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THIS WEEK IN COMMENTARY

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TOP COMMENTARY OF THE WEEK

Contraception limits are foolhardy. Let's not turn it into the next anti-abortion battleground.

Janelle Stecklein | *Oklahoma Voice*



*The "morning after" pill is pictured.
(Photo by Peter Dazeley/GettyImages)*

Oklahoma's male-dominated Legislature wants it both ways: Lawmakers decided women should have to carry most pregnancies to term, regardless of whether they want to.

Now they want to make it harder for women to take medication that would keep them from getting pregnant in the first place.

Of course, it was female lawmakers who raised the alarm that a bill motoring through the Oklahoma Legislature could create bans on some forms of birth control that women rely on to prevent unwanted pregnancies.

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