

My husband and I had such a nice Texas trip planned. A few days in Austin and **San** Antonio, then a night in McAllen, several days in the Big Bend area, then up to Marfa, and then on to **San Angelo**, where, for six months in 1958-59, I landed my first real job as a reporter for the women's section of the **Standard-Times**.

We won't be making this trip. Why would we spend any money in Texas, a state that penalizes women by denying them abortion care ... and then puts a bounty on the heads of anyone who dares to help them obtain it?

When I worked for the women's section of the **Standard-Times**, we wrote stories about food and fashion. Abortion was still illegal and most issues concerning women's health were taboo. But that was more than 50 years ago! Like it or not, abortion is now legal in the United States. If you don't like it, don't have one. But don't try to control women's bodies with draconian legislation that either turns them into criminals or punishes them for the rest of their lives.

It would have been fun to re-visit **San Angelo**, but not under the current political climate in your state. Your slogan "don't mess with Texas" is cute, but I hope it is soon transformed into "don't mess with Texas women who need reproductive health care."

You are still, indeed, the Wild West. And that is nothing to be proud of.

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