

# YouGov Survey: The Supreme Court and Abortion



Sample 1200 U.S. Adults  
Conducted May 3, 2022  
Margin of Error ±4.2%

## 1. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the United States Supreme Court is handling its job?

1) Strongly approve	12%
2) Somewhat approve	26%
3) Somewhat disapprove	19%
4) Strongly disapprove	30%
5) Not sure	13%

## 2. Do you think the Supreme Court has:

1) Too much power	42%
2) Too little power	5%
3) About the right amount of power	41%
4) Not sure	13%

## 3. In general, how would you describe the political viewpoint of the Supreme Court?

1) Very liberal	6%
2) Liberal	10%
3) Moderate	24%
4) Conservative	20%
5) Very conservative	30%
6) Not sure	9%

## 4. Do you approve or disapprove of Supreme Court justices timing their retirement to the party of the current president, to increase the chance that someone with similar ideology will replace them?

1) Strongly approve	8%
2) Somewhat approve	20%
3) Somewhat disapprove	22%
4) Strongly disapprove	26%
5) Not sure	23%

## 5. Should all draft decisions of the Supreme Court be made public?

1) Yes	52%
2) No	32%
3) Not sure	16%

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

1) Legal in all cases	31%
2) Legal in most cases	28%
3) Illegal in most cases	25%
4) Illegal in all cases	11%
5) Not sure	6%

## 7. Which level of government is best suited to deciding on abortion's legality?

1) Federal government	44%
2) State government	36%
3) Not sure	20%

## 8. Which branch of the federal government is best suited to deciding on abortion's legality?

*Asked of those who said that the federal government is best suited to deciding on abortion's legality*

1) Executive branch	13%
2) Legislative branch	39%
3) Judicial branch	24%
4) Not sure	24%

## 9. How likely do you think it is that the U.S. Supreme Court will overturn Roe v. Wade, the case that made abortion legal across the United States?

1) Definitely will happen	20%
2) Very likely	35%
3) 50% chance	34%
4) Unlikely	10%
5) Definitely will not happen	2%

## 10. How likely do you think it is that the U.S. Supreme Court will overturn Grutter v. Bollinger, the case that upheld affirmative action in college admissions in the United States?

1) Definitely will happen	11%
2) Very likely	27%
3) 50% chance	46%
4) Unlikely	12%
5) Definitely will not happen	3%

## 11. How likely do you think it is that the U.S. Supreme Court will overturn Obergefell v. Hodges, the case that made same-sex marriage legal across the United States?

1) Definitely will happen	9%
2) Very likely	21%
3) 50% chance	33%
4) Unlikely	28%
5) Definitely will not happen	9%

## 12. How likely do you think it is that the U.S. Supreme Court will overturn Griswold v. Connecticut, the case that made it legal for married couples to buy and use contraceptives without government restriction?

1) Definitely will happen	6%
2) Very likely	16%
3) 50% chance	29%
4) Unlikely	29%
5) Definitely will not happen	20%

13. How likely do you think it is that the U.S. Supreme Court will overturn Eisenstadt v. Baird, the case that made it legal for unmarried people to possess contraception on the same basis as married couples?

- 1) Definitely will happen .....7%
- 2) Very likely .....15%
- 3) 50% chance .....28%
- 4) Unlikely .....29%
- 5) Definitely will not happen .....20%

14. How likely do you think it is that the U.S. Supreme Court will overturn Loving v. Virginia, the case that ended all race-based legal restrictions on marriage in the United States?

- 1) Definitely will happen .....7%
- 2) Very likely .....10%
- 3) 50% chance .....25%
- 4) Unlikely .....26%
- 5) Definitely will not happen .....32%

15. How likely do you think it is that the U.S. Supreme Court will overturn Lawrence v. Texas, the case that made same-sex sexual activity legal in every U.S. state?

- 1) Definitely will happen .....8%
- 2) Very likely .....14%
- 3) 50% chance .....29%
- 4) Unlikely .....30%
- 5) Definitely will not happen .....18%

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

- 1) A lot .....47%
- 2) A little .....40%
- 3) Nothing at all .....13%

17. Do you think the draft opinion was leaked by someone who is a...?

- 1) Republican .....14%
- 2) Democrat .....43%
- 3) Other .....4%
- 4) Not sure .....39%

18. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a federal law that establishes a national right to abortion?

- 1) Strongly support .....42%
- 2) Somewhat support .....11%
- 3) Somewhat oppose .....8%
- 4) Strongly oppose .....27%
- 5) Not sure .....11%

19. Do you favor an amendment to the Constitution which would make abortions illegal, or do you oppose such a change in the law?

- 1) Favor ..... 27%
- 2) Oppose ..... 60%
- 3) Don't know ..... 13%

20. Do you favor an amendment to the Constitution which would make abortions legal, or do you oppose such a change in the law?

- 1) Favor ..... 48%
- 2) Oppose ..... 39%
- 3) Don't know ..... 13%

21. Would you vote for or against a candidate just on the basis of their position on the abortion issue?

- 1) Yes ..... 51%
- 2) No ..... 25%
- 3) Not sure ..... 24%

22. Would you be more or less likely to spend your money with a business that helped employees travel to other states to get abortions?

- 1) More likely ..... 34%
- 2) No change ..... 27%
- 3) Less likely ..... 27%
- 4) Not sure ..... 12%

23. Do you think a woman's right to have an abortion is established by the Constitution?

- 1) Yes ..... 35%
- 2) No ..... 46%
- 3) Not sure ..... 20%

24. If the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote in the next Congressional elections in November?

- 1) More likely ..... 36%
- 2) No change ..... 51%
- 3) Less likely ..... 3%
- 4) Not sure ..... 11%

25. What effect do you think Roe v. Wade being overturned would have on November's Congressional elections?

- 1) It would help Democrats a lot ..... 25%
- 2) It would help Democrats a little ..... 18%
- 3) It would have no effect ..... 16%
- 4) It would help Republicans a little ..... 9%
- 5) It would help Republicans a lot ..... 10%
- 6) Not sure ..... 21%

26. Which of the following factors has influenced your current opinions on abortion? Select all that apply.

- 1) How I was raised .....37%
- 2) The religion I was raised in .....25%
- 3) A religion I converted to .....5%
- 4) Experiences going to a religious private school .....5%
- 5) My current religious beliefs .....29%
- 6) My personal experiences with unintended pregnancy .....17%
- 7) My personal experiences with abortion .....12%
- 8) My personal experiences with adoption .....5%
- 9) My personal experiences with miscarriage .....11%
- 10) My personal experiences becoming a parent .....20%
- 11) My relationships with people who have experiences related to abortion .....19%
- 12) My opinions on human rights .....50%
- 13) My interpretation of the constitution .....20%
- 14) My moral values .....44%
- 15) My views on gender equality and women’s rights .....34%
- 16) Formal education I’ve received .....16%
- 17) Books I’ve read .....13%
- 18) News I’ve consumed .....18%
- 19) Posts I’ve read on social media .....8%
- 20) Seeing ultrasound pictures .....11%
- 21) My views on bodily autonomy .....24%
- 22) My understanding of medical science .....31%
- 23) None of these .....7%

<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	May 3, 2022
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. adults
<b>Sampling method</b>	The survey was carried out through YouGov Direct.
<b>Weighting</b>	Data is weighted on age, gender, education level, and ethnicity to be nationally representative of U.S. adults in the United States. The weights range from 0.144 to 6.928, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.043.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1200
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 4.2% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews