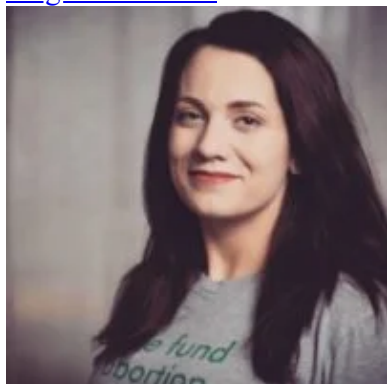


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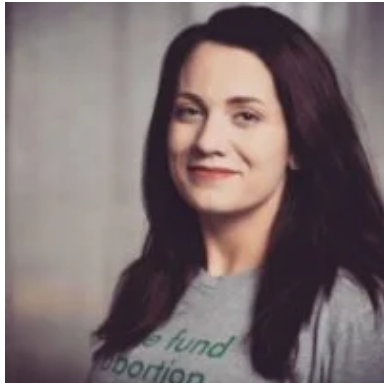
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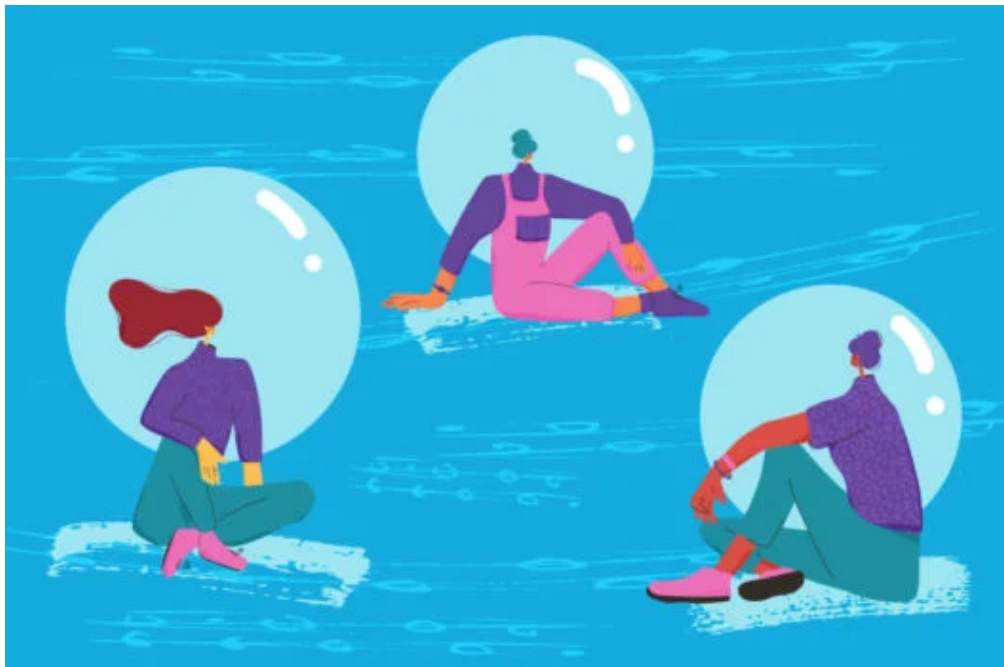
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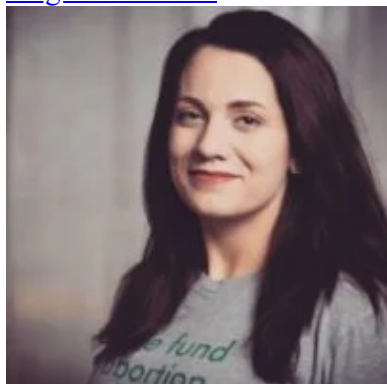
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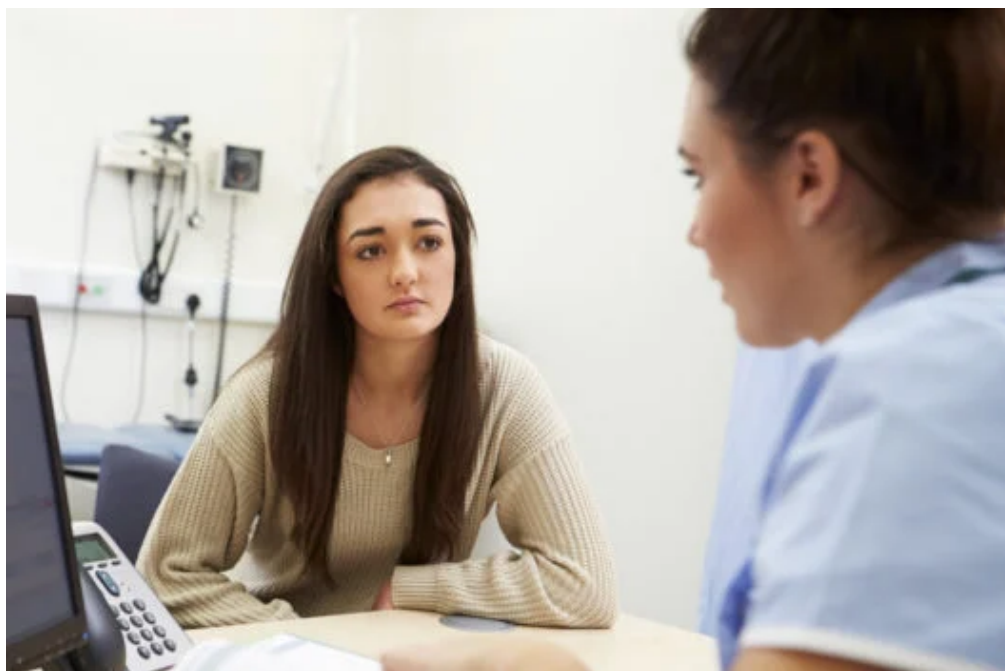
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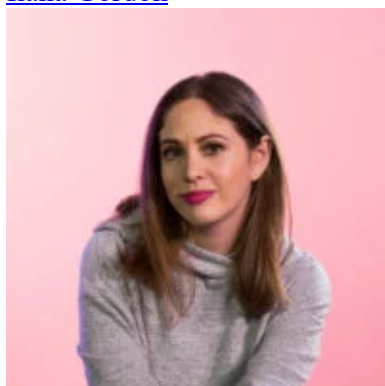
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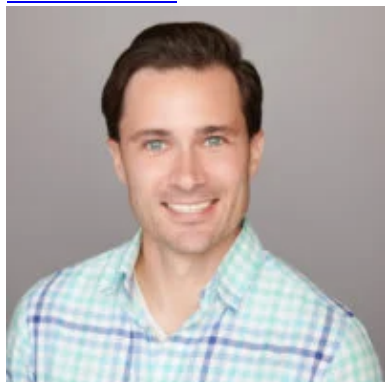
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Rogers burned down the American Family Planning Clinic on New Year's Day. Now he will serve ten years in prison.

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According to the [Associated Press](#), a homeless man, Bobby Joe Rogers, who lived in a parking lot near the clinic and often participated in anti-choice protests with movement activists, has been sentenced to ten years in federal prison for the firebombing. As a result of the bombing, the clinic has been permanently shut down. Rogers originally pled not guilty, but [changed his plea in July](#).

A Wisconsin man, Francis Grady, who allegedly bombed a Planned Parenthood center in April, is scheduled to be sentenced this fall. [Grady](#), who said in court that he "lit the clinic up" because "they kill babies in there," has since been avidly embraced by Rev. Donald Spitz of the anti-choice terrorist group, Army of God. Spitz has sent [e-mails](#) defending Grady's actions, created videos calling him the movement's "[brother](#)," and put him on the group's "prisoners of life" list. Others on the list include Scott Roeder, who murdered Dr. George Tiller, and murderer Eric Rudolph, who bombed a Birmingham, Alabama, health center.

Rogers, too, is on Spitz's list of special friends whom he solicits for funds. At the top of his grim "[honor roll](#)" is Paul Jennings Hill, who received the death penalty in 2004 for the murder of Dr. John Britton on the sidewalk of the same Pensacola clinic that Rogers burned down on New Year's Day.

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