

# Americans' Opinions on Abortion

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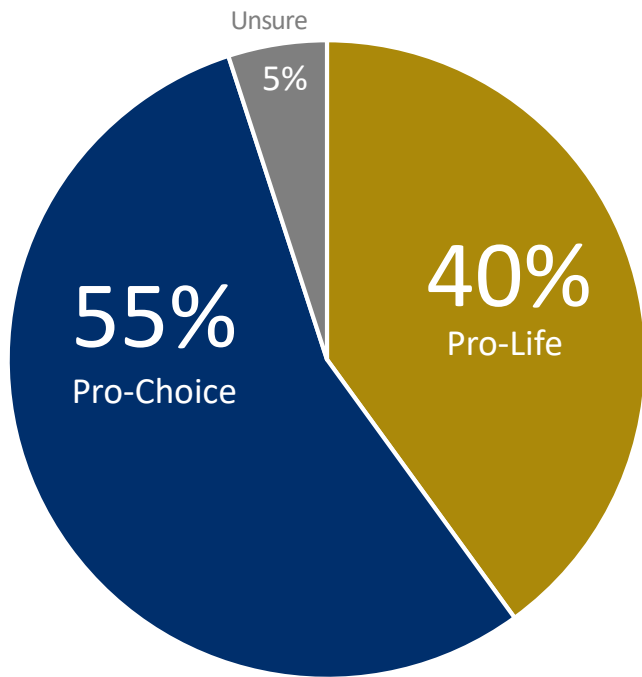


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# Pro-Life or Pro-Choice?

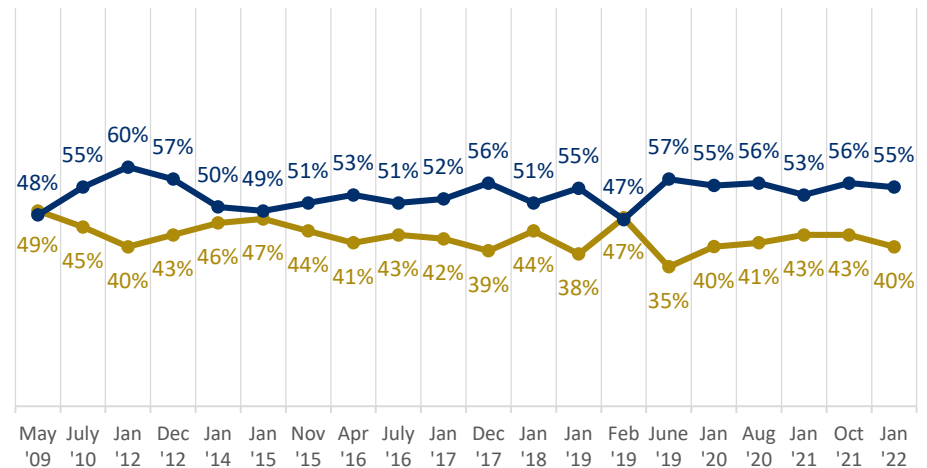
On the issue of abortion, do you consider yourself pro-life or pro-choice?



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Democrat      Republican      Independent

Pro-Life	17%	70%	40%
Pro-Choice	82%	25%	57%
Unsure	1%	5%	4%



— Pro-life — Pro-choice



# Restrictions on Abortion

Which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion on abortion:

One, abortion should be available to a woman any time she wants one during her entire pregnancy

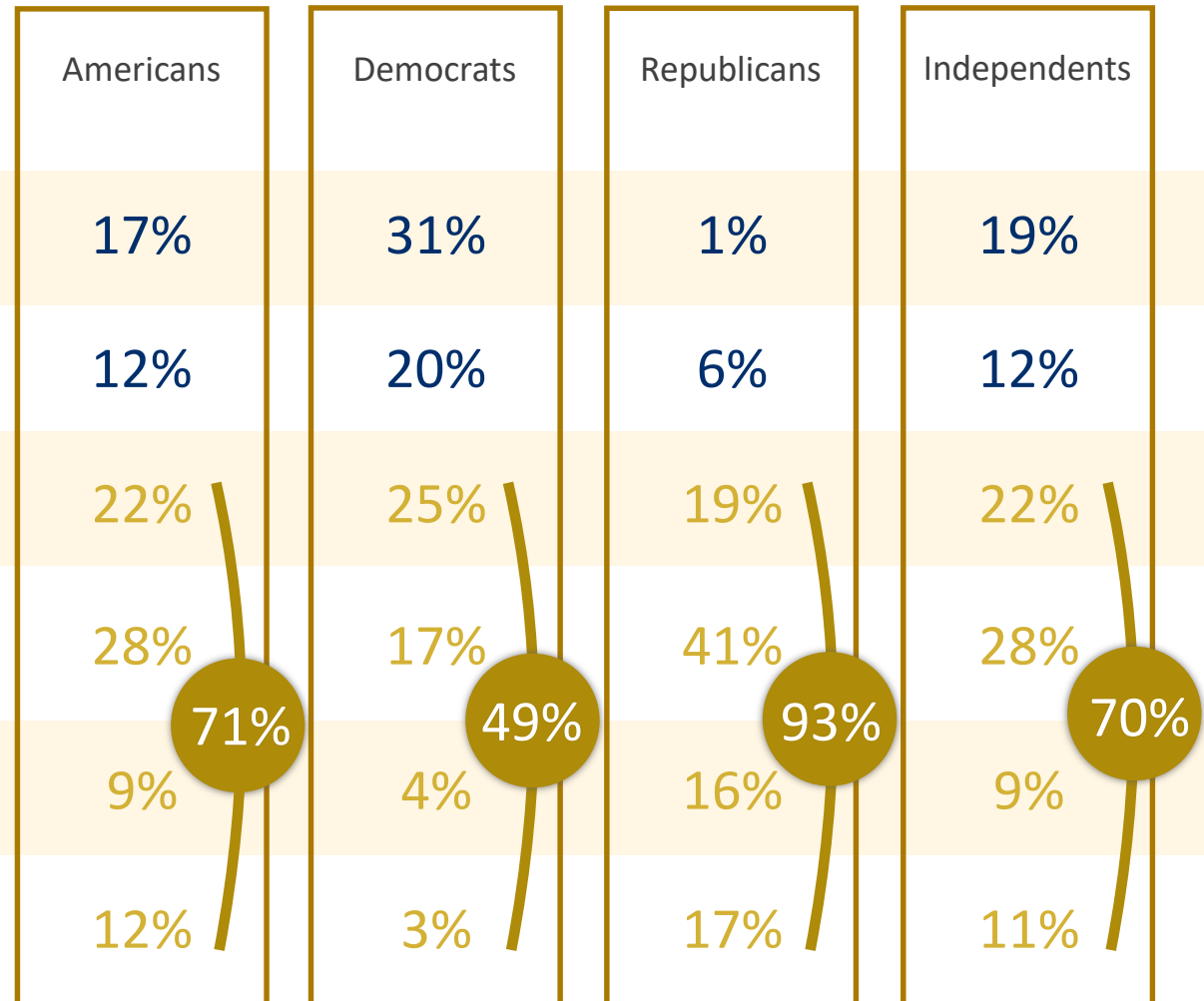
Two, abortion should be allowed only during the first six months of a pregnancy

Three, abortion should be allowed only during the first three months of a pregnancy

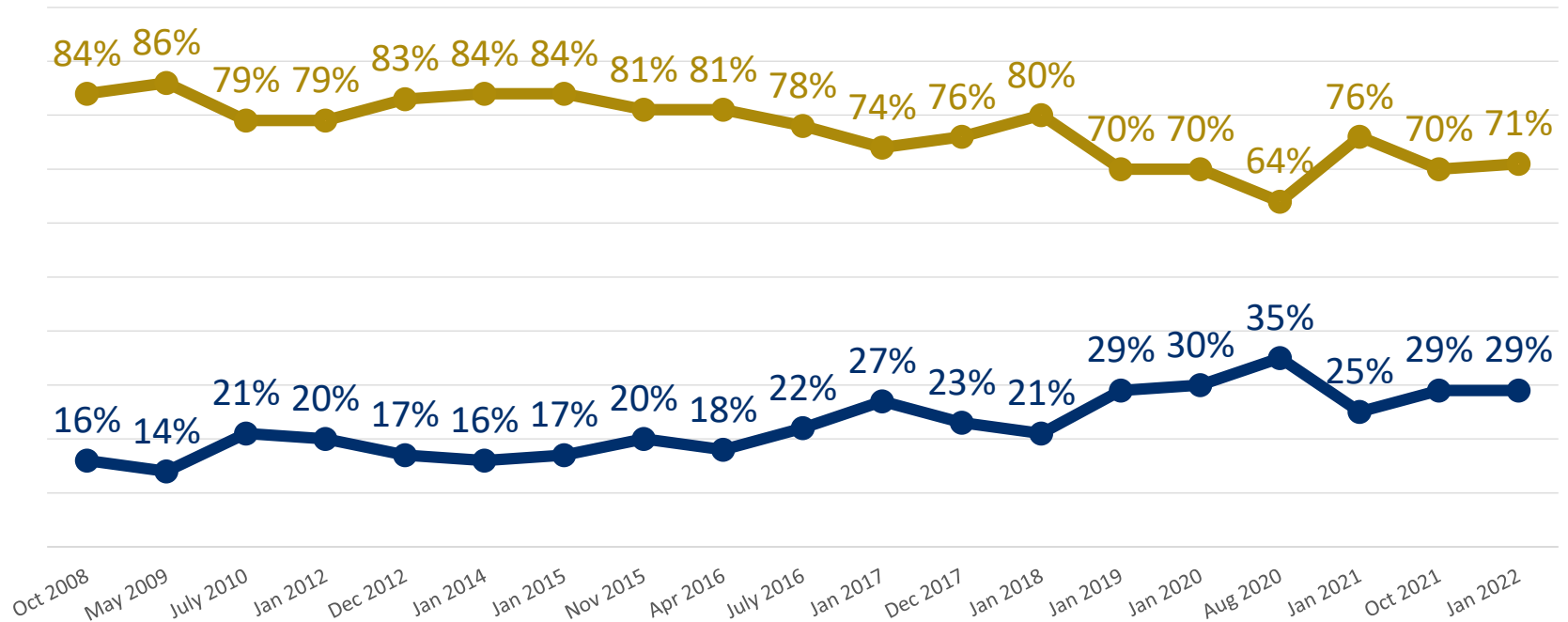
Four, abortion should be allowed only in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother

Five, abortion should be allowed only to save the life of the mother

Six, abortion should never be permitted under any circumstance



Americans' Opinions on Abortion Restrictions Over Time



● 1 + 2

● 3 - 6

1.70%

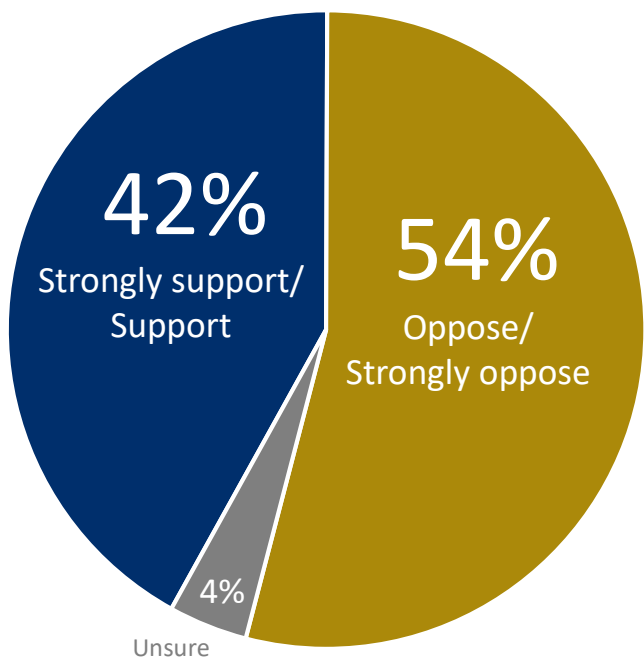
- 1. Allow abortion anytime
- 2. Limit abortion to first 6 months

- 3. Limit abortion to first 3 months
- 4. Allow abortion only in cases of rape, incest, or to save the mother
- 5. Allow abortion only to save the mother
- 6. Never permit abortion



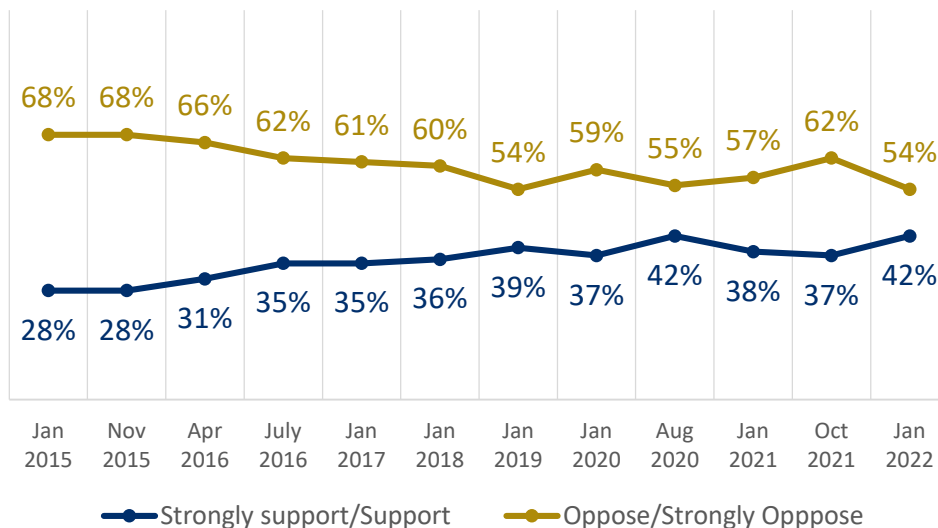
# Tax Dollars at Home

Do you strongly support, support, oppose, or strongly oppose using tax dollars to pay for a woman's abortion?



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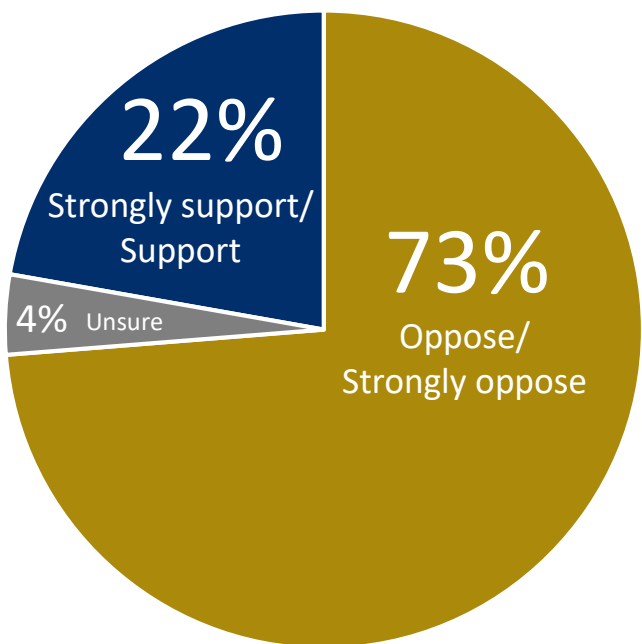
	Strongly Support/Support	Oppose/Strongly Oppose	Unsure
Pro-Life	14%	85%	2%
Pro-Choice	66%	29%	5%
Democrat	67%	29%	4%
Republican	12%	85%	3%
Independent	43%	53%	4%





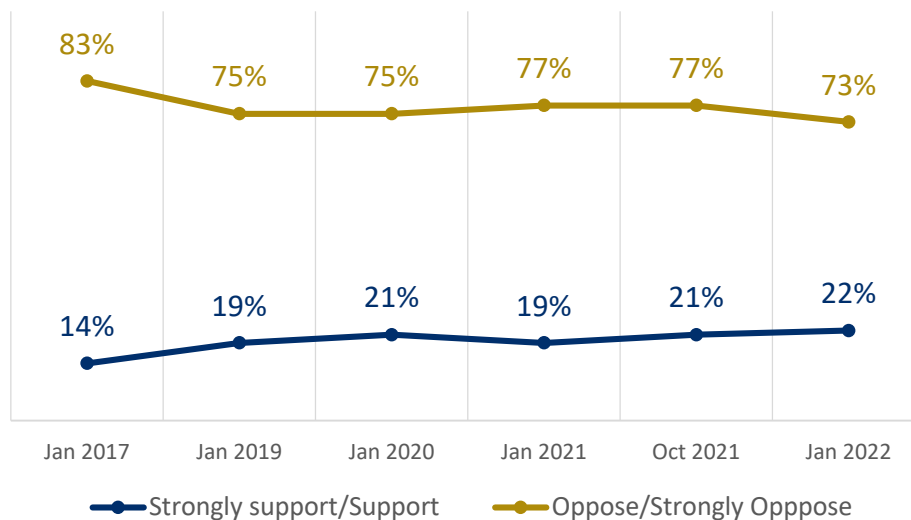
# Tax Dollars Abroad

Do you strongly support, support, oppose, or strongly oppose using tax dollars to fund abortion services in other countries?



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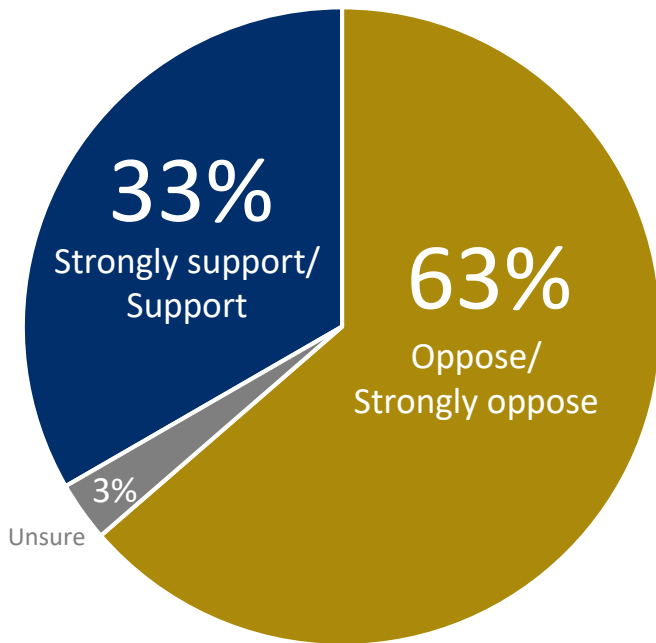
	Strongly Support/Support	Oppose/Strongly Oppose	Unsure
Pro-Life	7%	91%	2%
Pro-Choice	35%	59%	6%
Democrat	39%	55%	6%
Republican	3%	95%	2%
Independent	23%	74%	3%





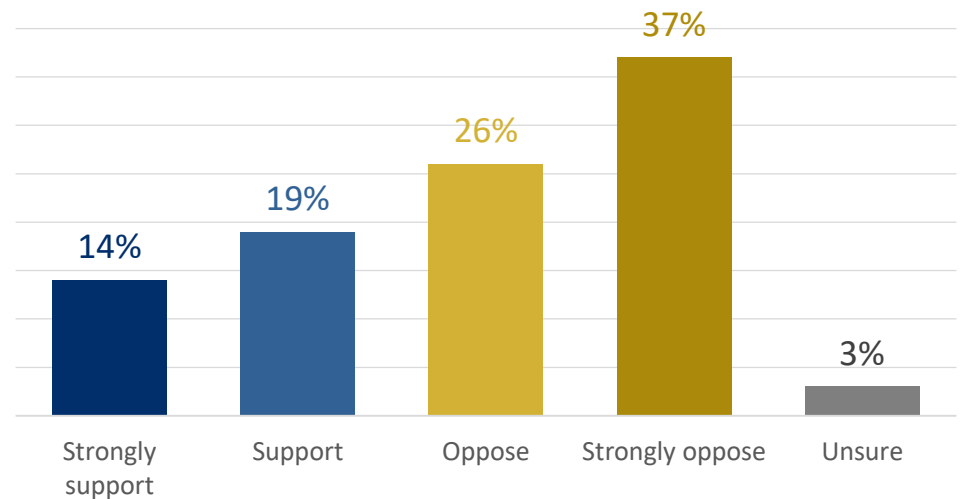
# Mail Order Prescriptions

*Please tell me if you strongly support, support, oppose, or strongly oppose new federal rules that allow sending prescription drugs that induce an abortion through the mail instead of getting them in-person from a specially certified health provider?*

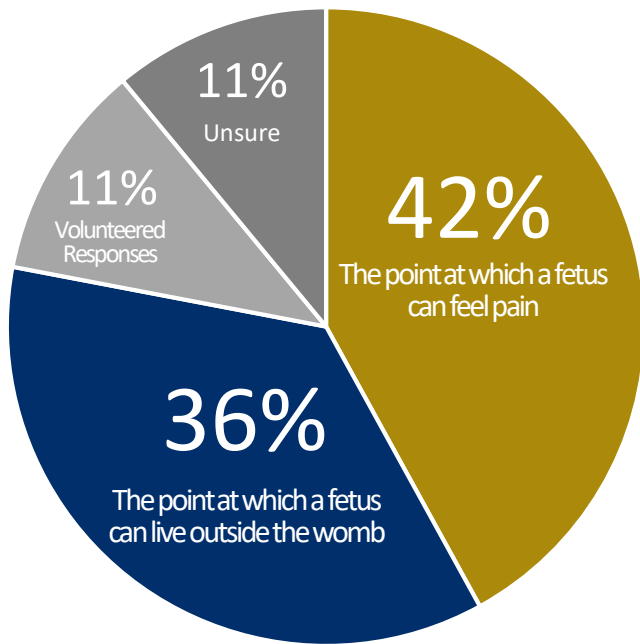


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	Strongly Support/Support	Oppose/Strongly Oppose	Unsure
Pro-Life	8%	90%	1%
Pro-Choice	53%	43%	4%
Democrat	55%	42%	4%
Republican	12%	86%	2%
Independent	33%	63%	4%

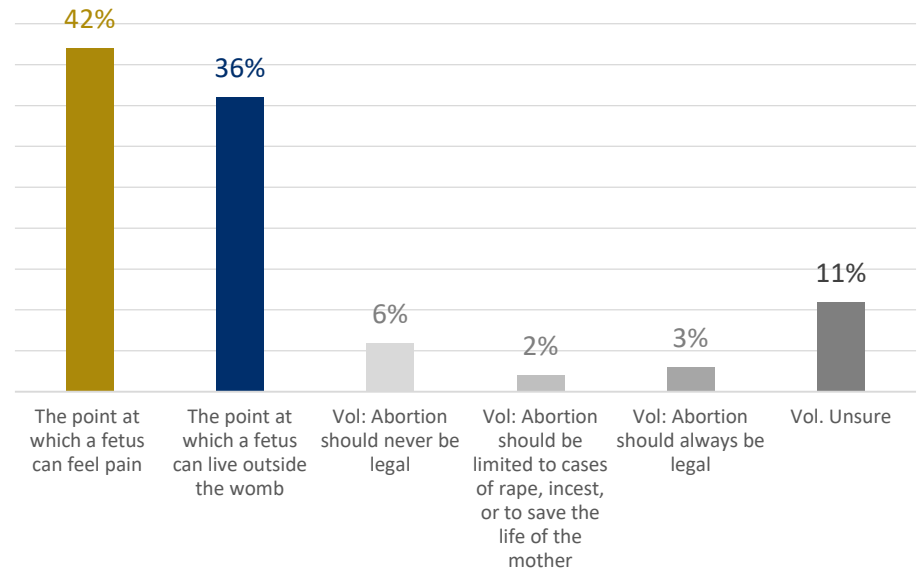


*If abortion remains legal in the United States including for cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother, at which point should abortions for other reasons be limited:*



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	The point at which a fetus can feel pain	The point at which a fetus can live outside the womb	Vol. Resp.	Unsure
Pro-Life	55%	17%	17%	11%
Pro-Choice	34%	50%	7%	10%
Democrat	33%	51%	7%	9%
Republican	55%	23%	12%	10%
Independent	42%	34%	12%	12%

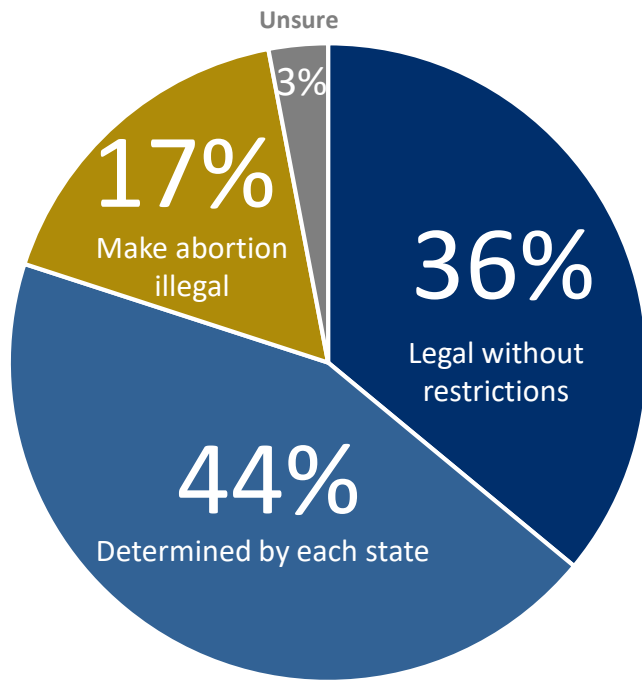






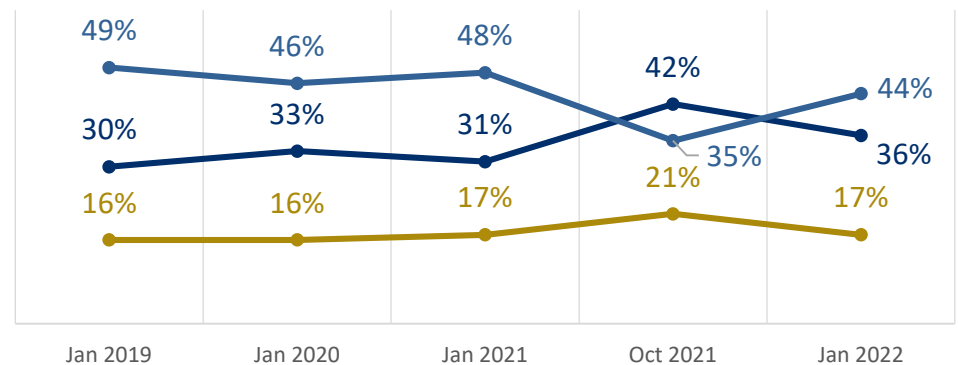
# Future of Roe v. Wade

Which comes closest to your view of what the Supreme Court should do when it reconsiders Roe vs Wade, the 1973 ruling making abortion legal in the United States: It should rule to:



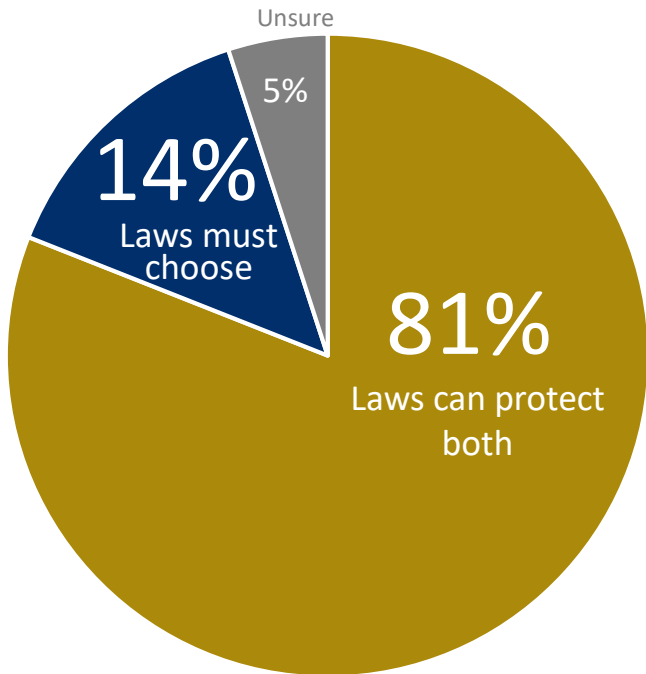
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	Legal without restrictions	Determined by each state	Make abortion illegal	Unsure
Pro-Life	7%	55%	35%	2%
Pro-Choice	59%	35%	4%	2%
Democrat	62%	29%	7%	2%
Republican	9%	60%	28%	3%
Independent	38%	47%	13%	2%



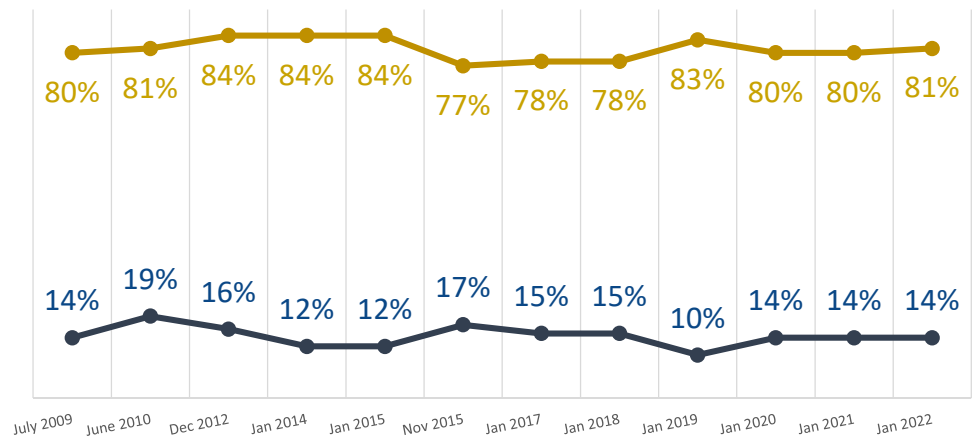
- Allow abortion to be legal without restriction at any time
- Allow certain restrictions on abortions as determined by each state
- Make abortion illegal

*Which statement comes closer to your view: One, it is possible to have laws which protect both the health and well-being of a woman and the life of the unborn, or two, it is necessary for laws to choose to protect one and not the other?*



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	Laws can protect both	Laws must choose	Unsure
Pro-Life	87%	9%	4%
Pro-Choice	76%	19%	5%
Democrat	79%	17%	4%
Republican	88%	9%	3%
Independent	78%	16%	6%

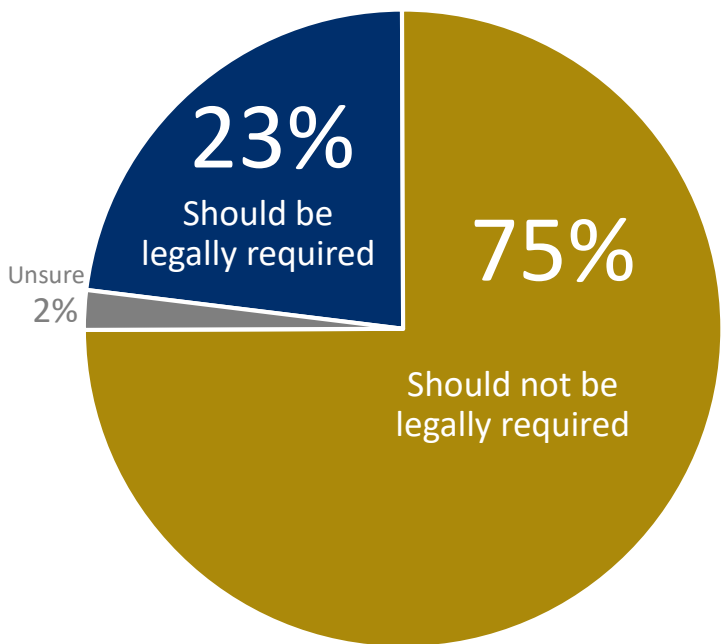


— Laws can protect both — Laws must choose



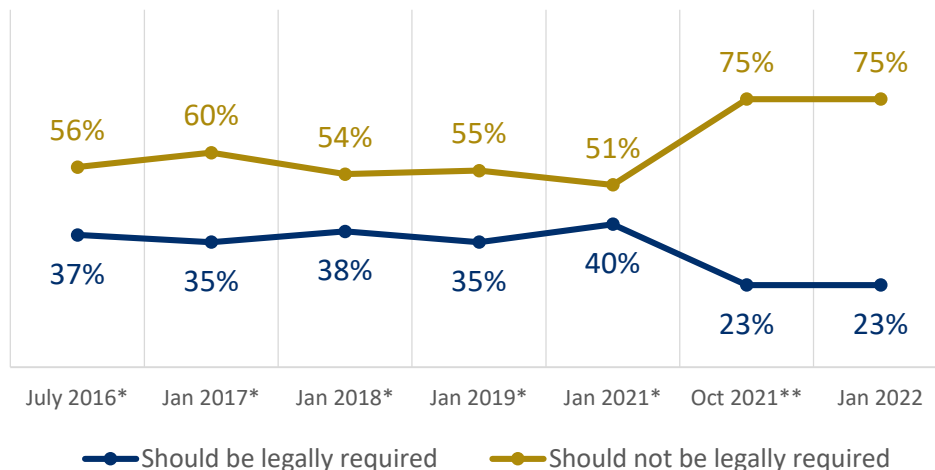
# Conscience Objections to Performing Abortions

Do you think doctors, nurses, or other health care professionals who have religious objections to abortion should or should not be legally required to perform abortions? \*



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	Should be legally required	Should not be legally required	Unsure
Pro-Life	12%	87%	1%
Pro-Choice	32%	67%	2%
Democrat	33%	65%	2%
Republican	12%	87%	1%
Independent	22%	76%	2%



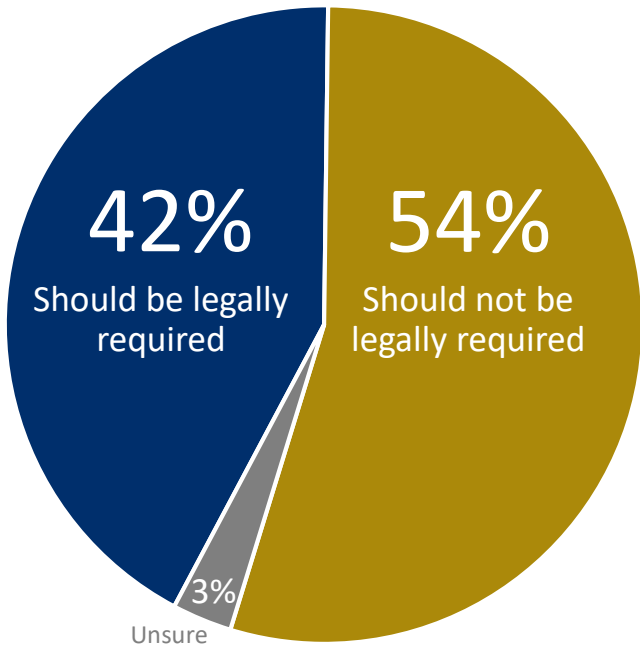
\*\* Do you think doctors, nurses, or other health care professionals who have moral objections to abortion should or should not be legally required to perform abortions?

\*Previous question wording: Do you think doctors, nurses, or organizations who have moral objections to abortion should or should not be legally required to perform or provide insurance coverage for abortions?



# Conscience Objections to Providing Insurance Coverage

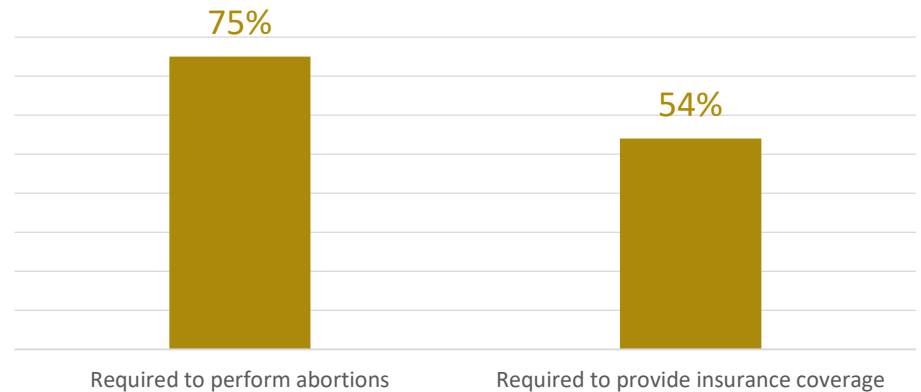
*Do you think organizations who have religious objections to abortion should or should not be legally required to provide insurance coverage for abortions?*



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	Should be legally required	Should not be legally required	Unsure
Pro-Life	17%	80%	3%
Pro-Choice	61%	35%	3%
Democrat	64%	34%	2%
Republican	19%	76%	5%
Independent	39%	57%	4%

Conscience Objection Questions  
#'s Represent "Should not be legally required" Responses





- This survey of 1,004 adults was conducted January 4th through January 9th, 2022 by the Marist Poll sponsored in partnership with the Knights of Columbus.
- Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the contiguous United States were contacted on landline or mobile numbers and interviewed by telephone using live interviewers.
- Survey questions were available in English or Spanish with data collection provided by SSRS.
- The samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2019 American Community Survey 1-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within  $\pm 3.3$  percentage points. There are 849 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within  $\pm 3.6$  percentage points.
- Tables include results for subgroups to only display crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. It should be noted that although you may not see results listed for a certain group, it does not mean interviews were not completed with those individuals. It simply means the sample size is too small to report.
- The error margin was adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.



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