

Daily Survey: Abortion Opinions



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
Conducted May 5 - 10, 2022
Margin of Error ±3.7%

1. How concerned are you about the recent leaking of a draft Supreme Court decision overturning the landmark abortion decision Roe v. Wade?

Very concerned	40%
Somewhat concerned	22%
Not very concerned	13%
Not at all concerned	11%
Not sure	13%

2. What are you more concerned about?

The fact that a draft opinion was leaked	32%
The implications of the Court's draft opinion overturning Roe v. Wade	40%
Neither	15%
Not sure	14%

3. Do you think the leaker of the draft Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade will ever be identified?

Yes	31%
No	26%
Not sure	43%

4. 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?

Yes, I would like to see Roe v. Wade overturned	37%
No, would not like to see Roe v. Wade overturned	44%
Not sure	19%

5. Which of the following are reasons why you would like to see Roe v. Wade overturned? Select all that apply.

I think abortion policy should be left up to the states	49%
I oppose abortion on moral grounds	60%
I oppose abortion on religious grounds	42%
I don't think the Constitution guarantees a right to abortion	45%
Other reason	12%
None of the above	2%
Prefer not to say	1%

6. Which of the following are reasons why you would not like to see Roe v. Wade overturned? Select all that apply.

I think abortion policy should be decided by the federal government	11%
I think people should be free to make their own decisions when it comes to abortion	82%
I think the Constitution guarantees a right to abortion	32%
Other reason	12%
None of the above	4%
Prefer not to say	2%

7. Would you support or oppose the following policy regarding abortion: During the first trimester of pregnancy, abortion is legal under all circumstances During the second trimester, there are certain restrictions During the third trimester, abortions are prohibited with exceptions to save the life or health of the mother

Support	45%
Oppose	30%
Not sure	25%

8. Does the reason a woman wants an abortion affect whether or not you think she should be allowed to get one?

Yes	32%
No	51%
Not sure	17%

9. Does how far along a woman is into a pregnancy affect whether or not you think she should be allowed to get an abortion?

Yes	48%
No	35%
Not sure	17%

10. At what point would you want to ban all women from getting abortions?

There should be no time restriction on abortion	6%
40 weeks	1%
39 weeks	2%
38 weeks	2%
37 weeks	0%
36 weeks	1%
35 weeks	2%
34 weeks	1%
33 weeks	1%
32 weeks	0%
31 weeks	0%
30 weeks	3%
29 weeks	0%
28 weeks	1%
27 weeks	1%
26 weeks	1%

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25 weeks	3%
24 weeks (when the third trimester begins)	17%
23 weeks	1%
22 weeks	0%
21 weeks	0%
20 weeks	3%
19 weeks	0%
18 weeks	0%
17 weeks	0%
16 weeks	2%
15 weeks	1%
14 weeks (when the second trimester begins)	13%
13 weeks	1%
12 weeks	6%
11 weeks	1%
10 weeks	5%
9 weeks	1%
8 weeks	4%
7 weeks	1%
6 weeks	4%
5 weeks	1%
4 weeks	2%
3 weeks	1%
2 weeks	1%
1 week	1%
Abortion should never be legal	9%

11. In pregnancies beyond \$how_long_abortion, do you think a woman in the following circumstances should be allowed to get an abortion? Select all that apply.

Asked of those who believe abortion should only be allowed within a certain time

She found out she was pregnant after she was no longer allowed to get an abortion	18%
She became pregnant because of rape	66%
She became pregnant because of incest	62%
Her life was seriously endangered by the pregnancy	81%
The baby was diagnosed with congenital disorder resulting in little or no life expectancy	63%
Other exceptions	3%
None of the above	2%

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12. Do you think there should be an exception to allow a woman in the following circumstances to have an abortion? Select all that apply.

Asked of those who think that abortion should never be legal

She found out she was pregnant after she was no longer allowed to get an abortion	32%
She became pregnant because of rape	54%
She became pregnant because of incest	51%
Her life was seriously endangered by the pregnancy	60%
The baby was diagnosed with congenital disorder resulting in little or no life expectancy	45%
Other exceptions	6%
None of the above	24%

13. If a woman's life is in danger because of a pregnancy and she wants an abortion, but her state bans abortion even in such cases, do you think it is ethical for her to seek out an abortion in another state where it is legal?

Yes	67%
No	15%
Not sure	18%

14. If a 12-year-old child who is pregnant as the result of rape by a family member wants an abortion, but her state bans abortion even in cases of rape and incest, do you think it is ethical for her to seek out an abortion in another state where it is legal?

Yes	69%
No	16%
Not sure	14%

15. If a woman who becomes pregnant as a result of rape desires an abortion, but her state bans abortion even in cases of rape, do you think it is ethical for her to seek out an abortion in another state where it is legal?

Yes	67%
No	19%
Not sure	14%

16. If a woman becomes pregnant and desires an abortion, but her state bans abortion, do you think it is ethical for her to seek out an abortion in another state where it is legal?

Yes	52%
No	30%
Not sure	18%

17. If a woman's life is in danger because of a pregnancy and she wants an abortion, but her state bans abortion even in such cases, do you think it is ethical for a doctor to provide her with one anyway?

Yes	61%
No	21%
Not sure	18%

18. If a 12-year-old child who is pregnant as the result of rape by a family member wants an abortion, but her state bans abortion even in cases of rape and incest, do you think it is ethical for a doctor to provide her with one anyway?

Yes	57%
No	23%
Not sure	20%

19. If a woman who becomes pregnant as a result of rape desires an abortion, but her state bans abortion even in cases of rape, do you think it is ethical for a doctor to provide her with one anyway?

Yes	54%
No	28%
Not sure	19%

20. If a woman becomes pregnant and desires an abortion, but her state bans abortion, do you think it is ethical for a doctor to provide her with one anyway?

Yes	39%
No	41%
Not sure	21%

21. Which of the following do you think best describes what the law on abortion in your state will be if Roe v. Wade is overturned?

Abortion will be illegal in all cases with no exceptions	19%
Abortion will only be legal in cases where the mother's life is at risk	10%
Abortion will only be legal in cases of rape, incest, or where the mother's life is at risk	14%
Abortion will only be legal up to 6 weeks (with exceptions afterward)	6%
Abortion will only be legal up to 15 weeks (with exceptions afterward)	9%
Abortion will be legal up to various points beyond 15 weeks (with exceptions afterward)	12%
Other	4%
Not sure	26%

22. If Roe v. Wade is overturned, do you think the number of women who die from abortions in the U.S. will increase, decrease, or stay the same?

Increase	39%
Stay the same	26%
Decrease	12%
Not sure	23%

23. If Roe v. Wade is overturned, do you think the number of women abused by their partners will increase, decrease, or stay the same?

Increase	23%
Stay the same	41%
Decrease	6%
Not sure	29%

24. If Roe v. Wade is overturned, do you think the number of women murdered by men will increase, decrease, or stay the same?

Increase	25%
Stay the same	39%
Decrease	6%
Not sure	30%

25. Should a paid surrogate be allowed to change her mind and maintain custody of the baby after giving birth?

Yes, but only if the baby is biologically related to her	20%
Yes, even if the baby isn't biologically related to her	10%
No, the adoptive parents should get custody of the baby	45%
Not sure	25%

Interviewing Dates	May 5 - 10, 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 0.216 to 6.075, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.641.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.7% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	67 questions not reported.