

Daily Survey: Abortion Laws in the U.S.

March 31 - April 4, 2022 - 1000 US Adult Citizens



1. When Life Begins

When do you believe human life begins?

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
At ovulation, when an egg is released but not yet fertilized	3%	1%	5%	5%	4%	2%	0%	2%	2%	7%	1%
At conception, when the egg is fertilized	28%	27%	30%	20%	22%	35%	34%	32%	17%	19%	28%
At implantation, when a fertilized egg is implanted in the wall of the uterus	4%	4%	5%	9%	5%	2%	2%	4%	3%	9%	0%
Within the first 8 weeks of pregnancy, when an embryo develops into a fetus and during the time when a heartbeat can usually be detected	14%	15%	14%	19%	15%	15%	8%	15%	12%	15%	16%
Between 8 weeks and three months of pregnancy, which includes the first trimester	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	7%	4%	7%
Between three and six months of pregnancy, which is the second trimester	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%	2%	6%	4%	7%	4%	5%

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	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Between six months and birth, the third trimester, when a fetus typically has the ability to survive a preterm birth	11%	10%	12%	7%	14%	8%	17%	12%	9%	9%	14%
At birth	18%	20%	16%	16%	15%	17%	23%	17%	18%	22%	12%
Other	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Not sure	12%	14%	10%	13%	16%	14%	4%	10%	23%	11%	16%
Totals	99%	101%	102%	100%	101%	100%	98%	100%	99%	102%	101%
Unweighted N	(999)	(451)	(548)	(198)	(198)	(369)	(234)	(726)	(130)	(74)	(69)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
At ovulation, when an egg is released but not yet fertilized	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	1%	4%	3%
At conception, when the egg is fertilized	28%	13%	29%	48%	12%	55%	28%	30%	28%	25%	33%	29%	25%
At implantation, when a fertilized egg is implanted in the wall of the uterus	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	3%	4%	5%	3%	4%	5%	5%	2%

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		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Within the first 8 weeks of pregnancy, when an embryo develops into a fetus and during the time when a heartbeat can usually be detected	14%	9%	17%	17%	10%	17%	14%	17%	15%	11%	15%	15%	14%
Between 8 weeks and three months of pregnancy, which includes the first trimester	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	2%	3%	4%	2%	6%	4%	4%	1%
Between three and six months of pregnancy, which is the second trimester	4%	7%	3%	4%	6%	4%	4%	6%	4%	4%	6%	4%	3%
Between six months and birth, the third trimester, when a fetus typically has the ability to survive a preterm birth	11%	19%	8%	6%	19%	5%	11%	8%	17%	11%	9%	13%	11%
At birth	18%	27%	17%	7%	29%	4%	19%	17%	19%	19%	16%	15%	22%
Other	1%	3%	1%	1%	3%	0%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	3%
Not sure	12%	13%	14%	7%	10%	6%	14%	7%	6%	16%	11%	10%	14%
Totals	99%	102%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	98%
Unweighted N	(999)	(313)	(425)	(261)	(350)	(339)	(456)	(241)	(169)	(174)	(229)	(374)	(222)

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2. Legal abortions

When do you think abortion should be legal?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion.	26%	25%	27%	24%	26%	25%	30%	23%	36%	30%	28%
Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or third-trimester abortions).	27%	26%	28%	26%	24%	29%	30%	30%	24%	13%	28%
Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the woman is in danger.	30%	33%	28%	33%	29%	31%	29%	31%	27%	36%	24%
Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed.	16%	15%	17%	18%	22%	15%	10%	15%	13%	20%	20%
Totals	99%	99%	100%	101%	101%	100%	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(992)	(448)	(544)	(196)	(196)	(366)	(234)	(723)	(129)	(74)	(66)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion.	26%	47%	21%	8%	47%	7%	26%	23%	29%	28%	22%	24%	32%

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		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or third-trimester abortions).	27%	27%	29%	24%	33%	23%	28%	29%	27%	30%	26%	26%	28%
Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the woman is in danger.	30%	17%	33%	44%	15%	47%	27%	35%	31%	26%	34%	32%	28%
Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed.	16%	9%	17%	24%	5%	23%	19%	13%	13%	16%	17%	18%	12%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(992)	(309)	(423)	(260)	(347)	(339)	(453)	(241)	(168)	(170)	(226)	(373)	(223)

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3. People I know - Abortion

Do you personally know anyone who has had an abortion? Check all that apply.

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, me	8%	0%	16%	4%	9%	9%	10%	9%	7%	5%	8%
Yes, a family member	19%	19%	19%	9%	15%	22%	27%	19%	20%	19%	17%
Yes, a close friend	23%	24%	23%	16%	21%	28%	26%	23%	31%	17%	23%
Yes, an acquaintance	23%	24%	22%	18%	16%	28%	26%	23%	22%	19%	29%
No	40%	41%	39%	50%	45%	35%	33%	41%	36%	47%	30%
Prefer not to say	8%	9%	8%	10%	9%	8%	7%	7%	11%	8%	11%
Unweighted N	(1,000)	(452)	(548)	(199)	(198)	(369)	(234)	(726)	(130)	(75)	(69)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, me	8%	13%	5%	7%	13%	6%	9%	8%	8%	5%	9%	8%	9%
Yes, a family member	19%	25%	17%	15%	24%	18%	17%	24%	22%	23%	16%	17%	22%
Yes, a close friend	23%	31%	18%	22%	35%	19%	21%	28%	32%	28%	20%	21%	27%
Yes, an acquaintance	23%	30%	20%	17%	33%	20%	20%	24%	29%	22%	21%	21%	26%
No	40%	31%	45%	44%	29%	43%	46%	40%	28%	31%	49%	45%	31%
Prefer not to say	8%	7%	11%	6%	6%	7%	7%	6%	5%	13%	5%	7%	10%
Unweighted N	(1,000)	(313)	(426)	(261)	(350)	(340)	(456)	(241)	(170)	(174)	(229)	(374)	(223)

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4. Abortion decision

As you may know, the 1973 Supreme Court Case Roe v. Wade established a woman's constitutional right to have an abortion. Would you like to see the Supreme Court overturn its Roe v. Wade decision, or not?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, would like to see Roe v. Wade overturned	29%	33%	26%	28%	32%	29%	28%	31%	17%	29%	34%
No, would not like to see Roe v. Wade overturned	51%	47%	54%	47%	36%	55%	63%	51%	56%	44%	47%
Not sure	20%	19%	20%	25%	32%	15%	8%	17%	27%	27%	20%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(997)	(451)	(546)	(198)	(196)	(369)	(234)	(725)	(129)	(74)	(69)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, would like to see Roe v. Wade overturned	29%	10%	29%	55%	8%	63%	24%	35%	34%	28%	33%	32%	23%
No, would not like to see Roe v. Wade overturned	51%	76%	46%	26%	83%	21%	53%	52%	49%	48%	45%	50%	59%
Not sure	20%	14%	25%	19%	8%	16%	23%	14%	17%	24%	22%	18%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(997)	(312)	(425)	(260)	(349)	(339)	(453)	(241)	(170)	(173)	(229)	(374)	(221)

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5. Abortion Ban Six Weeks

Do you support or oppose a ban on abortions once a fetal heartbeat can be detected, starting at around six weeks of pregnancy?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly support	28%	28%	27%	20%	29%	31%	29%	31%	21%	23%	15%
Somewhat support	13%	16%	10%	14%	19%	10%	11%	13%	18%	12%	8%
Somewhat oppose	12%	14%	11%	20%	10%	9%	13%	12%	8%	19%	14%
Strongly oppose	29%	25%	33%	23%	19%	34%	39%	31%	28%	17%	35%
Not sure	18%	17%	19%	24%	24%	16%	9%	14%	25%	29%	27%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(999)	(451)	(548)	(199)	(198)	(369)	(233)	(725)	(130)	(75)	(69)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly support	28%	12%	27%	50%	10%	55%	26%	30%	26%	23%	35%	30%	21%
Somewhat support	13%	9%	13%	19%	9%	17%	13%	17%	13%	13%	14%	11%	15%
Somewhat oppose	12%	13%	14%	9%	15%	7%	11%	15%	14%	10%	9%	16%	11%
Strongly oppose	29%	51%	22%	13%	56%	11%	29%	30%	32%	29%	27%	25%	38%
Not sure	18%	15%	24%	10%	10%	9%	22%	9%	15%	25%	16%	18%	15%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(999)	(313)	(426)	(260)	(350)	(339)	(456)	(241)	(169)	(174)	(228)	(374)	(223)

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6. Private Citizen Lawsuit

Do you support allowing private citizens of a state to file a lawsuit against people who assist someone in getting an abortion in their state after a fetal heartbeat can be detected?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly support	19%	21%	17%	17%	25%	16%	16%	20%	9%	21%	16%
Somewhat support	11%	15%	8%	22%	11%	8%	7%	10%	12%	16%	13%
Somewhat oppose	8%	7%	9%	12%	8%	8%	6%	8%	7%	10%	6%
Strongly oppose	41%	38%	43%	28%	29%	47%	57%	43%	41%	27%	39%
Not sure	21%	19%	23%	21%	27%	21%	14%	18%	30%	25%	26%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(996)	(450)	(546)	(197)	(197)	(368)	(234)	(722)	(130)	(75)	(69)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly support	19%	8%	18%	33%	4%	37%	19%	17%	19%	15%	21%	20%	16%
Somewhat support	11%	5%	12%	19%	5%	17%	9%	17%	14%	6%	12%	14%	11%
Somewhat oppose	8%	5%	9%	11%	4%	10%	8%	8%	7%	9%	7%	10%	7%
Strongly oppose	41%	68%	34%	19%	76%	17%	39%	45%	43%	43%	36%	39%	46%
Not sure	21%	14%	28%	19%	11%	20%	24%	13%	16%	27%	24%	17%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	101%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(996)	(312)	(424)	(260)	(349)	(339)	(454)	(240)	(170)	(173)	(227)	(373)	(223)

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Interviewing Dates	March 31 - April 4, 2022
Target population	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.281 to 6.5, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.45.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	61 questions not reported.