

American Bridge: GOP to push hardline federal abortion ban

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A new Washington Post report [highlights](#) that **Republicans are planning to push a hardline national abortion-ban bill that would outlaw abortion after 6 weeks, if they take back Congress in November.**

According to the Post, sitting GOP U.S. Senators like **James Lankford** and **Joni Ernst** are directly involved in plotting to gather support for and introduce a national abortion ban bill.

Republicans' commitment to outlawing abortion raises the stakes for the 2022 midterms, and it only further emphasizes the danger of electing any of the many 2022 GOP U.S. Senate candidates who are openly campaigning on their opposition to abortion rights.

Washington Post: [The next frontier for the antiabortion movement: A nationwide ban](#)

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- “Leading antiabortion groups and their allies in Congress have been meeting behind the scenes to plan a national strategy that would kick in if the Supreme Court rolls back abortion rights this summer, including a push for a strict nationwide ban on the procedure if Republicans retake power in Washington.”
- “While a number of states have recently approved laws to ban abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy — the limit established in the Mississippi legislation at the heart of the case pending before the high court — some activists and

Republican lawmakers now say those laws are not ambitious enough for the next phase of the antiabortion movement.”

- “Instead, they now see the six-week limit — which they call ‘heartbeat’ legislation — as the preferred strategy because it would prevent far more abortions.”
- “Washington Post-ABC News polls show that about 6 in 10 Americans oppose overturning Roe, a number that has hardly changed in the past two decades.”

Here’s where 2022 Republican U.S. Senate candidates stand on overturning Roe v. Wade and backing hardline bans to outlaw abortion:

Arizona

- **Every GOP Senate candidate** running in Arizona supports overturning Roe v. Wade and outlawing abortion. Read [Tucson Weekly’s report](#) from October.

Colorado

- **Ron Hanks** is [currently pushing a bill](#) to criminalize abortion in Colorado and “enforce homicide and assault provisions without regard to the opinion of the United States [S]upreme [C]ourt in Roe v. Wade and other supreme court decisions, past and future.”
- **Joe O’Dea** has slammed Colorado’s [legislative effort to codify abortion rights](#) in a way that’s aligned with Roe v. Wade.

Florida

- **Marco Rubio** in July 2021 [asked](#) the Supreme Court to [overturn](#) Roe v. Wade.

Georgia

- **Herschel Walker** [supports fully outlawing abortion](#), including in cases of rape and incest.

Missouri

- **Eric Schmitt** [signed Missouri onto a brief](#) supporting Mississippi's highly-restrictive abortion ban that has no exceptions for rape or incest. And [he's asked the Supreme Court](#) to use Missouri's abortion restriction as a test case to overturn Roe v. Wade.
- **Eric Greitens** [pushed abortion restrictions](#) as governor and he has [said](#) Roe v. Wade should be "sent to the ash heap of history."
- **Vicky Hartzler** has [said](#) the Supreme Court should overturn Roe v. Wade.
- **Billy Long** has [said](#) it's time to "abort Roe v. Wade."
- **Mark McCloskey** [endorsed](#) a total ban outlawing all abortions, including for teen rape and incest victims.

North Carolina

- **Ted Budd** in April 2022 confirmed he [supports outlawing abortion](#) without any exceptions. Previously, Budd [praised](#) the "creativity" of Alabama and Texas' hardline abortion bans, and pledged to outlaw abortion "all the way back." Budd in July 2021 [asked](#) the Supreme Court to [overturn](#) Roe v. Wade, and he's voted against codifying Roe's protections.
- **Pat McCrory** as governor [renege on a promise](#) to not [restrict abortion](#) rights.

- **Mark Walker** as a U.S. House member [sponsored](#) legislation that anti-abortion groups [praised](#) because it would “end abortion” rights. He’s urged the Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade and [praised](#) Texas and Mississippi’s hardline abortion bans.

Nevada

- **Adam Laxalt** has, [despite widespread support for abortion rights](#) in Nevada, “[taken strongly anti-abortion positions](#)” including by describing “[himself as an opponent of abortion and, as attorney general, signed briefs supporting restrictive abortion laws in other states.](#)” Abortion advocates in Nevada [have vocally opposed](#) his candidacy.

New Hampshire

- **Don Bolduc** has been clear he is “[not for abortion.](#)”
- **Chuck Morse** is a longtime opponent of abortion rights and says he [opposes](#) the Women’s Health Protection Act. Morse has supported defunding Planned Parenthood. And as state Senate President, Morse was part of the legislative leadership team that [added a highly-restrictive abortion ban](#) to New Hampshire’s most recent budget, [requiring](#) mandatory ultrasounds for all people seeking abortion health care and [punishment for doctors](#) who provide abortions.
- **Kevin Smith** ran a failed campaign for governor in 2012, and has previously backed efforts to ban abortion and supported [defunding Planned Parenthood](#) as well as [imprisoning physicians](#) who perform abortions. He also [opposes](#) the Women’s Health Protection Act.

Ohio

- **Josh Mandel** has called for [banning](#) all abortion and fully overturning Roe v.

Wade.

- **Mike Gibbons** [reaffirmed](#) his anti-Roe agenda after the Texas' hardline abortion ban went into effect.
- **JD Vance** [suggested](#) other states pass copy-and-paste versions of the Texas law. And he has [argued against](#) abortion ban exceptions for rape and incest, [downplaying pregnancy stemming from sexual assault](#) as "inconvenient."
- **Matt Dolan** [opposes](#) abortion rights.

Pennsylvania

- **Every GOP candidate** running [supports outlawing abortion](#), even in cases of rape and incest.

Wisconsin

- **Ron Johnson** in July [asked](#) the Supreme Court to [overturn](#) Roe v. Wade.

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