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# Americans' Views on Abortion

**Abortion Limits/Protections for Unborn Children:** Multiple post-*Dobbs* polls show that at least seven in 10 Americans support significant limits on abortion.

**Morning Consult finds<sup>1</sup> nearly seven in 10 GOP primary voters (67%)** support protections for unborn children at least when they can feel pain by 15 weeks.



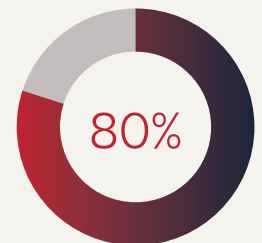
**According to polling from this year<sup>2</sup>, nearly six in 10 voters** would support Congress passing national legislation to protect babies in the womb after 15 weeks (with exceptions for the life of the mother, rape and incest), while allowing states to pass more protective laws.



- Includes majorities of Democrats, Independents, women and self-described pro-choice voters.

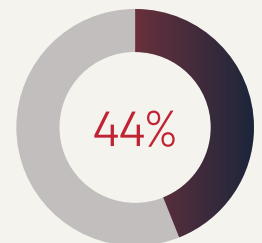
**According to NPR polling from this year<sup>3</sup>, nearly 80% of Americans reject abortion on demand throughout pregnancy.** 67% would limit to the first three months at most; only 22% say abortion "should be available any time during a pregnancy."

- For all women, these numbers are practically identical. 77% of Independent women, 46% of Democrat women and 71% of suburban women would limit to the first three months at most.
- 73% of Independents, 42% of Democrats, 60% of Gen Z/ Millennials, 56% of college graduates and 65% of non-white Americans would limit to the first three months at most.



**According to Gallup polling<sup>4</sup>, 44% of Democrats oppose third-trimester abortion.**

- Only 22% of Americans think abortion should be legal during the last three months of pregnancy.
- Only 37% think it should be legal in the second three months.
- Women and men hold similar views.

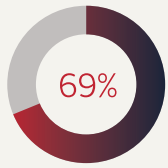


<sup>1</sup> <https://pro.morningconsult.com/analysis/gop-primary-first-debate-poll>

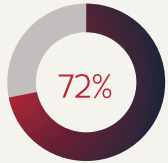
<sup>2</sup> Tarrance Group - <https://sbaproflife.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/SBA-Pro-Life-America-Survey-Findings.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> NPR/PBS Newshour/Marist, April 2023 - [https://maristpoll.marist.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/NPR\\_PBS-News-Hour\\_Marist-Poll\\_USA-NOS-and-Tables\\_0426\\_202304211458.pdf](https://maristpoll.marist.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/NPR_PBS-News-Hour_Marist-Poll_USA-NOS-and-Tables_0426_202304211458.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> Gallup, May 2023 - <https://news.gallup.com/poll/506759/broader-support-abortion-rights-continues-post-dobbs.aspx>



**According to Marist polling<sup>5</sup>, 69% of Americans support limiting abortion to, at most, the first three months of pregnancy** - including 72% of women, 71% of Independents and nearly half of rank-and-file Democrats.



**According to Harvard-Harris polling<sup>6</sup> in the days immediately following *Dobbs*, 72% of voters would limit abortions by no later than 15 weeks** - including 75% of women, 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.



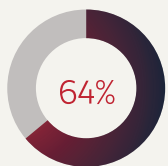
**UCLA found<sup>7</sup> that a Republican candidate would get more votes in a simulated Senate contest by supporting a limit at 12 weeks** than by matching the stance of a pro-abortion Democrat.

- This research also found that, while attitudes about abortion as an election issue shifted in predictable ways right after the leak of the *Dobbs* decision, they mostly reverted to their pre-*Dobbs* positions by the time the decision was officially announced.

## Parental Involvement

*Only 27 states require parental consent prior to abortion for girls under 18. Eight states require notification only. 15 states have functionally no requirement of either kind.*

**Rasmussen polling in July 2022<sup>8</sup> found:**



**Notification: 64% of likely U.S. voters** believe that abortionists **should be required to notify parents** before performing abortions on girls under age 18 (only 25% oppose).

- Includes 48% of Democrats, 62% of unaffiliated voters, and 43% of pro-choice voters.
- Includes 57% Black voters and 67% of other minorities.

<sup>5</sup> Marist/Knights of Columbus, Jan. 2023 - <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/communications/polls/majority-americans-still-support-abortion-limits.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> Harvard-Harris, June 2022 - [https://harvardharrispoll.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/HHP\\_June2022\\_KeyResults.pdf](https://harvardharrispoll.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/HHP_June2022_KeyResults.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> <https://anderson-review.ucla.edu/post-dobbs-abortion-views-seem-unchanged-with-one-exception/>

<sup>8</sup> [https://www.rasmussenreports.com/public\\_content/politics/public\\_surveys/most\\_voters\\_back\\_parental\\_notification\\_for\\_minors\\_abortions](https://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/public_surveys/most_voters_back_parental_notification_for_minors_abortions)



**Permission:** By a margin of **more than two to one**, voters believe parental permission should be required before an abortion is performed on girls under 18, with **60% in favor of requiring parental permission** and just 29% against it.

- Includes 42% of Democrats and 58% of unaffiliated voters.
- Includes 57% of women.

**Pew polling in March 2022<sup>9</sup> found:**

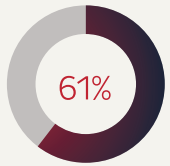


**Notification: Seven in 10 U.S. adults** say that [abortionists] should be required to notify a parent or legal guardian if the pregnant woman seeking an abortion is under 18 (28% say they should not).

- Includes 42% of Democrats and 58% of unaffiliated voters.

## Mail-Order Abortion Drugs

**In-depth polling this year by CRC Research<sup>10</sup> found:**



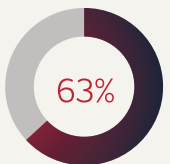
**61% disagree that it is safe to distribute abortion drugs through the mail with little to no supervision (41% strongly disagree)**, in light of the increased risk to women of coercion and abuse.



**56% consider the FDA untrustworthy (31% very untrustworthy)** when they learn that the FDA fast-tracked the abortion pill regimen using its accelerated drug approval authority by calling pregnancy a “life-threatening illness.”

**By a double-digit margin (51%-39%), Americans disagree that the abortion pill has been vetted carefully enough to protect women’s health and safety**, based on what they know about the FDA (10% were unsure or did not respond).

**Marist polling in Jan. 2022<sup>11</sup> found:**



**63% of Americans, including 42% of Democrats, oppose** federal rules that allow abortion drugs to be sent through the mail without an in-person visit to a medical professional.

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.pewresearch.org/religion/2022/05/06/americans-views-on-whether-and-in-what-circumstances-abortion-should-be-legal/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://sbaprofife.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/3-16-23-National-Survey-FDA.pdf>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/polls/americans-support-legal-limits-on-abortion.html>

