

To: Susan B. Anthony List
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Re: Susan B. Anthony List National Polling – Executive Summary
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Survey Summary:

The results of our national survey show that the majority of voters support scaling back Obama-era pro-abortion legislation. The majority of voters (52%), support allowing certain employers the freedom to not comply with the health care mandate of the Obama Administration which required employers to provide coverage for birth control and other health care services that include some abortion-inducing drugs, regardless of any deeply-held religious or moral obligations. Only one-in-three voters (36%) oppose allowing this exemption.

Under the Obama administration, a mandate was issued requiring all employers to include coverage of birth control in their health care plans, including some abortion-inducing drugs, regardless of religious or moral objections of the employer. Recently, the Trump Administration issued new regulations that allow certain employers who have deeply-held religious or moral objections from having to comply with this mandate. Do you support or oppose giving certain employers freedom not to comply with this mandate if they have moral or religious objections?

	Total	Gen. GOP	Gen. Dem.	Gen. Und.	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	Ind. Women	Lib.	Mod.	Cons.	Coll. Edu. Women
Support	52%	76%	30%	39%	76%	31%	49%	42%	38%	42%	72%	43%
Strongly	22%	56%	12%	21%	58%	14%	28%	24%	20%	23%	54%	27%
Somewhat	19%	20%	18%	19%	17%	18%	21%	18%	19%	20%	18%	16%
Oppose	36%	17%	58%	32%	17%	54%	36%	43%	56%	39%	19%	47%
Somewhat	12%	8%	16%	12%	8%	16%	11%	10%	12%	15%	8%	9%
Strongly	25%	9%	43%	20%	9%	38%	25%	33%	44%	24%	11%	38%
Unsure	12%	7%	12%	29%	7%	14%	15%	15%	6%	19%	9%	10%

Nearly two-thirds of all voters (62%) support legislation that would prohibit abortions after 20 weeks, or five months of pregnancy, with the exception of rape and incest, including two-thirds of Independent women (66%), 58% of college educated women, nearly half of all Democrats (48%), and the majority of both moderates (58%) and voters who are undecided on the generic ballot for Congress. One-in-four voters (25% n=253), oppose the passage of this legislation, and among those voters who initially oppose prohibiting abortion after 20 weeks, 20% (n=51) actually support this legislation when they learn that it has been scientifically proven that an unborn child can feel pain after 20 weeks.

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed legislation that would prohibit abortions after 20 weeks, or five months of pregnancy, with exceptions for rape and incest. Do you support or oppose the legislation outlawing most abortions after 20 weeks, or five months of pregnancy?

	Total	Gen. GOP	Gen. Dem.	Gen. Und.	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	Ind. Women	Lib.	Mod.	Cons.	Coll. Edu. Women
Support	62%	79%	47%	55%	79%	48%	61%	66%	48%	58%	77%	58%
Strongly	40%	61%	22%	32%	62%	22%	39%	44%	25%	33%	60%	39%
Somewhat	22%	19%	25%	24%	17%	26%	22%	22%	23%	25%	17%	19%
Oppose	25%	12%	41%	21%	14%	37%	24%	22%	42%	25%	13%	31%
Somewhat	10%	7%	14%	9%	7%	14%	9%	9%	14%	10%	7%	12%
Strongly	15%	5%	27%	12%	6%	23%	16%	12%	28%	15%	6%	19%
Unsure	12%	8%	13%	24%	8%	15%	15%	12%	10%	17%	9%	11%

Currently the United States is just one of seven countries to allow abortions after 20 weeks and it has been scientifically proven that an unborn child of 20 weeks could feel pain. Knowing this, do you now support or oppose the U.S. House of Representatives legislation outlawing most abortions after 20 weeks, or five months of pregnancy?

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO OPPOSED: n=253)

	Total	Gen. GOP	Gen. Dem.	Gen. Und.	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	Ind. Women	Lib.	Mod.	Cons.	Coll. Edu. Women
Support	20%	37%	14%	22%	41%	18%	11%	12%	18%	20%	24%	14%
Strongly	6%	18%	2%	5%	15%	5%	2%	3%	6%	5%	10%	4%
Somewhat	14%	19%	12%	17%	26%	13%	9%	9%	12%	15%	44%	10%
Oppose	73%	54%	79%	66%	52%	77%	78%	76%	75%	73%	67%	86%
Somewhat	26%	25%	28%	22%	22%	26%	31%	28%	20%	28%	36%	30%
Strongly	46%	29%	52%	45%	30%	51%	47%	48%	55%	44%	31%	56%
Unsure	8%	9%	7%	12%	8%	6%	11%	13%	7%	7%	9%	0%

Conclusions:

The five month limit on abortion with exceptions for rape and incest is very popular. It should become a key election benchmark for voter awareness to know that Republicans passed this legislation and the vast majority of Democrats opposed it. This could be a critical wedge issue for November.

Methodology:

This survey of 1,000 likely general election voters nationwide was conducted on October 9th through October 13th, 2017. All interviews were conducted online; survey invitations were distributed randomly within predetermined geographic units. These units were structured to correlate with actual voter turnout in a nationwide general election. This poll of 1,000 likely general election voters has an accuracy of +/- 3.1% at a 95% confidence interval. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Key Demographics:

Party:

	Total
Republican	33%
Democrat	36%
Independent/Other/Refused	31%

Gender:

	Total
Men	47%
Women	53%

Ideology:

	Total
Liberal	26%
Moderate	39%
Conservative	35%

Race:

	Total
White	71%
Hispanic	11%
African American	12%
Asian	4%
Other	2%

Age:

	Total
18-29	19%
30-40	19%
41-55	27%
56-65	20%
Over 65	16%