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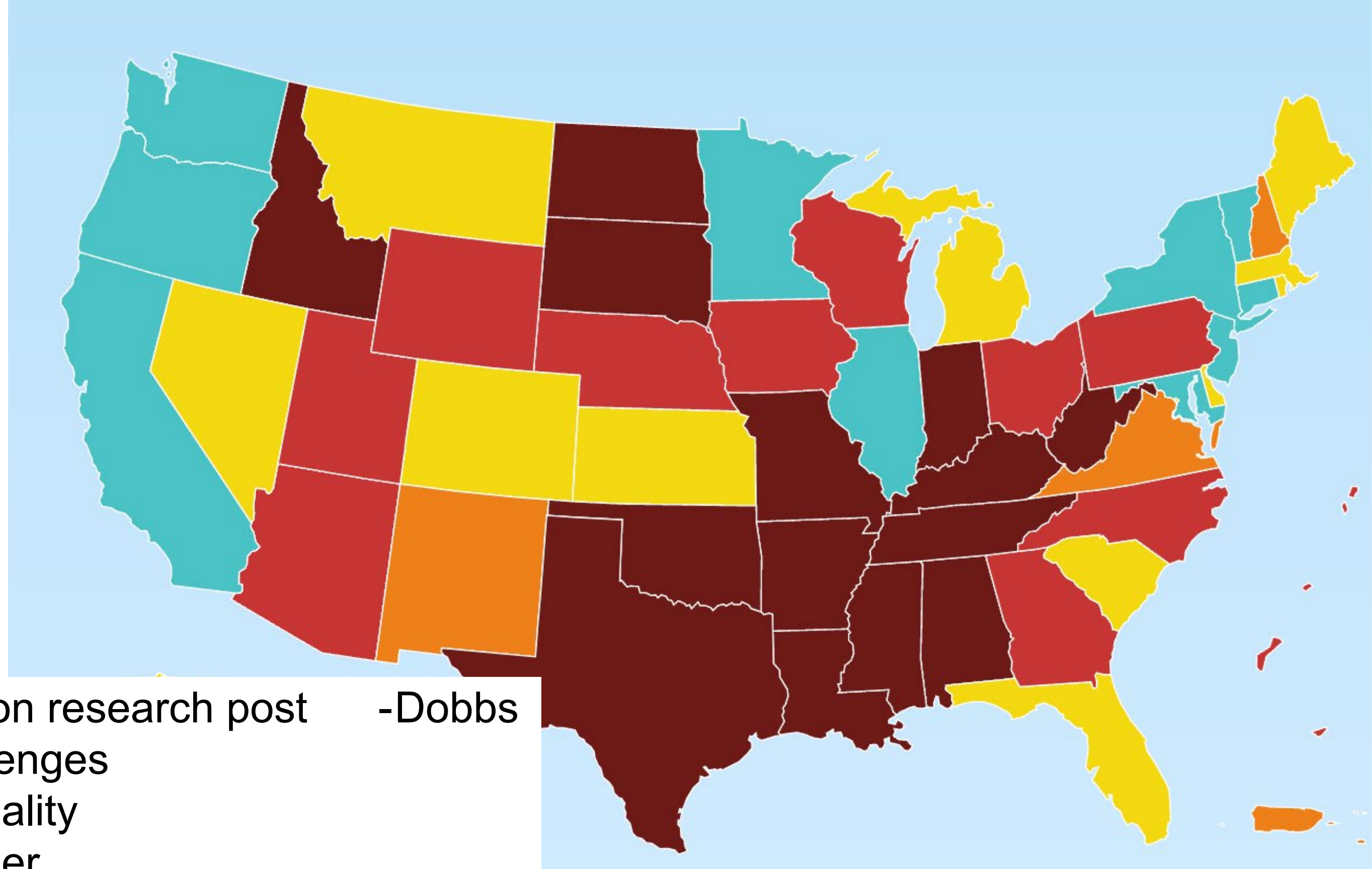
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Setting the stage

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Ethical research when abortion access is legally restricted

Risks and benefits of some clinical research may be altered

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Certificates of Confidentiality

Certificates of Confidentiality (CoC)



Information Protected by a CoC

Certificates of Confidentiality (Certificate or CoC) protect the privacy of research participants by prohibiting disclosure of identifiable, sensitive research information to anyone not connected to the research except when the participant consents or in a few other specific situations. Learn more about [information that is protected by a CoC](#).



Precarity of the researcher

Problem-solving together

Abortion
researcher
collaboration

Consultation
with legal
experts

Anonymizing
and unlinking
all identifiers

Multi-sector
partnerships
needed

Guidance and
standardized
requirements
needed

Thank you

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and for continuing partnership

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