will go into effect later this year. Alabama has a pre-*Roe* ban and post-*Roe* restrictions.

The various laws regulating and/or severely limiting access to abortion in the states without color are not dependent on the status of *Roe*.

Sources: *The Washington Post* (September 2, 2021); Guttmacher Institute