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Will Republicans Choose Life?

Republican party chairwoman Ronna McDaniel says that her party's candidates need to address abortion "head on" in order to win in 2024. Talking with [Fox News Sunday](#) host Shannon Bream, she said that since the U.S. Supreme Court's *Dobbs* decision — which removed federal protections for the murderous practice last summer — abortion has become a rallying cry.



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The biggest take-away we're taking is independents did not break our way, which has to happen if we're going to win in 2024 — which usually, that's what causes that red wave.

And abortion was a big issue in key states like Michigan and Pennsylvania. And so the guidance we're going to give to our candidates is, you have to address this head on.

The Democrats spent \$360 million on this, and many of our candidates across the board refused to talk about it, thinking, "Oh we can just talk about the economy and ignore this big issue." And they can't.

McDaniel emphasized that Republicans have to get comfortable talking about abortion and taking a strong pro-life stance. She said they must put Democrats on the defensive, exposing their goal of infanticide until the moment of birth. She also advised Republicans to point out Democrat support of taxpayer-funded abortions.

Major media scoff at her comments, claiming that most Americans support the murder of pre-born children. They cite recent polls such as one by the [Public Religion Research Institute](#) claiming that 68 percent of independent voters and 36 percent of Republicans believe abortion should be legal in all or most cases. [Gallup](#) also reported that since SCOTUS overturned *Roe v. Wade*, a record-high 69 percent of U.S. adults are dissatisfied with the country's abortion policies.

However, Dr. Michael New of the pro-life Charlotte Lozier Institute told [American Family News](#) that the media is putting a deviant spin on polling data. For instance, since the demise of *Roe v. Wade*, there is no nation-wide abortion policy with which voters can be "dissatisfied." Laws are now based at the state level.



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He quoted other research from the Knights of Columbus that found a two-point gain in the percentage of people who identify as pro-life since June 2022, and a six-percentage-point gain over the course of last year in those who oppose the use of tax dollars for abortion.



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