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Americans Support Limits on Abortion to Protect Unborn Children & Their Mothers

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Seven in 10 Americans believe there should be significant limits on abortion ([Marist/Knights of Columbus, Jan. 2023](#)).

- 69% of Americans support limiting abortion to, at most, the first three months of pregnancy.
 - [Includes](#) 72% of women, 71% of Independents and nearly half of rank-and-file Democrats.
- 91% of Americans support pregnancy centers, which offer vital material, medical and educational support to mothers both during their pregnancy and after their baby is born.
- 60% of Americans oppose using tax dollars to fund abortion domestically, and 78% oppose using tax dollars to fund abortion abroad.

72% of voters would limit abortions by no later than 15 weeks ([Harvard/Harris, June 2022](#)).

- Includes 75% of women, compared to 69% of men.
- Includes 70% of Independents and 60% of Democrats.
- 49% support a limit after six weeks at most.
- Only 10% support the Democrats' position of abortion on demand until birth.

By an 18-point margin, voters prefer a 15-week federal limit (with “health”/rape/incest exceptions) to a federal law that would create a “right” to abortion at any time and block state limits ([Trafalgar Group, Sept. 2022](#)).

- **Overall, 59% of voters** prefer the 15-week limit to a federal law that would create a “right” to abortion at any time and block state limits.
- **A clear majority (54%) of women** prefer the 15-week limit to a federal law that would create a “right” to abortion at any time and block state limits.
- **Majorities of every age group, including 18-24 (55%),** prefer the 15-week limit.

States:

- **Nebraska: 58% of likely voters support a law that would protect unborn children from the moment their heartbeat can be detected.** Only 34% opposed a heartbeat bill ([WPA Intelligence, Dec. 2022](#)).
 - **57% of likely voters are more willing to support** a heartbeat bill after they were introduced to the scientific evidence that the presence of a child’s heartbeat in the womb indicates a very high likelihood of survival to childbirth.
 - **72% of likely voters reject** legislation that would allow abortion on demand until birth.

- **Virginia: 61% of likely voters support** a bill protecting an unborn child after 15 weeks – a point when science shows they can feel pain – with exceptions for rape, incest or if the mother’s life is at risk ([WPA Intelligence, Jan. 2023](#)).
 - Includes 64% of Independents, 55% of Democrats, and 56% of women.
 - **65% of likely voters oppose** allowing abortion until the moment of birth.
 - **60% of likely pro-choice voters agree** with legislation that limits abortion after 15 weeks.

- **North Carolina – 67% of North Carolinians support limits on abortion** ([Differentiator Data, Jan. 2023](#)).
 - **62%** would like the legislature to adopt a law limiting abortion to, at most, the first three months of pregnancy.
 - **By a 14-point margin, voters preferred legislation to protect unborn children when a heartbeat can be detected**, with exceptions for rape, incest and life of the mother, versus the Democratic Party platform that calls for abortion on demand without limits throughout pregnancy.