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The Texas Abortion Ban and its Devastating Impact on Communities and Families

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Bio

Stephanie Loraine is an award winning reproductive justice advocate, abortion storyteller, clinical social worker, non-profit executive, columnist and radio host born in Puerto Rico and now resides in Orlando, Florida. She works as the Co-Executive Director of Florida Access Network, an abortion fund dedicated to challenging abortion stigma and dismantling barriers to abortion in Florida through financial and logistical support. Stephanie is an abortion storyteller with We Testify. As someone who has had two abortions, one that required judicial intervention, she is passionate about reproductive justice and making sure that anyone who needs an abortion, can get one free from shame and stigma.

Stephanie is a frequent public speaker and media commentator on reproductive justice and has written opinion pieces published in The New York Times en español, Rewire News and Univision. Her abortion story has been published in the Associated Press, Newsweek, and NPR among others. She has co-authored reports alongside If/When/How: Laywering for Reproductive Justice on the Florida judicial waiver process and testified on the findings in the Florida Legislature. She is the Producer of the radio show Jervas Combativas, a show that uplifts the resilience of women and femmes who combat machismo, patriarchy and injustices in their daily lives. Jervas Combativas is the first feminist Spanish-language commercial radio show in the United States.

In 2019, she was awarded the 120 (Advocates) Under 40 award by the Bill & Melinda Gates Institute, which recognizes the achievements of the next generation of family planning leaders worldwide.

After dual enrolling in High School and University as a distinguished Hicks Scholar, she graduated from the University of North Florida in 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Sociology and Criminal Justice. She later earned a Masters of Social Work from the University of Central Florida in 2015. She is a proud Bisexual Puerto Rican woman who is a loving older sister to three siblings and is most fulfilled when she's exploring the outdoors, laughing and learning.