

# YouGov Survey: Abortion and the Supreme Court



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens  
Conducted May 3 - 6, 2022  
Margin of Error ±3.7%

## 1. Have your opinions on abortion changed at all over time?

Yes ..... 27%  
No ..... 73%

## 2. Over time, have you become more accepting or less accepting of abortion?

*Asked of people who say they changed their mind at some point*

More accepting ..... 46%  
Less accepting ..... 37%  
Neither ..... 12%  
Not sure ..... 4%

## 3. Are there any cases in which you think abortion should be illegal?

Yes ..... 59%  
No ..... 41%

## 4. Are there any cases in which you think abortion should be legal?

Yes ..... 80%  
No ..... 20%

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

Yes, me ..... 8%  
Yes, a family member ..... 21%  
Yes, a close friend ..... 24%  
Yes, an acquaintance ..... 23%  
No ..... 36%  
Prefer not to say ..... 8%

## 6. Which comes closest to your position on abortion? Do you think abortion should be...

Legal in all cases ..... 27%  
Legal in most cases ..... 28%  
Illegal in most cases ..... 26%  
Illegal in all cases ..... 10%  
Not sure ..... 9%

## 7. Who should have the most authority to decide whether a pregnant woman is allowed to have an abortion?

The woman	60%
The woman's family	2%
The woman's doctor	8%
The woman's state government	7%
Congress	1%
The Supreme Court	3%
Someone else	7%
Not sure	12%

## 8. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
Abortion bans don't stop abortions, they just stop safe abortions	45%	19%	13%	13%	10%
The right of a woman to have an abortion should be left up to the woman and her doctor	49%	16%	11%	15%	9%
The government should help a poor woman with her medical bills if she wants an abortion	29%	17%	13%	27%	14%
Unless abortions are legalized, many women will die from having illegal and badly done abortions	40%	21%	12%	14%	13%
Even if abortion is banned, wealthy people will always be able to find a way to get abortions if they want them	57%	25%	6%	3%	9%
Abortion is equivalent to murder	24%	16%	15%	34%	10%
Even though I would never get an abortion, I support a woman's right to get one if she wants it	40%	17%	13%	21%	9%
The government shouldn't be able to tell women what to do with their bodies	52%	14%	13%	14%	8%
Banning abortion violates the separation of church and state	26%	14%	9%	29%	22%

## 9. Do you think a majority of Americans support or oppose a woman's right to have an abortion?

A majority of Americans support abortion rights	48%
A majority of Americans oppose abortion rights	26%
Not sure	26%

10. 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, would like it overturned	36%
No, would not like it overturned	48%
Not sure	16%

11. Which comes closest to your position on abortion? Do you think abortion is ...

A constitutional right that women in all states should have some access to	54%
Something that individual states should be able to outlaw	30%
Not sure	16%

12. As you may know, the 1965 Supreme Court Case Griswold v. Connecticut established the right of married couples to buy and use contraceptives without government restriction. Would you like to see the Supreme Court overturn its Griswold v. Connecticut decision, or not?

Yes, would like it overturned	9%
No, would not like it overturned	70%
Not sure	21%

13. Which comes closest to your position on contraception? Do you think access to contraception is ...

A constitutional right that people in all states should have	69%
Something that individual states should be able to outlaw	16%
Not sure	15%

14. As you may know, the 2015 Supreme Court Case Obergefell v. Hodges required all states to perform and recognize the marriages of same-sex couples. Would you like to see the Supreme Court overturn its Obergefell v. Hodges decision, or not?

Yes, would like it overturned	25%
No, would not like it overturned	53%
Not sure	22%

15. Which comes closest to your position on same-sex marriage? Do you think same-sex marriage is ...

A constitutional right that couples in all states should be entitled to	57%
Something that individual states should be able to outlaw	26%
Not sure	17%

16. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
The Supreme Court should be able to throw out any law it considers unconstitutional	22%	21%	20%	19%	19%

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The Supreme Court gets too mixed up in politics	35%	27%	13%	8%	16%
The decisions of the Supreme Court favor some groups more than others	32%	30%	12%	9%	18%
If the Supreme Court started making a lot of rulings that most Americans disagreed with, it might be better to do away with the Court altogether	15%	19%	15%	31%	20%
The current conservative majority on the Supreme Court is not legitimate	20%	15%	12%	28%	25%
The Supreme Court can usually be trusted to make decisions that reflect the views of most Americans	11%	28%	21%	21%	19%
The justices on the Supreme Court make decisions based on objective interpretations of the law, rather than personal opinions	18%	26%	20%	17%	18%

<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	May 3 - 6, 2022
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
<b>Sampling method</b>	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.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.241 to 6.517, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.621.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.7% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	64 questions not reported.