

SHAH WAS THE ONLY DEMOCRAT TO WORK WITH REPUBLICANS TO BLOCK ACCESS TO CONTRACEPTION

2021: ARIZONA LEGISLATURE PASSED A BILL ALLOWING PHARMACISTS TO DISPENSE CERTAIN KINDS OF HORMONAL BIRTH CONTROL WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION, OTC

HEADLINE: “Arizona Bill Would Allow More Over The Counter Contraceptives For Woman.” [KAWC, [6/29/21](#)]

The Bill Allowed Arizona Pharmacists To Dispense Certain Kinds Of Birth Control Without A Prescription, Joining More Than A Dozen Other States That Had Eliminated A Prescription Requirement For Certain Birth Controls. “Women in Arizona may soon find it a lot easier to get birth control. On a 32-24 vote, the House on Monday approved allowing pharmacists to dispense certain kinds of contraceptives without getting a prescription. More to the point, it would eliminate the need to first go to a doctor. SB 1082 would have Arizona join more than a dozen states that already have eliminated the requirement for a prescription.” [KAWC, [6/29/21](#)]

SHAH WAS THE ONLY DEMOCRAT TO VOTE TO LIMIT THE TYPES OF HORMONAL BIRTH CONTROL AVAILABLE OVER THE COUNTER; WHEN THE LEGISLATION FAILED, SHAH WALKED AWAY FROM VOTING ON THE FINAL VERSION OF THE OTC BIRTH CONTROL BILL

Shah Introduced A Floor Amendment To SB1082 That Would Have Limited Self-Administered Contraceptives To Progesterone Only. “The 4-line Shah floor amendment (6/28/2021 at 1:30 pm) does the following: 1. Limits the self-administered hormonal contraception to progesterone only. 2. Specifies that the prescription drug cannot be on contain [sic] a black box warning label issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.” [Arizona State Legislature, SB1082, House Floor Amendment Explanation Shah Fir Amendment, [6/28/21](#)]

6/28/21: Shah Was The Only Democrat To Vote With Most Republicans Against Excluding His Floor Amendment From The Final Bill Version. On June 28, 2021, Shah voted against a motion to exclude Shah’s floor amendment from SB1082, which passed 35-23, with every other voting Democrat voting to exclude Shah’s amendment. [Arizona State Legislature, SB1082, House Motion to Amend, [6/28/21](#)]

Shah’s Amendment Was Ultimately Excluded From The Final Version Of The Bill. On June 28, 2021, Shah voted against a motion to exclude Shah’s floor amendment from SB1082, which passed 35-23, with every other voting Democrat voting to exclude Shah’s amendment. [Arizona State Legislature, SB1082, House Motion to Amend, [6/28/21](#)]

6/28/21: Shah Did Not Vote On The Final Version Of The Over The Counter Birth Control Legislation. On June 28, 2021 Shah did not vote on the final version of SB1082 as amended, which passed the House 33-24 and the Senate 21-8, and was signed into law. [Arizona State Legislature, SB1082, House Third Reading as Amended, [6/28/21](#)]

SHAH CO-SPONSORED A REPUBLICAN LAW TO MAKE IT EASIER TO FORCE CONVERSION THERAPY ON YOUNG LGBTQ ARIZONANS

2022: Shah Co-Sponsored A Republican Bill That Would Have Banned Discrimination On The Basis Of Gender Identity Or Sexual Orientation And Banned The Use Of Conversion Therapy On Minors. “A special committee appointed by House Speaker Rusty Bowers, R-Mesa, took several hours of testimony on

House Bill 2802 on March 17. [...] Sponsored by Bowers and Rep. Amish Shah, D-Phoenix, the bill would have banned discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations based on sexual orientation or gender identity, and banned health care providers from performing conversion therapy on minors. Several major business groups backed the bill, saying it would ensure businesses still want to come to Arizona.” [Arizona Capitol Times, [3/25/22](#); HB 2802, [2022 Leg. Session](#)]

The Bill Would Have Exempted Religious Institutions, Parents And Clergy From The Bill’s Anti-Conversion Therapy Provisions. “It would also ban health care providers from performing conversion therapy on minors. Religious institutions such as churches and religious schools would be exempted from the bill, and the anti-conversion therapy provisions would not apply to parents and clergy.” [Arizona Capitol Times, [3/18/22](#)]

ACLU Of Arizona Policy Director: “The Bill Creates Broad And Harmful Exceptions To Our Nondiscrimination Laws While Placing The Onus On Transgender Persons To Prove Their Identity To Receive Protections.” “However, the exemptions were a sticking point for some progressives. ‘The bill creates broad and harmful exceptions to our nondiscrimination laws while placing the onus on transgender persons to prove their identity to receive protections,’ said Darrell Hill, policy director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona.” [Arizona Capitol Times, [3/25/22](#)]

EVEN SHAH’S OWN DEMOCRATIC COLLEAGUES SAY HE CANNOT BE TRUSTED

Former Democratic State Rep. Diego Rodriguez: Shah “Was Not Trusted” By His Caucus, And Would “Pass Information” To Republicans. “Former state Rep. Diego Rodriguez, D-Phoenix, who has publicly criticized Shah on social media, said in an interview that Shah ‘was not trusted’ by the rest of the Democratic caucus and would ‘pass information’ to the Republicans. ‘He chose to go around us ... and to work with the Republican majority to get his bills passed,’ Rodriguez said.” [AZ Republic, [7/8/24](#)]

Former State Rep. Domingo DeGrazia: Shah Was Excluded From Caucus Meetings After “Working Contrary To Leadership.” “Former state Rep. Domingo DeGrazia, D-Tucson, confirmed a rumor that Shah was excluded from some caucus meetings for a time during the 2021-22 legislative session after “working contrary to leadership.” DeGrazia was the Democratic whip at the time.” [AZ Republic, [7/8/24](#)]

MARLENE IS THE DAUGHTER OF CUBAN IMMIGRANTS WHO HAS HELD THE POWERFUL ACCOUNTABLE AS A JOURNALIST AND IS READY TO DO THE SAME WITH MAGA EXTREMISTS IN WASHINGTON

Galan-Woods: “As A Former Broadcast Journalist, I Have Held The Powerful Accountable, And I Have Exposed Corruption ... I Stood Up For Democracy When Republicans Were Running Around Spreading Dangerous Misinformation About Our Elections.” “As a former broadcast journalist, I have held the powerful accountable, and I have exposed corruption. Last election, I chaired Adrian Fontes’s campaign for secretary of state. I stood up for democracy when Republicans were running around spreading dangerous misinformation about our elections.” [PBS Debate, [5/16/24](#) (8:15)]

ATTORNEY GENERAL KRIS MAYES, SECRETARY OF STATE ADRIAN FONTES, FORMER GOVERNOR JANET NAPOLITANO, AND LABOR UNIONS HAVE ALL ENDORSED MARLENE

Kris Mayes Endorsed Marlene Galan-Woods. “Marlene has always put Arizonans first, as a journalist and a member of our community. At a time where there’s so much on the line, we need fighters in Congress and Marlene has the integrity and grit to protect our freedoms.” [Marlene For Congress Campaign Email, [3/4/25](#)]

Janet Napolitano Endorsed Marlene Galan-Woods. “Marlene is the only candidate who can flip this seat to get the real work done in Congress. From her time as a journalist to her work in our community, Marlene will be the dedicated public servant Arizona deserves.” [Marlene For Congress Campaign Email, [3/4/25](#)]

Adrian Fontes Endorsed Marlene Galan-Woods. [Marlene For Congress, accessed [4/29/26](#)]

Several Labor Unions Have Endorsed Marlene Galan-Woods. [Marlene For Congress, accessed [4/29/26](#)]

EMILY’s List Has Endorsed Marlene Galan-Woods. [Marlene For Congress, accessed [4/29/26](#)]

NOTE: Endorsers’ logos are available in hi-res from the campaign’s [endorsement website](#).

MARLENE WILL FIGHT TRUMP AND MAGA EXTREMISM AND IS FOCUSED ON IMPROVING THE LIVES OF REGULAR WORKING PEOPLE

Galan-Woods’s Priorities Include: Lowering Costs For Arizona Families, Creating Jobs And Growing The Economy, Protecting Social Security, Medicare And Medicaid. [Marlene For Congress, accessed [5/24/26](#)]

Galan-Woods Led Efforts To Speak Out Against MAGA Extremists’ Attacks On Truth-Telling. “Former journalists and media professionals spoke about escalating rhetoric by political candidates, such as Arizona Republican candidate for governor Kari Lake, attacking and misplacing blame on the media outside of ASU’s Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law Wednesday. A joint non-partisan statement signed by over 60 former members of the media ‘representing those who have worked in all corners of the state and in media entities across the United States’ was read by Marlene Galán-Woods, a former broadcast journalist for KTSP and KPNX.” [State Press, [10/19/22](#)]



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