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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America  
FROM: B.J. Martino  
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DATE: June 14, 2023  
RE: Key Findings From A Nationwide Survey Of Voters

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The Tarrance Group is pleased to present Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America with the key findings from a survey of likely voters nationwide. These key findings are based on online interviews with N=1,000 voters. Responses to this survey were gathered June 6-9, 2023, and the margin of error associated with a sample of this type is +/- 3.1% in 95 out of 100 cases.

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

While much of the coverage on the issue of abortion in the year since the Dobbs decision portrays an America deeply divided, this survey shows that a supermajority (70% or above) of voters agree on a few key areas surrounding the issue, including a majority of Democratic voters:

- Three-fourths of all voters are opposed to abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy. Of a range of options: 77% support at least some prohibition to abortion, with exceptions for the life of the mother, rape, and incest. Only 15% “allowed throughout all nine months of pregnancy, without any restrictions.”
- Seven in ten (70%) support parental notification, requiring that a parent be notified when a minor child seeks to have an abortion. This includes a majority of “pro-choice” voters.
- Three-fourths (76%) support pregnancy resource centers that do not perform abortions but instead offer support to people during their pregnancy and after a baby is born.

Furthermore, a clear majority (59%) of voters say they would support Congressional legislation that would prohibit abortions after a baby can feel pain at fifteen weeks of pregnancy, with expectations for the life of the Mother, rape, and incest, while allowing states to pass even more protective laws.

A 52% majority also support Congressional legislation permanently prohibiting tax dollars from being used to fund abortion, with those same exceptions.

Finally, a solid 64% majority of voters would oppose Congressional legislation that would mandate allowing abortion on-demand, up to the moment of birth and without any limits across all fifty states.

There is middle-ground on the issue of abortion not being captured in the traditional life/choice dichotomy. That broad middle ground includes support for limits on later abortions when the child can feel pain, with exceptions for the life of the mother, rape and incest, while opposing abortion up until the moment of birth. That middle ground also protects parents’ rights, while providing support for Mothers and families during pregnancy and after birth.

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## KEY FINDINGS

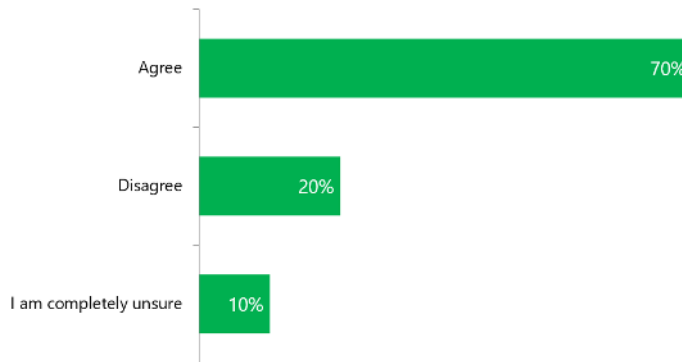
### Parental Notification and Pregnancy Resource Centers

Voters overwhelmingly support parental notification and pregnancy resource centers with over 70% of voters supporting each of these.

With regards to parental notification, 70% of voters agree that there should be a requirement to notify parents when a minor child seeks to have an abortion.

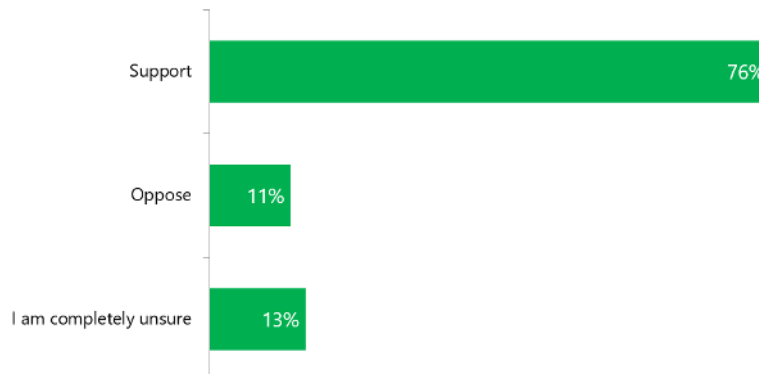
There is majority support regardless of party, fully 89% among Republican, 54% with Democrats, and 65% of independent voters. Even 54% of self-described “pro-choice” voters agreeing with parental notification policies.

**As you may know, there has been a debate in the states concerning parental notification. Parental notification would require that a parent is notified when a minor child seeks to have an abortion. Do you agree or disagree with requiring parental notification?**



There is also widespread support for pregnancy resource centers that provide support during pregnancy but do not perform abortions with 76% of voters supporting these centers. Support is broad regardless of partisanship, with 87% of Republicans, 68% of Democrats and 70% of independent voters in support of pregnancy resource centers. Notably there is no gender gap here with men supporting at 76% and women supporting at 77%.

**Do you support or oppose pregnancy resource centers which are places that do not perform abortions but instead offer support to people during their pregnancy and after the baby is born?**



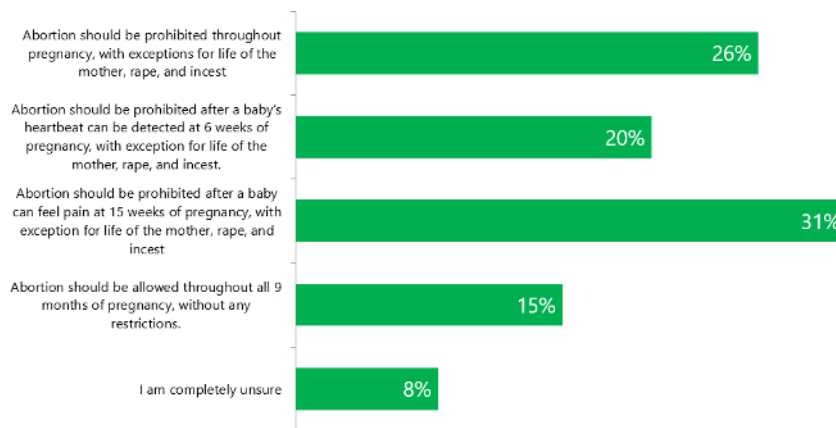
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## Abortion Limitations

The traditional “pro-life” and “pro-choice” categories fail to fully capture the range of views that exist on the topic of abortion. In this survey, voters were given a range of options and asked which best describes their position on the issue.

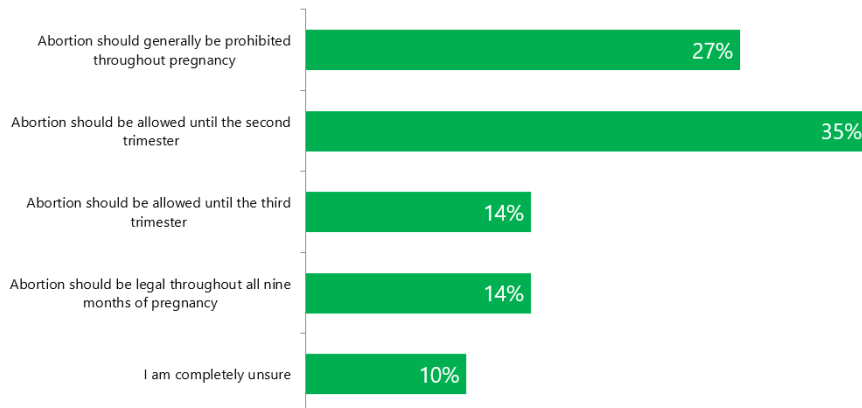
On one test, a supermajority of voters (77%) agreed with at least some limits by fifteen weeks when the child can feel pain. Twenty-six percent (26%) of voters believe it should be prohibited with exceptions for the life of the mother, rape, and incest; 20% believe it should be prohibited after a heartbeat is detected at 6 week with exceptions for life of the mother, rape, and incest; 31% believe it should be prohibited after a baby can feel pain at 15 weeks with exceptions for life of the mother, rape, and incest. Only 15% believe that abortion should be allowed without any restrictions.

Which of the following **best** describes your position on the abortion issue?



Tested a second way with differently worded options, again 76% of voters agreed to some limits on abortion. Twenty-seven percent (27%) of voters believe abortion should be generally prohibited; 35% of voters believe abortion should be allowed until the second trimester; 14% of voters believe it should be allowed until the third trimester, and 14% believe abortion should be legal throughout the pregnancy.

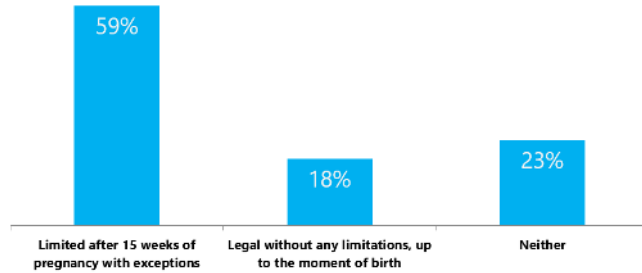
Which of the following **best** describes your position on the abortion issue?



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When given a choice, a strong 59% majority of voters support limiting abortions after a baby can feel pain at 15 weeks with exceptions for the life of the mother, rape, and incest, and only 18% for no limitations up to the moment of birth. There is NO partisan difference in the viewpoint that abortion should be limited here, with 59% of Republicans and Democrats alike choosing that option, along with 56% of independents.

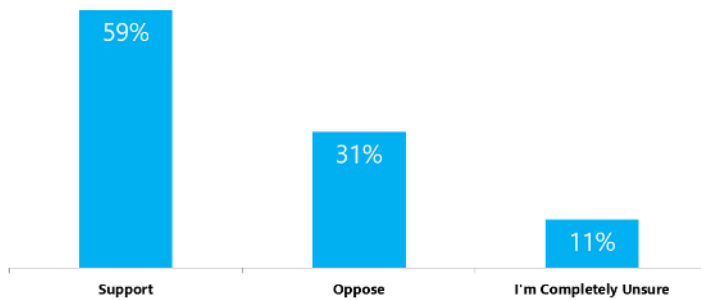
Some people say that abortion should be limited after a baby can feel pain at 15 weeks of pregnancy, with exceptions for life of the mother, rape, and incest... Other people say that abortion should be legal for any reason, without any limitations, up to the moment of birth... Which viewpoint comes closest to your own?



Even among those voters who self-identify as pro-choice, 53% support prohibiting abortions after a baby can feel pain at 15 weeks.

## Legislative Action

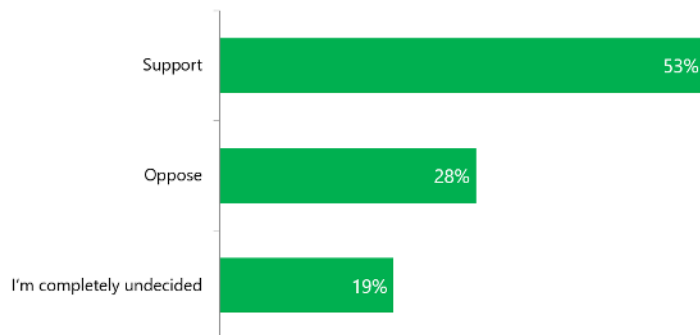
Would you support or oppose Congress passing: Legislation that would prohibit abortions after a baby can feel pain at 15 weeks of pregnancy, with exceptions for life of the mother, rape, and incest, while allowing states to pass even more protective laws



When asked about applying these principles to legislative action, a 59% majority support passing legislation that would prohibit abortions after a baby can feel pain at 15 weeks of pregnancy, with exceptions for life of the mother, rape, and incest, while allowing states to pass even more protective laws. There is no gender gap in support, and support includes 53% of self-described pro-choice voters, 51% of voters who identify as Democrats, and 52% of independents.

Even in the context of the Dobbs decision and its aftermath, a 53% majority of voters support legislation to enact a national standard of protecting babies capable of feeling pain beginning at 15 weeks.

As you may know, since the United States Supreme Court issued the "Dobbs" decision on abortion last year, 25 states have acted to place limitations on abortion while 25 states continue their abortion policies, including late-term abortions. Knowing this, would you support or oppose legislation that would enact a national standard of protecting babies capable of feeling pain beginning at 15 weeks to stop late-term abortions while allowing states to enact further protections?

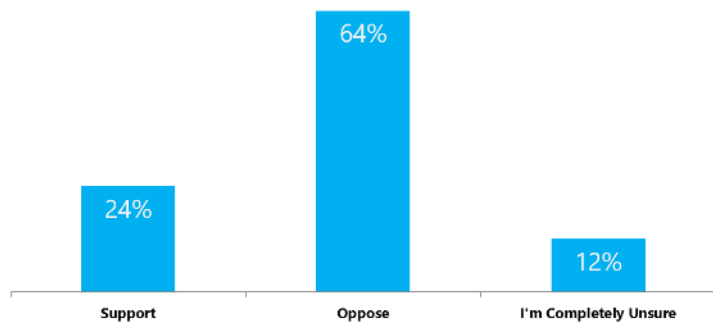


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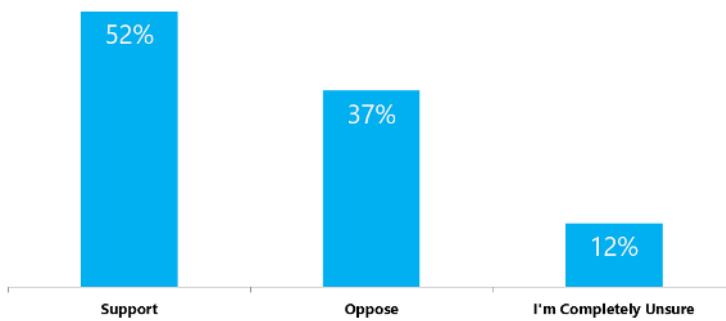
On the other hand, a 64% majority of voters oppose passing legislation that would mandate allowing abortion on-demand, up to the moment of birth and without any limits across all fifty states.

Opposition reaches 82% among Republicans, but includes a 62% majority of independents, and even 50% of Democratic voters.

Would you support or oppose Congress passing: Legislation that would mandate allowing abortion on-demand, up to the moment of birth and without any limits, across all fifty states



Would you support or oppose Congress passing: Legislation that would permanently prohibit taxpayer dollars from being used to fund abortion, with exceptions for life of the mother, rape, and incest



Finally, a 52% majority of voters support permanently prohibiting taxpayer dollars from being used to fund abortion with exceptions for life of the mother, rape, and incest.

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