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THIS WEEK IN COMMENTARY

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TOP COMMENTARY OF THE WEEK

Rejecting Issue 1 would bring back Ohio's 6-week abortion ban with no exceptions for rape or incest

David DeWitt | *Ohio Capital Journal*



Abortion-rights activist Jamie McIntyre reacts to the 6-3 ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization which overturns the landmark abortion Roe v. Wade case in front of the Supreme Court on June 24, 2022 in Washington, DC. The court eliminated the constitutional right to an abortion after almost 50 years.

(Photo by Nathan Howard/Getty Images)

For 82 days last year, the impacts of Ohio Republicans' six-week abortion ban threw our state's medical community and patients into chaos, confusion, and nightmare scenarios that made international headlines.

Ohio's abortion ban law that includes no exceptions for rape or incest was held up in court after being signed by Gov. Mike DeWine in 2019. It came crashing back following the U.S. Supreme Court's Dobbs decision on June 24, 2022 to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Less than an hour after the decision, Attorney General Dave Yost filed to have a federal court lift an injunction on Ohio's six-week ban.

With the injunction currently still in place, abortion is legal in Ohio up until 22 weeks. If the Republican Ohio Supreme Court majority lifts the injunction, then Ohio's six-week ban comes roaring back once again.

That is, unless Ohio voters decide to pass Issue 1 on Nov. 7.

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Ruth Conniff | *Wisconsin Examiner*

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Hugh Jackson | *Nevada Current*

Another child maltreatment case in WV has made national news. And nothing will come of it.

Kelli Caseman | *West Virginia Watch*

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