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Trump's Action on Reproductive Rights Abroad

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To the Editor:

Re “Trump Revives Ban on Aid to Groups That Discuss Abortion” (news article, Jan. 24):

President Trump didn't just reinstate the Bush and Reagan era “global gag rule”; he expanded it. Previously, the rule applied only to foreign nongovernmental organizations receiving United States family-planning assistance. Now, he has ordered that these restrictions be extended to all American global health assistance.

This expansion is going to require that even more groups have to make the decision between receiving aid or denying women the care they need and are entitled to. This will include groups providing humanitarian aid to girls and women raped in war, work that is, by no definition, family planning.

The Trump administration's response to the millions of women who marched was to tell them that the United States will continue to dictate how women around the world receive medical care, even if the consequences are deadly.

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