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Immediately after *Roe* was overturned, the state of **Ohio** implemented their Heartbeat bill, protecting babies from abortion once their heartbeat can be detected. But the pro-abortion extremists immediately went to work, **using the courts** to block the law and **using the 2023 off-cycle election** (when fewer voters go to the polls) to pass an extreme pro-abortion amendment.

Ohio became a national battleground between pro-abortion and pro-life forces, with combined campaign spending topping \$70 million. The pro-abortion campaign peddled falsehoods to scare voters saying that without their amendment, "women who miscarry could be denied emergency care" and the "government's life-threatening abortion ban ties the hands of doctors." While the pro-life campaign tried to warn voters that the vague amendment hid the sinister motives of its extreme sponsors: legalizing abortions way beyond viability and outlawing basic health and safety standards for women. On Election Day, the pro-abortion lies won in Ohio.

The extreme abortion amendment passed with 57% of the vote... but the most harmful effect of the amendment was the **near-silent gutting of the Ohio's abortion laws... most of which have been passed in Arkansas.** 

- Heartbeat Bill
- Requirement for an in-person visit with a doctor prior to an abortion
- 24-hour waiting period

- Ultrasound requirement
- Humane fetal remains disposal requirements
- Requirement that only doctors perform abortions or prescribe abortion pills
- Ban on using telemedicine for abortion consultations
- Informed consent
- Abortion reporting requirements

... have all been challenged in Ohio's court. Many have already been struck. Whether you're politically pro-life or pro-choice, these safety standards protect women in a medical procedure that carries serious, potentially deadly consequences. Why would anyone with common sense want to remove these requirements, anyway?

The pro-abortion success in Ohio in 2023 rallied extreme pro-abortion organizations to push their agenda in more states in 2024 and Arkansas narrowly dodged that bullet last year when the abortion amendment failed to make the ballot.

What if an amendment made the ballot in Arkansas? Our state is consistently one of the most pro-life states in the country, but what if extremists knew they could win in a low-turnout election? Or, what if they come back and we're not ready?

For now, we have laws that protect women and babies from abortion but **we must remain vigilant** and educate ourselves and our neighbors about the threat of abortion extremism in Arkansas.

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