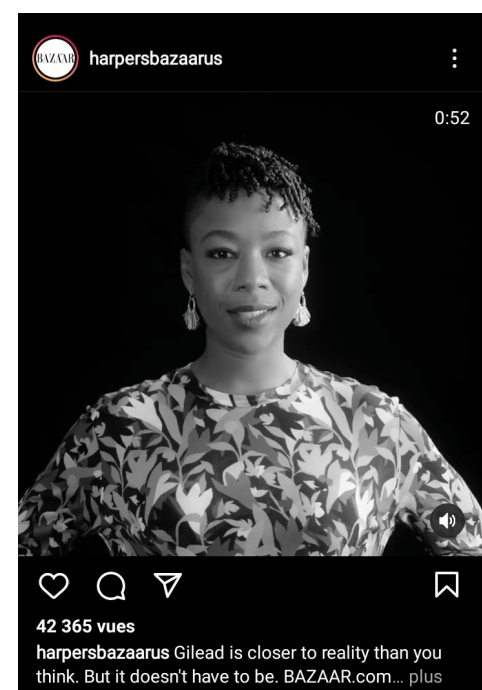
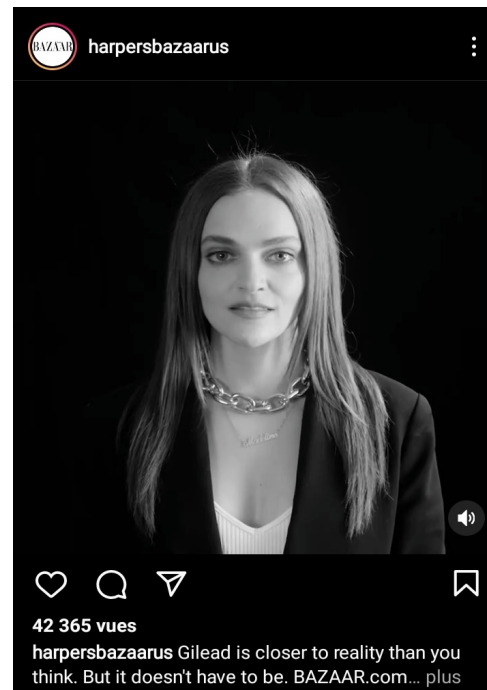
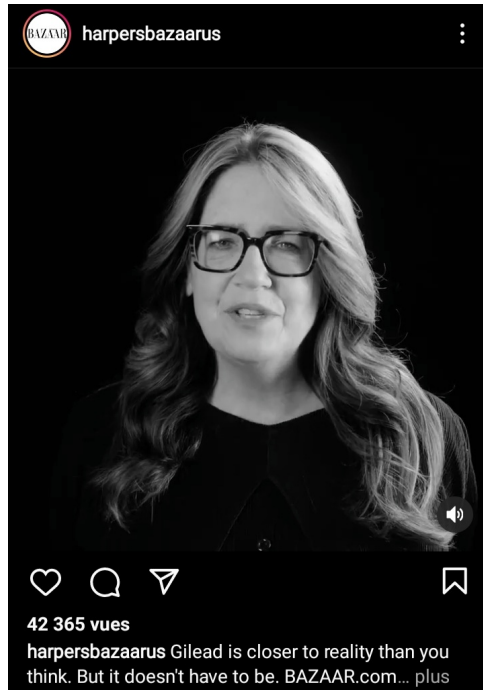
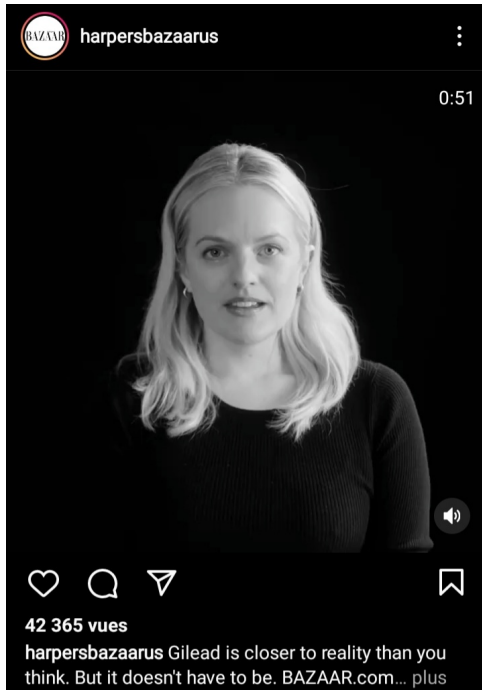


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In 2019, 303 bills restricting abortion care have been filed in 47 states in America. Among those bills, 135 ban abortion in some or all circumstances.

BAZAAR.com teamed up with Planned Parenthood and the cast of the Handmaid's tale stars Elisabeth Moss (June), Samira Wiley (Moirra), Ann Dowd (Aunt Lydia), Madeline Brewer (Janine), Amanda Brugel (Rita), Max Minghella (Nick), and Bradley Whitford (Commander Lawrence) to a message: "When we start restricting access to abortion, our country takes one step closer to Gilead."

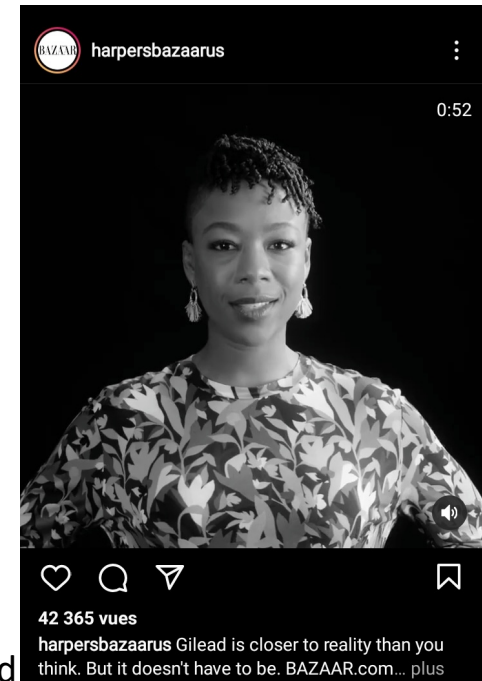
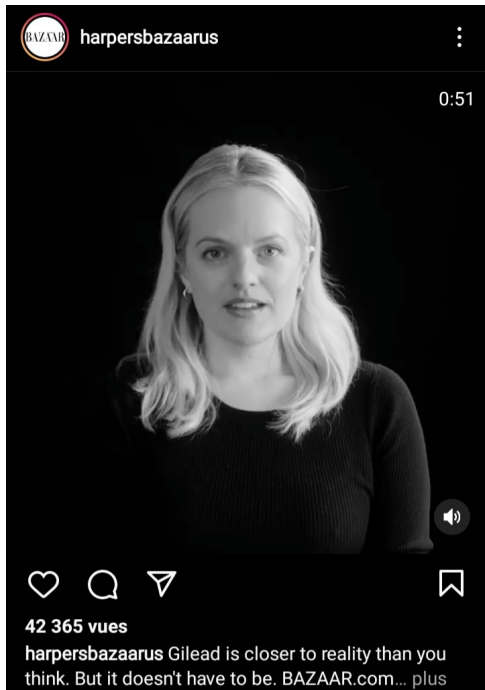
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During a two-minute video, they talk about the importance of reproductive healthcare and why restricting safe, legal access is dangerous. They explain that :

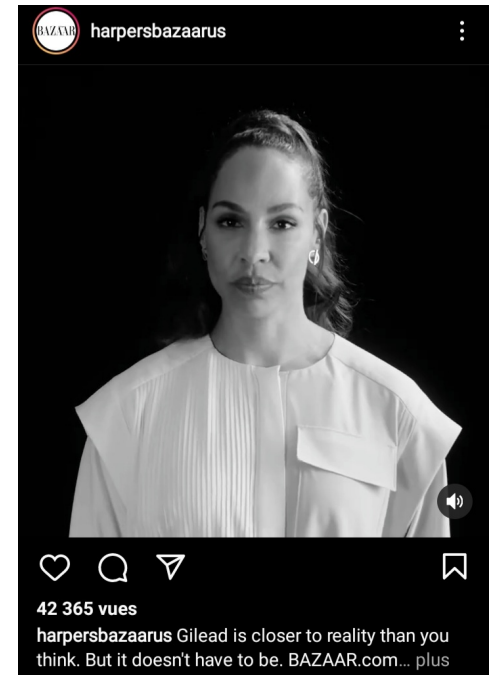
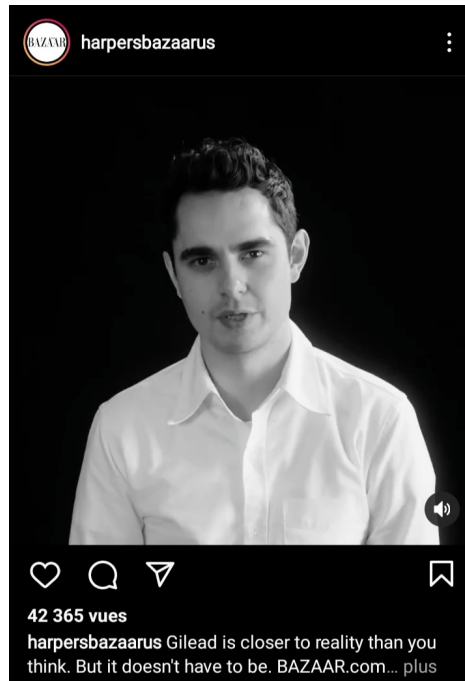
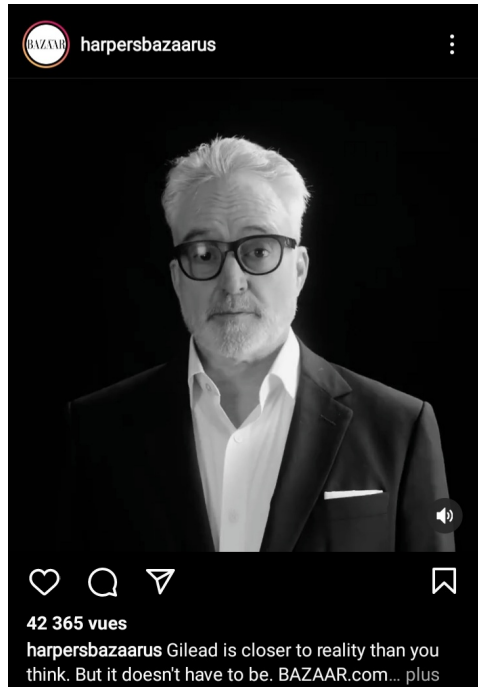
- "Denying access to safe, legal abortion care is dangerous and deadly."
- "Banning abortion is not going to stop abortion; banning abortions will only stop safe, legal abortions."
- "Access to safe and legal abortion is a constitutional right."

The video was in response to recent abortion legislation and politicians like Georgia Governor Brian Kemp, who signed a law that would ban abortion as soon as doctors can detect a heartbeat, as early as six weeks, before some women are even aware they're pregnant. Similar bills were signed in Louisiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Mississippi and more.

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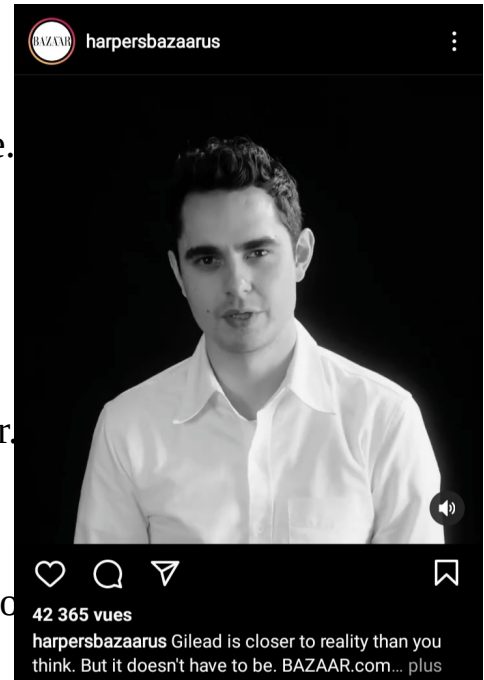
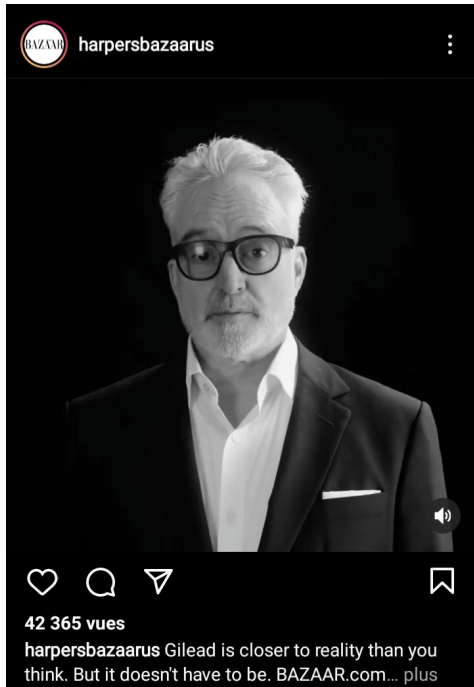
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the article of *BAZAAR.com* presents us "What You Need to Know" about abortion in the US

- 1 in 5 women have been to Planned Parenthood for healthcare.
- 1 in 4 women will have an abortion in her lifetime.
- 19 million people in the United States live in reproductive health deserts—forced to travel more than one hour to obtain a safe and legal abortion.
- 90% of counties in the United States lack an abortion provider.
- 6 states have just one abortion clinic: Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, and West Virginia.
- 5 states—Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Ohio—passed bans on abortions at six weeks, before many women know they're even pregnant.



“What You Need to Know” about abortion in the US

We think that the action that the cast took is important because the series and the book denounces exactly those laws and the restricting of women’s right. When you have seen the series or when you read the book the sentence “When we start restricting access to abortion, our country takes one step closer to Gilead.” is striking because we don’t want to live like in Gilead.

Those abortion restrictions are happening in the US but it could happen in France or other countries because we still have to fight to keep or rights.

And we must remember that in some countries abortion is still illegal and has never been legal.

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