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Three years after Dobbs views on abortion in Arkansas remain strongly pro-life; as chemical abortion remains the abortion method of almost two-thirds of all abortions and adverse reactions from the abortion pill drug are ignored and under reported

LITTLE ROCK – Three years after the Dobbs decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, views against abortion in Arkansas are as strong as ever, according to a recent Pew Research Center survey.

Arkansas is the only state where the balance of public opinion is against abortion by a statistically significant margin. Arkansans are more likely to say abortion should generally be illegal (57%) rather than legal (41%).

"Good news and bad news," said Rose Mimms, executive director. "Good that Arkansas stands for life, but bad we stand alone might place a bigger target on us for those who want abortion without limits or laws that protect mothers and unborn babies."

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year the Arkansas Department of Health Induced Abortion Report of 2024 revealed zero legal abortions performed in our state. The number of illegal abortions by mail order abortion pills or abortions obtained out of state is harder to calculate and pose a much greater risk to the mother.

Alarmingly, adverse reactions from the abortion pill drug, mifepristone – which now accounts for the majority of abortions – are treated but unreported to the FDA, even serious life-threatening complications. Silence is harming and threatening the lives of pregnant women.

"Every time pro-lifers want to challenge safety claims made about mifepristone, the abortion pill, abortion advocates and their loyal media allies like to quote the claim of the drug's official label from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that clinical studies showed "Serious adverse reactions were reported in <0.5% of women" (one half of one percent)," said Randall K. O'Bannon, Ph.D., director of education and research at National Right to Life.

O'Bannon challenges the FDA claim, pointing to an April report by the researchers Jamie Bryan Hall and Ryan T. Anderson of the Ethics and Public Policy Center (EPPC) which revealed that "10.93 percent of women experience sepsis, infection, hemorrhaging, or another serious adverse event within 45 days following a mifepristone abortion." An FDA investigation into the safety is expected.

"The complications from the abortion pill are real and dangerous and include not only physical but psychological," said Mimms, adding, "it is long coming that the risks to pregnant women be a top priority over the financial profits of the abortion industry."

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Arkansas Right to Life is the state affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee, the oldest and largest pro-life organization. For more information visit artl.org.