

YouGov Survey: Abortion Opinions



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
Conducted May 4 - 8, 2022
Margin of Error $\pm 3.4\%$

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Supreme Court of the United States is handling its job?

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	17%

2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	11%

3. If a person with an extremely rare blood type requires a blood transfusion in order to stay alive, should others with the same blood type be legally required to donate their blood in order to prevent the person from dying?

Yes	17%
No	63%
Not sure	20%

4. Should people be required to donate their organs after they die if doing so will keep someone else alive who would die otherwise?

Yes	18%
No	65%
Not sure	17%

5. Have you ever heard of the 1973 Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade?

Yes	86%
No	14%

6. Even if you don't agree with it, which of the following do you think best describes the Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade?

Asked of those who have heard of Roe v. Wade

The Constitution protects a pregnant woman's right to choose to have an abortion	54%
The Constitution DOES NOT protect a pregnant woman's right to choose to have an abortion	32%
Not sure	14%

7. Which of the following comes closest to your understanding of what will happen to abortion rights in the U.S. if Roe v. Wade is overturned?

Asked of those who have heard of Roe v. Wade

Abortion will be legal in all 50 states	9%
Abortion will be illegal in all 50 states	19%
States will get to set their own policies when it comes to abortion	64%
Not sure	8%

8. How much have you heard about a recent leak from the Supreme Court indicating a majority of the Justices favor overturning the decision Roe v. Wade, which established a woman's constitutional right to have an abortion?

A lot	47%
A little	37%
Nothing at all	17%

9. Would you like to see the Supreme Court overturn the Roe v. Wade decision, or not?

Yes, would like to see Roe v. Wade overturned	34%
No, would not like to see Roe v. Wade overturned	45%
Not sure	20%

10. Do you believe that life begins at conception, when an egg is fertilized?

Yes	50%
No	32%
Not sure	18%

11. How likely do you think it is that one or more Supreme Court justices who initially voted to overturn Roe v. Wade in the draft decision will change their minds before the final decision is announced?

Asked of those who have heard about the Supreme Court leak

Very likely	9%
Somewhat likely	18%
Not very likely	32%
Not at all likely	20%
Not sure	21%

12. How likely do you think it is that one or more Supreme Court justices who initially voted against overturning Roe v. Wade in the draft decision will change their minds before the final decision is announced?

Asked of those who have heard about the Supreme Court leak

Very likely	5%
Somewhat likely	13%
Not very likely	26%
Not at all likely	35%
Not sure	20%

13. Do you think the only rights that are protected by the Constitution are ones that are either mentioned in the constitution or are deeply rooted in this Nation's history and tradition?

- Yes, only these are protected 30%
- No, other rights are also protected 40%
- Not sure 30%

14. Do you think that the authors of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights believed that men and women should have equal rights?

- Yes 47%
- No 34%
- Not sure 19%

15. Even if you don't agree with it, do you think the Constitution protects a right to the following:

	Does protect	Does not protect	Not sure
To have an abortion	36%	41%	24%
To marry someone of any sex	43%	35%	22%
To marry someone of any race	61%	19%	20%
To have a trial by jury	77%	10%	13%
To be protected against self-incrimination	67%	12%	21%
To privacy	65%	19%	17%
To bodily autonomy	39%	22%	39%

16. Do you know what the legal status of abortion will be in your state if Roe v. Wade is overturned?

- Yes 57%
- No 43%

17. If Roe v. Wade is overturned, does your state have a law in place that would take effect soon after to ban all abortions, except if the health of the woman is in danger?

Asked of those who know whether or not their state has a trigger law

- Yes 47%
- No 37%
- Not sure 16%

18. Do you think most people who have abortions do or do not regret their decision?

- Do regret 33%
- Do not regret 31%
- Not sure 36%

19. If Roe v. Wade is overturned, do you think women will be better off financially, worse off financially, or will there be no change?

Better off	10%
No change	36%
Worse off	32%
Not sure	23%

20. Which group of women do you think will be most affected if Roe v. Wade is overturned?

High-income women	5%
Middle-income women	6%
Low-income women	42%
All women will be equally impacted	33%
Not sure	14%

21. Some of the following ideas have been proposed as ways to reduce the number of abortions in this country. Regardless of your opinion about whether it is desirable to reduce the number of abortions: To what extent, if at all, do you think the following would be effective in reducing abortion?

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Not at all effective
Mandating that schools provide comprehensive education on contraception	29%	48%	23%
Mandating that schools teach abstinence-only sex education	16%	33%	51%
Expanding the access and affordability of birth control	49%	39%	13%
Expanding the access and affordability of emergency contraception (which is not the same thing as abortion)	36%	45%	18%
Funding maternal health care for all women	35%	42%	23%
Encouraging men to get reversible vasectomies until they want to have children	28%	40%	32%
Encouraging women to use birth control until they want to have children	41%	44%	16%
Providing parents who can't afford it with free childcare	29%	39%	32%
Requiring employers to provide their workers with paid parental leave	31%	37%	32%
Funding programs that address domestic violence and sexual abuse	29%	44%	28%
Making abortion illegal in all or most cases	25%	31%	44%
Making abortion legal in all or most cases	26%	29%	45%
Connecting women with unintended pregnancies to adoption agencies	26%	50%	24%
Providing parents who can't afford it with free healthcare for their children	30%	41%	29%
Informing people about the developmental milestones of fetuses	25%	42%	33%

22. Do you support or oppose the following:

	Support	Oppose
Mandating that schools provide comprehensive education on contraception	76%	24%
Mandating that schools teach abstinence-only sex education	43%	57%
Expanding the access and affordability of birth control	86%	14%
Expanding the access and affordability of emergency contraception (which is not the same thing as abortion)	77%	23%
Funding maternal health care for all women	76%	24%
Encouraging men to get reversible vasectomies until they want to have children	64%	36%
Encouraging women to use birth control until they want to have children	87%	13%
Providing parents who can't afford it with free childcare	70%	30%
Requiring employers to provide their workers with paid parental leave	72%	28%
Funding programs that address domestic violence and sexual abuse	85%	15%
Making abortion illegal in all or most cases	40%	60%
Making abortion legal in all or most cases	57%	43%
Connecting women with unintended pregnancies to adoption agencies	80%	20%
Providing parents who can't afford it with free healthcare for their children	74%	26%
Informing people about the developmental milestones of fetuses	73%	27%

23. Would you prefer for the number of abortions in this country to...

Decrease	51%
Stay the same	18%
Increase	7%
Not sure	24%

24. How important do you think it is to reduce the number of abortions in this country?

Asked of those who want the number of abortions to decrease

Very important	59%
Somewhat important	30%
Not very important	9%
Not at all important	3%

25. Do you think that the number of babies currently being born in the United States is...

Too high	20%
About right	31%
Too low	16%
Not sure	32%

26. Are you affiliated with an organized religion?

Yes	38%
No	53%
Not sure	10%

27. Do you personally think that abortion is...

Morally acceptable in all cases	10%
Morally acceptable in most cases	17%
Morally unacceptable in most cases	27%
Morally unacceptable in all cases	14%
I don't think abortion is a moral issue	20%
Not sure	12%

28. To the best of your knowledge, what is the official position of the religion you are affiliated with on the issue of abortion? Does your religion hold that abortion is...

Asked of those who are affiliated with organized religion

Morally acceptable in all cases	7%
Morally acceptable in most cases	6%
Morally unacceptable in most cases	32%
Morally unacceptable in all cases	39%
My religion does not take a stand on abortion	7%
Not sure	10%

29. Do your views on abortion align with the official position of the religion you are affiliated with?

Asked of those whose religions have positions on abortion

Yes	64%
No	24%
Not sure	12%

30. Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion during her first trimester?

Yes	54%
No	26%
Not sure	20%

31. Do you think it should be possible for a woman who became pregnant as the result of rape to legally obtain an abortion during her first trimester?

Asked of people who say first trimester abortions should be illegal

Yes	38%
No	46%
Not sure	16%

32. Should a man who will be required to pay child support after a child is born be required to begin making payments as soon as a woman first finds out she is pregnant?

Yes	42%
No	34%
Not sure	24%

33. Have you ever been pregnant?

Asked of women

Yes	70%
No	25%
Not sure	1%
Prefer not to say	3%

34. Have you ever had a miscarriage?

Asked of women who have ever been pregnant

Yes	37%
No	59%
Not sure	3%
Prefer not to say	1%

35. Have you ever had an abortion?

Asked of women who have ever been pregnant

Yes	21%
No	75%
Not sure	1%
Prefer not to say	4%

36. Have you ever given birth to a child?

Asked of women who have ever been pregnant

Yes	91%
No	8%
Not sure	0%
Prefer not to say	1%

37. Has a woman that you had sex with ever become pregnant as a result?

Asked of men

Yes	51%
No	37%
Not sure	6%
Prefer not to say	6%

38. Has a woman that you impregnated ever had a miscarriage?

Asked of men who have impregnated a woman

Yes	36%
No	54%
Not sure	9%
Prefer not to say	2%

39. Has a woman that you impregnated ever had an abortion?

Asked of men who have impregnated a woman

Yes	37%
No	58%
Not sure	3%
Prefer not to say	3%

40. Has a woman ever given birth to a child that is biologically yours?

Asked of men who have impregnated a woman

Yes	85%
No	9%
Not sure	5%
Prefer not to say	1%

41. Have you or a partner you're with ever experienced infertility, or the inability to get pregnant after 12 months of regularly trying?

Yes	14%
No	75%
Not sure	7%
Prefer not to say	4%

42. Have you ever adopted a child?

Yes	9%
No	85%
Not sure	3%
Prefer not to say	4%

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Interviewing Dates	May 4 - 8, 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 0.317 to 4.554, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.464.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	58 questions not reported.