

People within the East community began to take a stand for their rights; community members took part in protests, sent postcards to surrounding counties, informing others of the Aug. 2nd vote that would determine the Kansas law, put stickers on cars and water bottles that displayed their opinion and those who were able, went out to vote — but voting was something that most high schoolers were unable to take part in due to age, so they turned to social media.

She watched as her Instagram feed flooded with posts. Michelle Obama's post preaching her love and

support towards women was the first of many added to her Instagram story that day. To senior *Camille Adams, sharing these posts on her social media accounts was very important — it was her sense of advocating, her way to voice her opinion, her way to make a stand.

"Social media became a huge outlet of my opinions," Adams said. "I share my own opinions and encourage others to do the same, especially when it's an issue like Roe v Wade where people need to be informed because it affects so many people."

Friends' parents or distant relatives would swipe

up on Adams' Instagram story, sometimes with words of encouragement, sometimes with rebuttals to the opposing side. Though the words of validation motivated Adams to continue voicing her opinion, the backlash of people telling her to "fact check her stories" or to "acknowledge that she's part of the problem" is eventually what pushed her to turn off her direct messaging on Instagram stories.

Throughout July and August she

was able to repost media that supported her view of the upcoming vote. As posts would come up on her recommended page, she would confirm the account was a reliable source, do a quick Google search to fact check and then repost them on her account.

"I believe I need to share my opinion on social media and I try to encourage others to post on social media too," Adams said. "People shouldn't just stand back — everyone needs to take the opportunity to stand up and make things happen because eventually, it will affect you too."

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ROE V. WADE OVERTURNED

more than 900,000 Kansans voted on the issue of abortion

543,855 Kansans voted NO

56% of voters were women

378,466 Kansans voted YES

1 in 5 Republicans voted NO

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When her 18th birthday rolled around, senior Paige Zadoo wasn't thinking about how she could finally register to vote or how she could involve herself in politics, she was out celebrating with her friends, getting cake shoved into her face and blasting "Birthday B*tch" over the basement speakers. She had two more years until the 2024 presidential election, which meant two years until she had to educate herself on what was happening in our government — fast forward to a month later when the rights to her body were being debated by the government.

The debate of Roe v. Wade within our national

government had left Kansas to hold a vote determining the laws of abortion — Zadoo began to question her role in all of this. Now that she was 18, she had the ability to contribute her beliefs to the outcome of this vote. A week later, she submitted her voting registration. A month later, she walked out to the voting poll that would determine her future freedoms.

Walking into the polls, Zadoo, alongside seniors Emily Pollock and Ben Bradley immediately stood out amongst the crowd. They felt heads turn as they walked into Leawood Presbyterian Church. As if it wasn't already obvious that they were new to voting,

when they handed in their registration there were bells ringing and the poll workers all started cheering and clapping — the older generation of voters was taken aback by the number of the young generation voters who showed up to advocate their voice.

"We stood out but in a cool way," Zadoo said. "We were clearly there to vote for what we wanted and it was interesting to see what everyone thought about that. Everyone was kind of minding their own business within each other and then when we walked in and we were in line you could

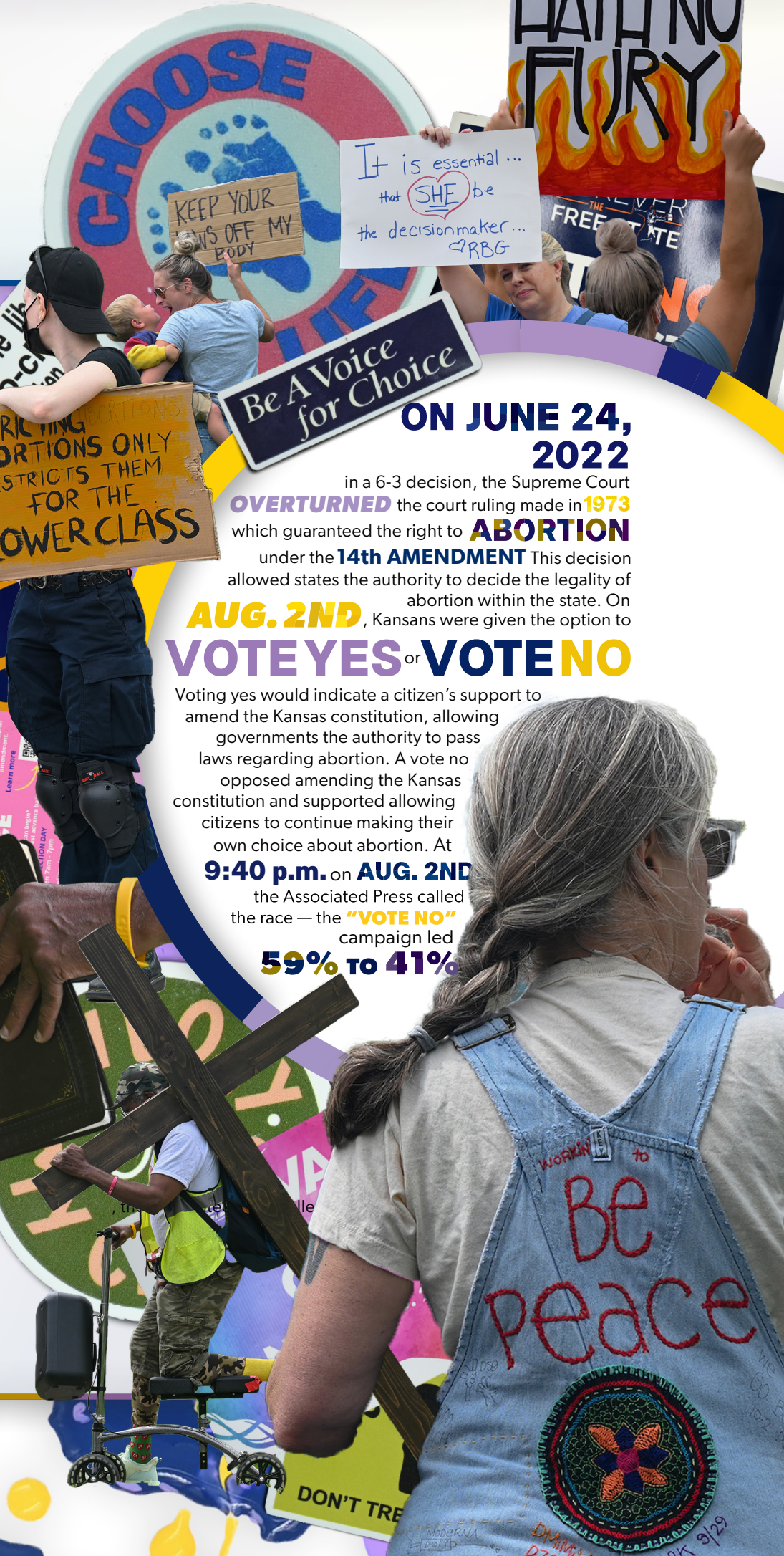
definitely see people looking our way."

For Zadoo, this vote was more than just voicing her opinion. She knew that this would have an impact on not only her future, but all the women and girls around her — some of which were too young to vote, so this was her way of showing her support towards them.

"It was just the principle of having my own bodily autonomy. You also have a voice as a young voter and being a female in our generation," Zadoo said. "It was important to me to know that I was a part of something big and hopefully helping a cause that was important to me and my friends and those around me."

a protest by the river. "My sister and I both had experience on Harbinger so we were like 'oh my gosh this would be amazing to shoot,' and we ran out of the restaurant to get our cameras from home," Condon said. "It was most powerful seeing the types of

people who went out because I feel like when you think of who's going to support abortion, you think young women, you think liberal, you think of the people you see on social media posting about taking action, but there were a lot of older people."



ON JUNE 24, 2022

in a 6-3 decision, the Supreme Court OVERTURNED the court ruling made in 1973 which guaranteed the right to ABORTION under the 14th AMENDMENT This decision allowed states the authority to decide the legality of abortion within the state. On AUG. 2ND, Kansans were given the option to

VOTE YES or VOTE NO

Voting yes would indicate a citizen's support to amend the Kansas constitution, allowing governments the authority to pass laws regarding abortion. A vote no opposed amending the Kansas constitution and supported allowing citizens to continue making their own choice about abortion. At

9:40 p.m. on AUG. 2ND the Associated Press called the race — the "VOTE NO" campaign led 59% to 41%

40 FALL FEATURE

PHOTOS BY AUDREY CONDON On Mother's Day — the day after it was announced that Roe v Wade had the possibility of being overturned — senior Audrey Condon went out to brunch with her mother and sister at Rye on the plaza, when they saw