

Americans' Opinions on Abortion

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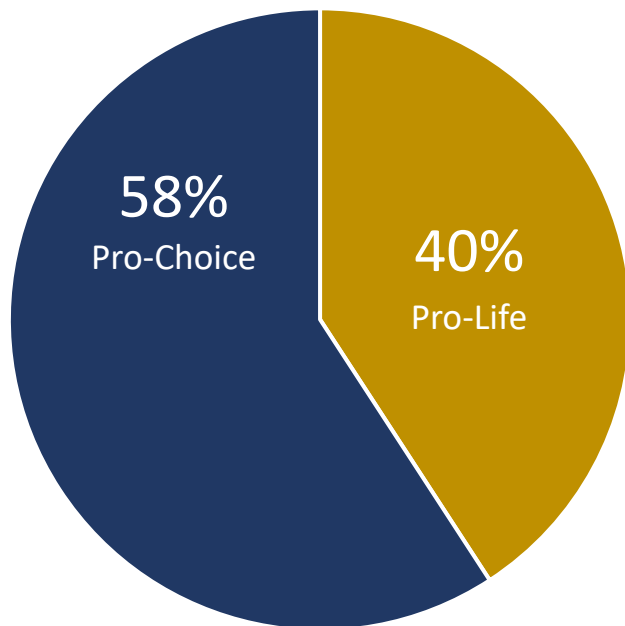


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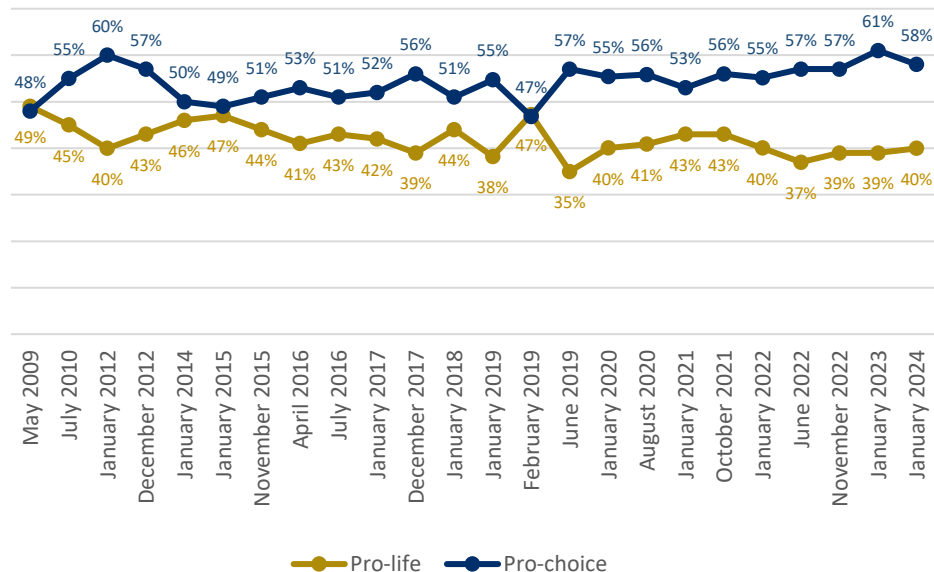
Pro-Life or Pro-Choice?

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



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	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Pro-Life	16%	70%	39%
Pro-Choice	82%	29%	59%





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

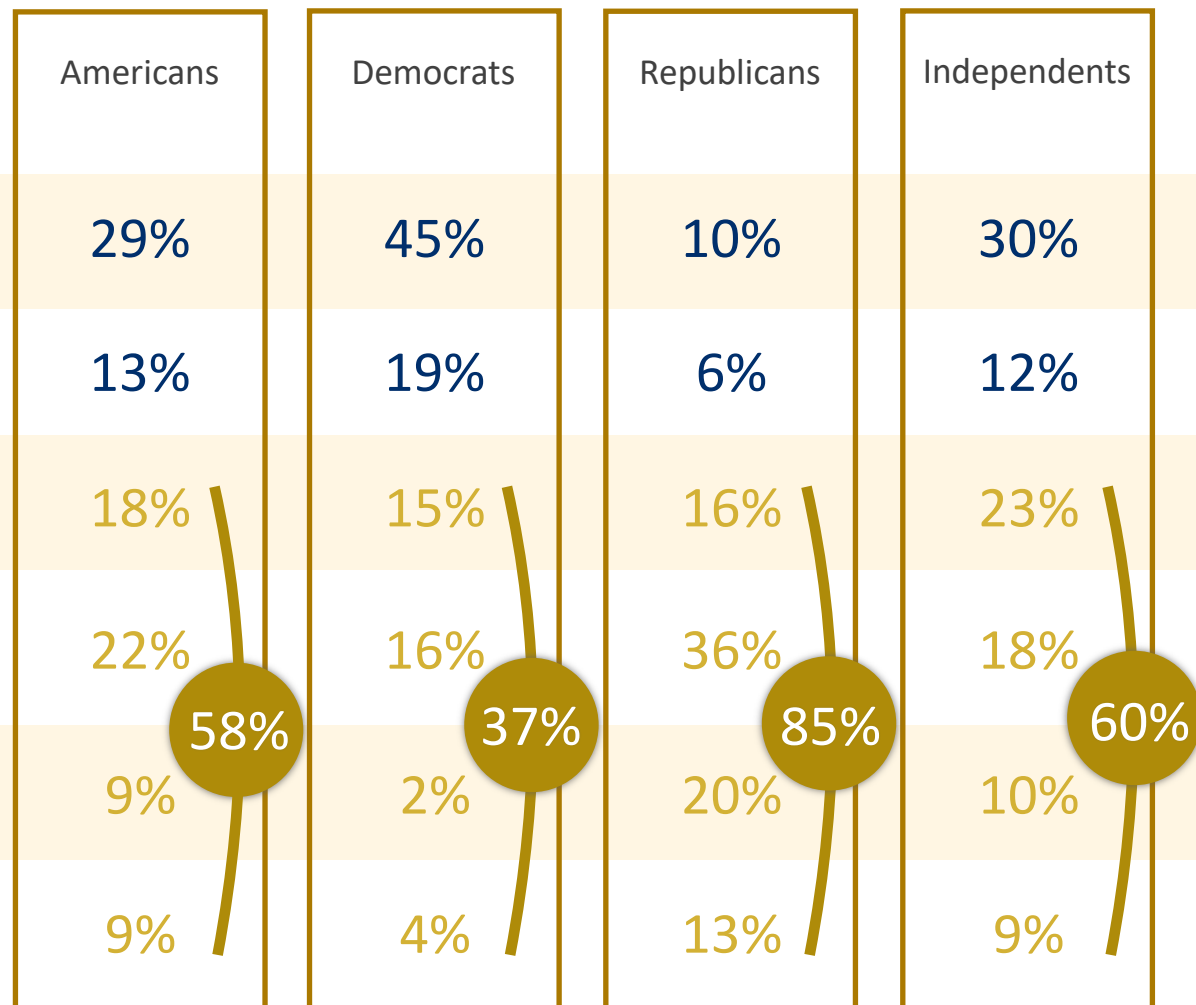
Two, abortion should be allowed only during the first six months of a pregnancy

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

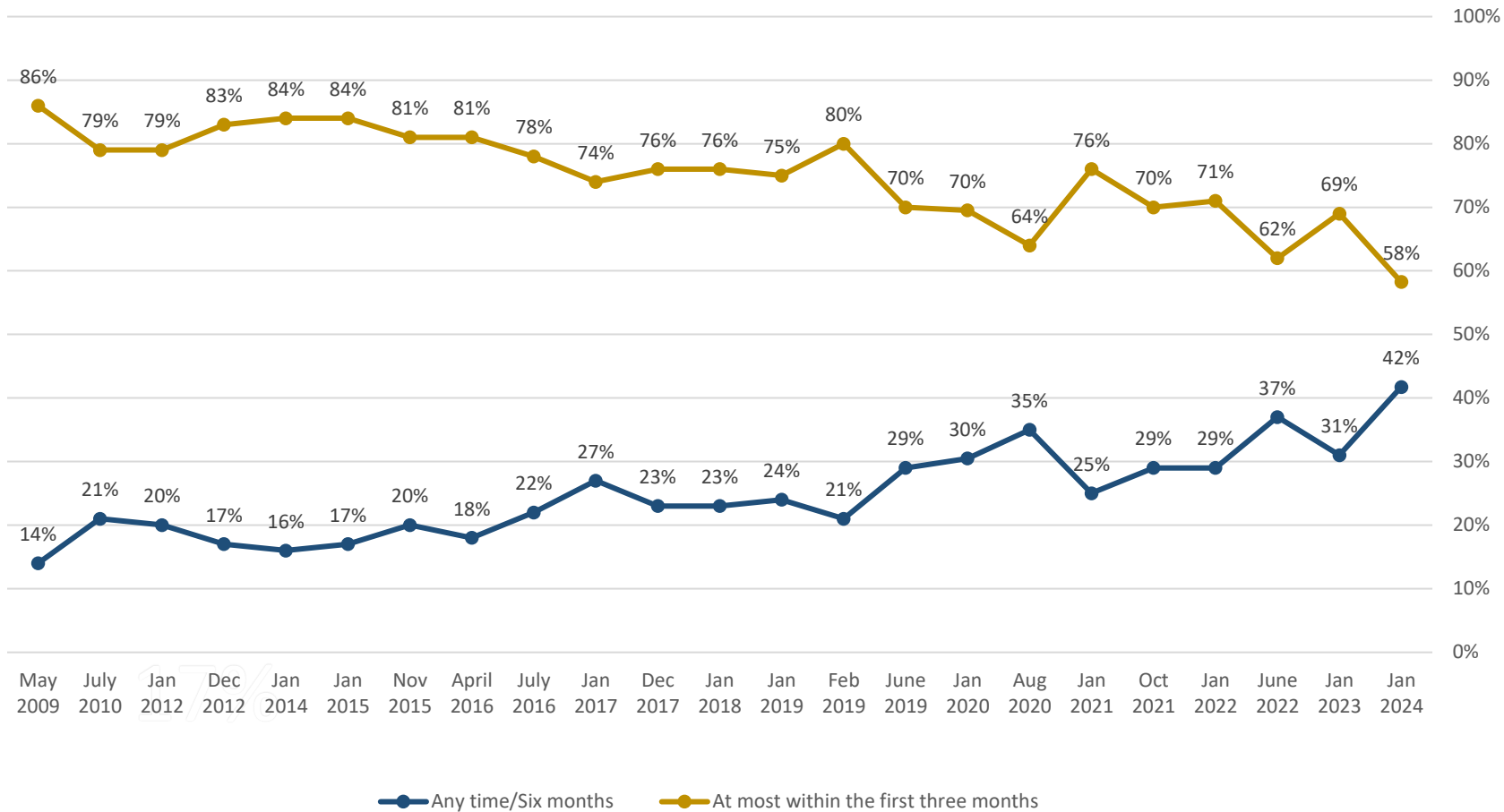


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Restrictions on Abortion Trend

Americans' Opinions on Abortion Restrictions Over Time

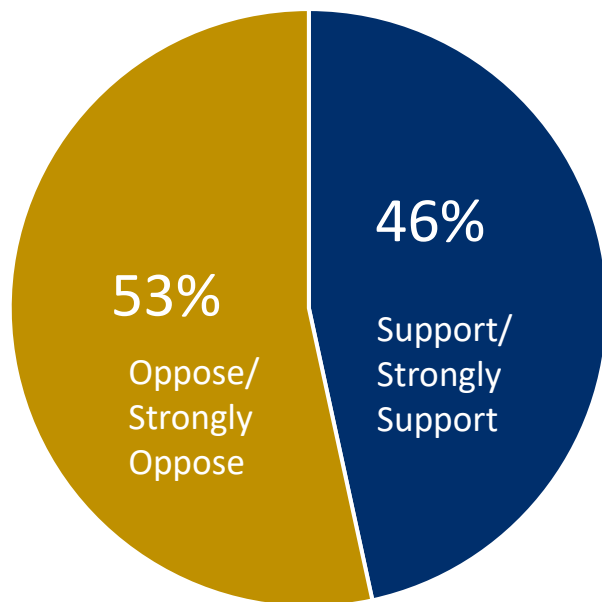


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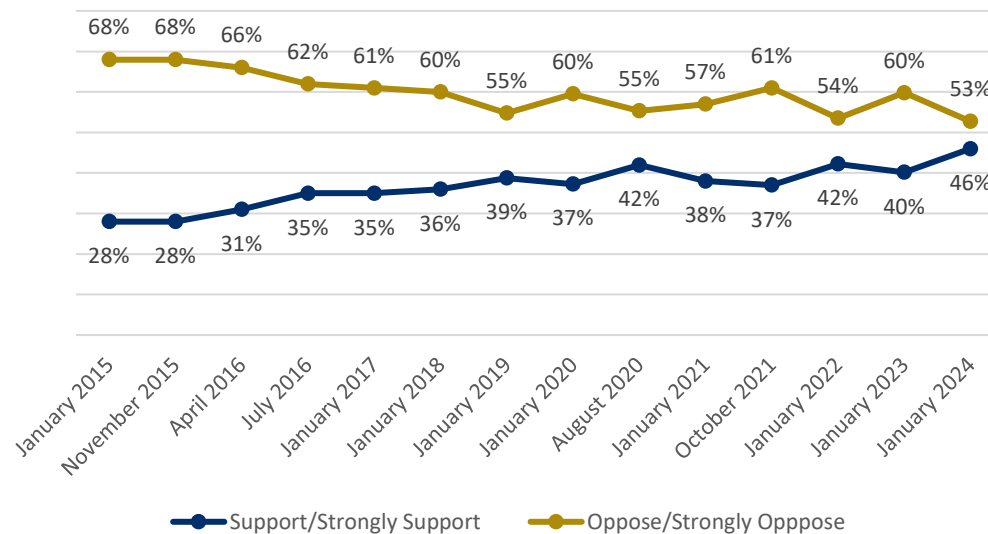
Tax Dollars at Home

Do you strongly support, support, oppose, or strongly oppose using tax dollars to pay for abortion?



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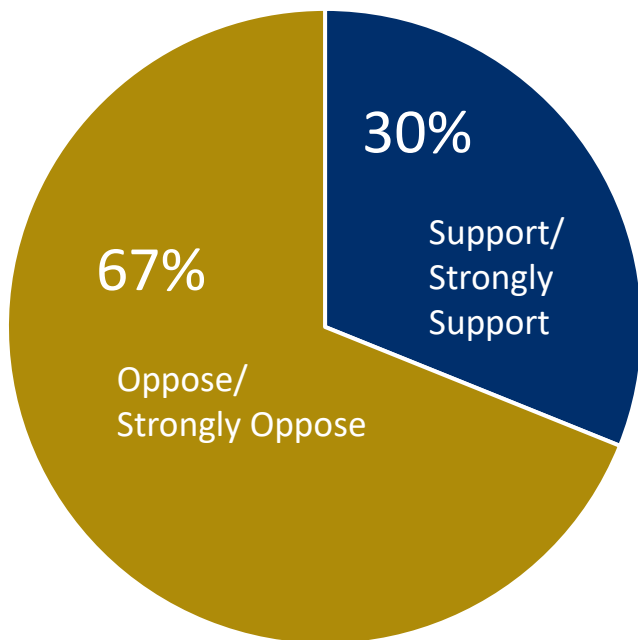
	Strongly Support/Support	Oppose/Strongly Oppose
Pro-Life	13%	87%
Pro-Choice	69%	29%
Democrat	75%	22%
Republican	16%	84%
Independent	43%	56%





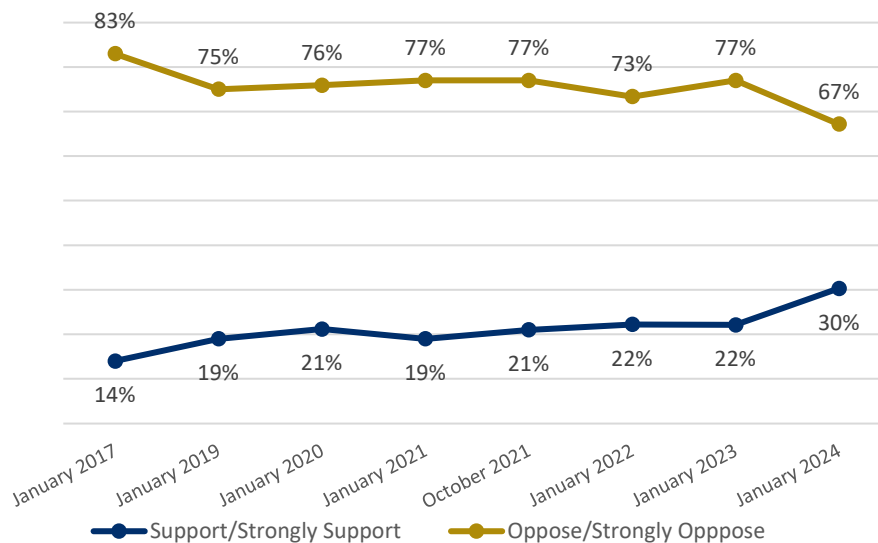
Tax Dollars Abroad

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



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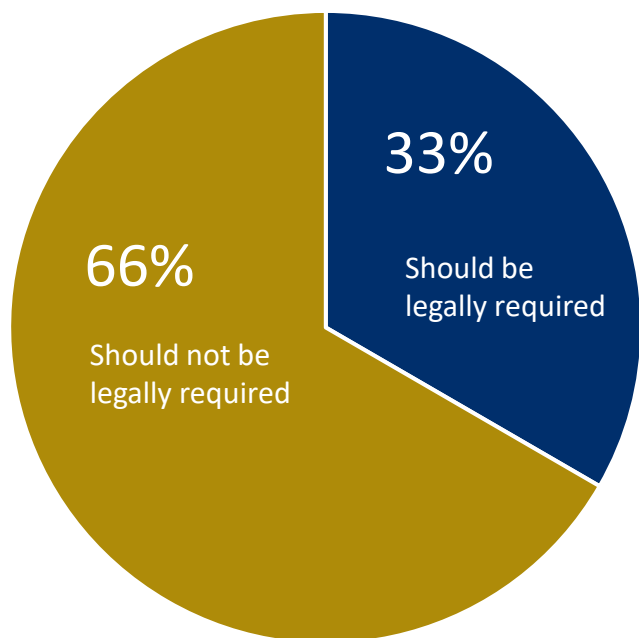
	Strongly Support/Support	Oppose/Strongly Oppose
Pro-Life	12%	88%
Pro-Choice	44%	53%
Democrat	53%	44%
Republican	10%	90%
Independent	24%	70%





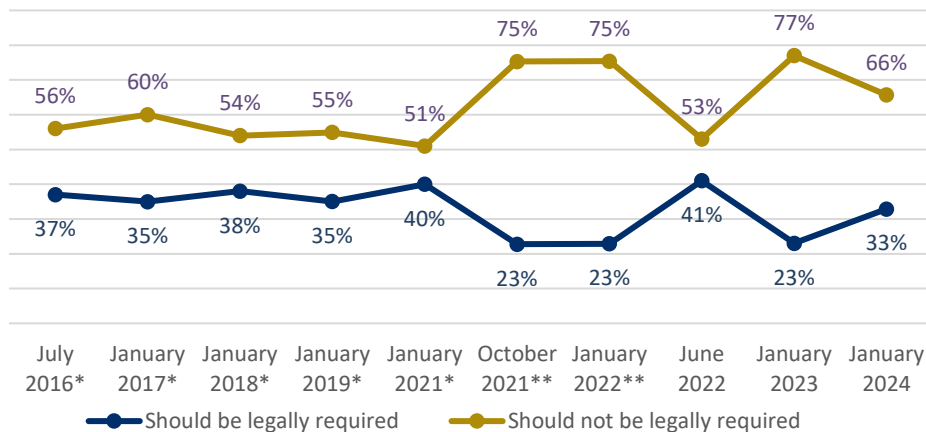
Conscience Objections to Performing Abortions

Do you think doctors, nurses, or other healthcare professionals who have religious objections to abortion but practice where abortion is legal, should or should not be legally required to perform abortions?



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	Should be legally required	Should not be legally required
Pro-Life	15%	84%
Pro-Choice	46%	53%
Democrat	48%	50%
Republican	19%	80%
Independent	27%	72%



** 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?

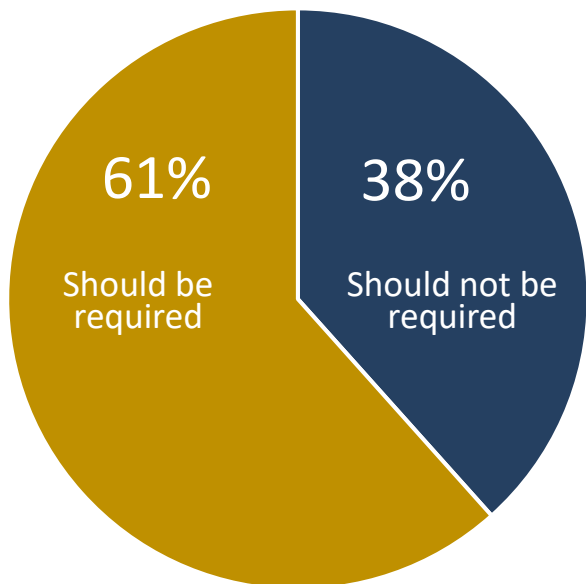
*Previous question wording: Do you think doctors, nurses, or organizations who have moral objections to abortion should or should not be legally required to perform or provide insurance coverage for abortions?



Medication Abortions

A medication abortion is the use of a prescription pill or a series of pills taken to end a pregnancy. Some states allow this prescription to be sent through the mail without an in-person visit with a healthcare professional.

Do you think for someone to receive these prescription medications: An in-person visit with a healthcare professional should be required or an in-person visit with a healthcare professional should not be required?



- An in-person visit with a healthcare professional should not be required
- An in-person visit with a healthcare professional should be required

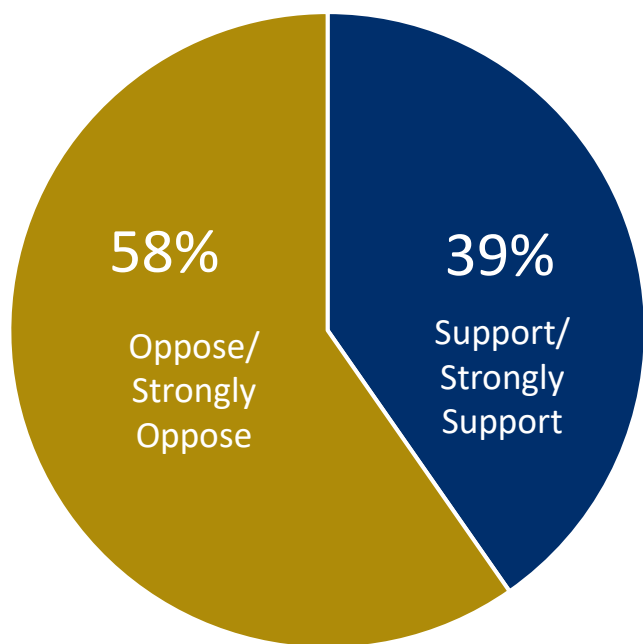
Should be required Should not be required

Pro-Life	83%	16%
Pro-Choice	47%	53%
Democrat	45%	53%
Republican	82%	17%
Independent	57%	41%



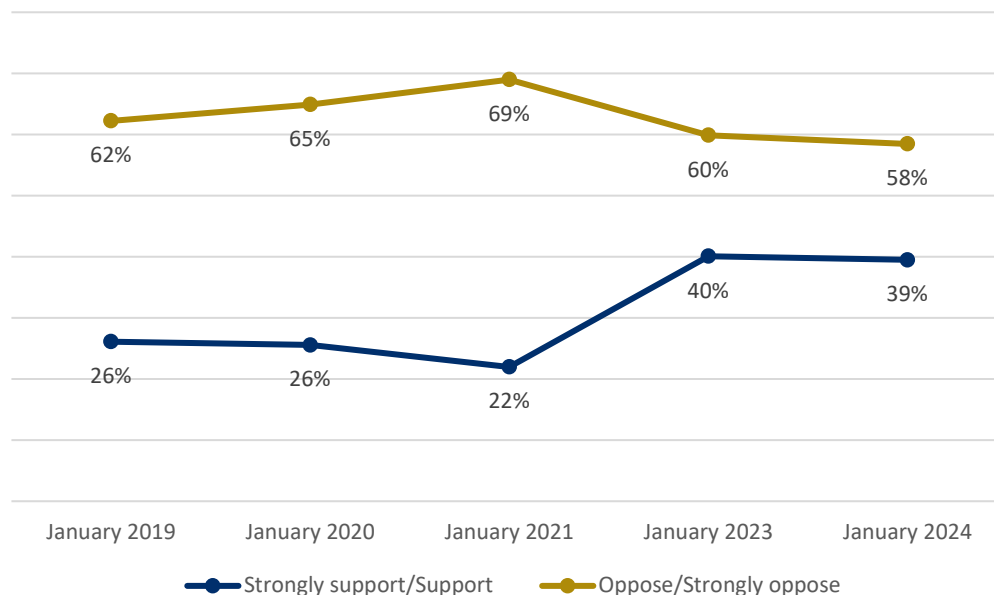
Down Syndrome

Do you strongly support, support, oppose, or strongly oppose abortion because the child will be born with Down Syndrome?



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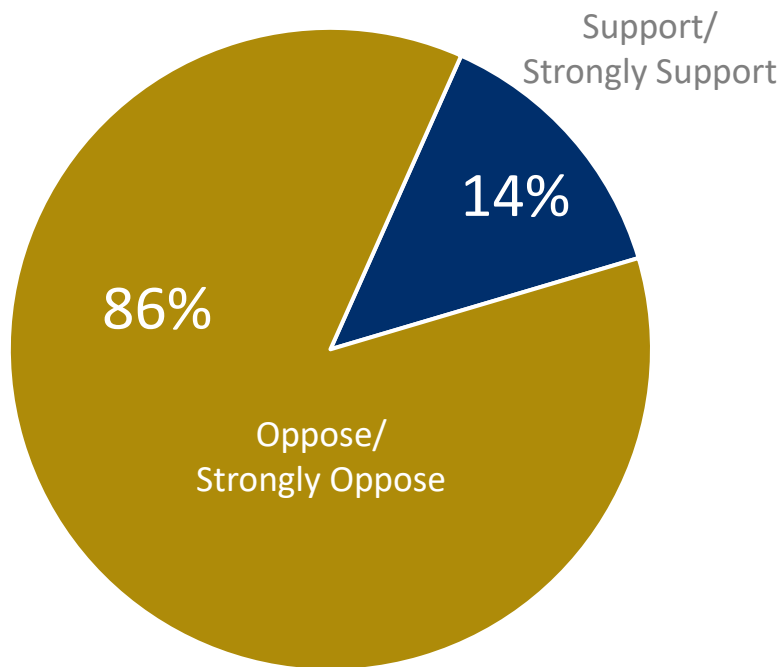
	Strongly Support/Support	Oppose/Strongly Oppose
Pro-Life	19%	79%
Pro-Choice	54%	44%
Democrat	56%	42%
Republican	24%	75%
Independent	39%	58%





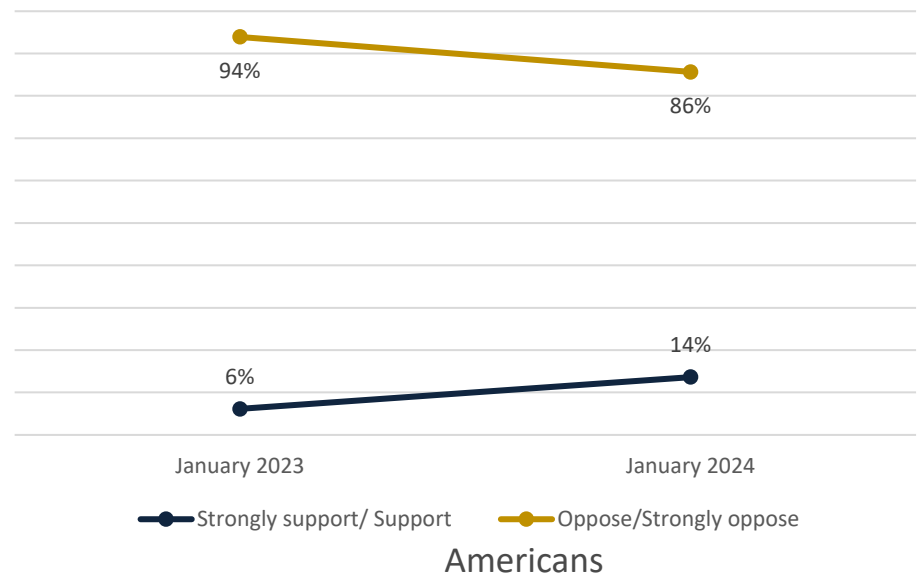
On the Basis of Gender or Sex

Do you strongly support, support, oppose, or strongly oppose abortion because of the child's gender or sex?



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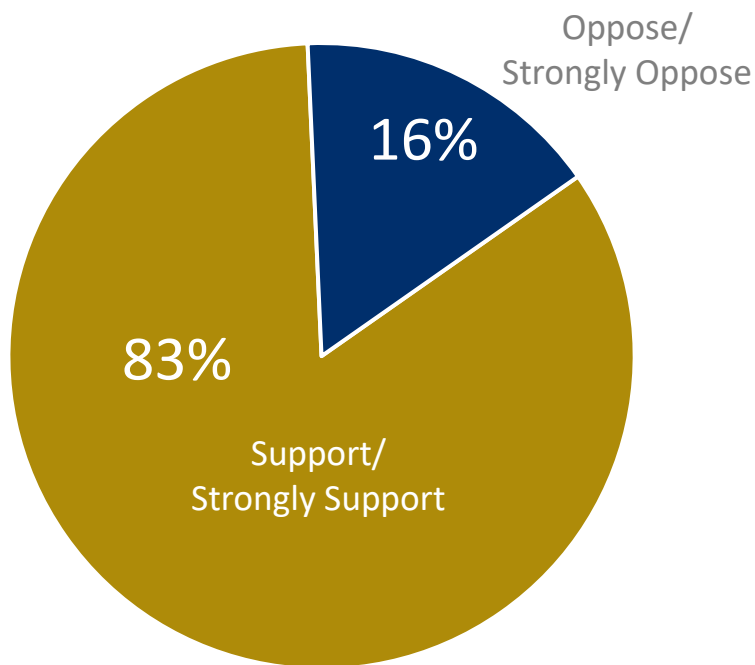
	Strongly Support/Support	Oppose/Strongly Oppose
Pro-Life	8%	92%
Pro-Choice	18%	81%
Democrat	20%	78%
Republican	7%	93%
Independent	13%	86%





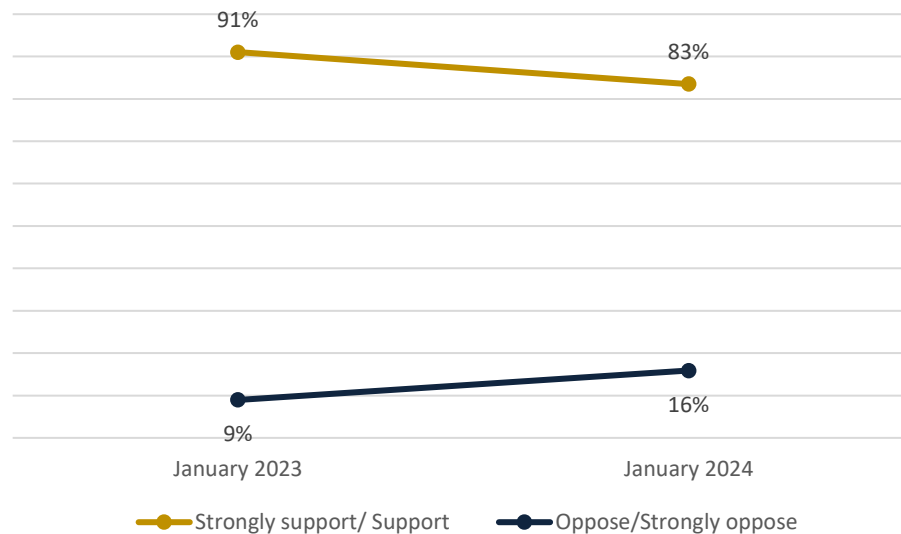
Pregnancy Resource Centers

Do you strongly support, support, oppose, or strongly 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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	Strongly Support/Support	Oppose/Strongly Oppose
Pro-Life	89%	11%
Pro-Choice	80%	19%
Democrat	75%	25%
Republican	90%	9%
Independent	88%	11%

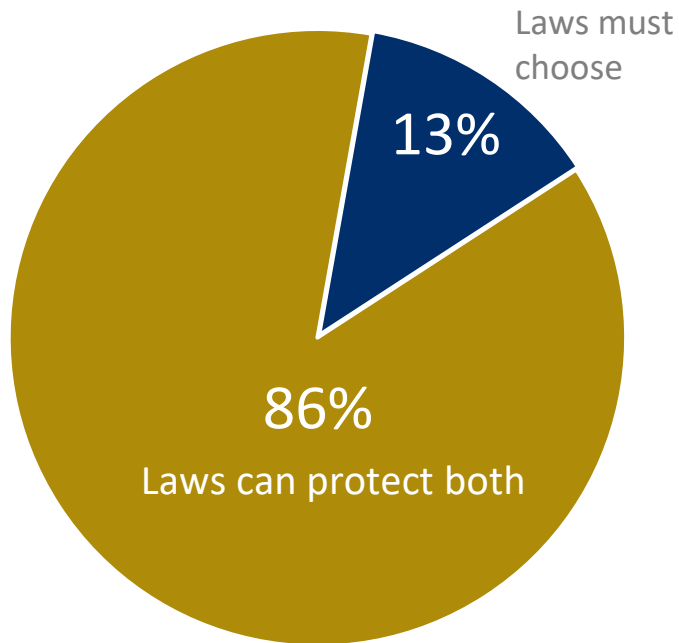


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Laws Can Protect Both

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

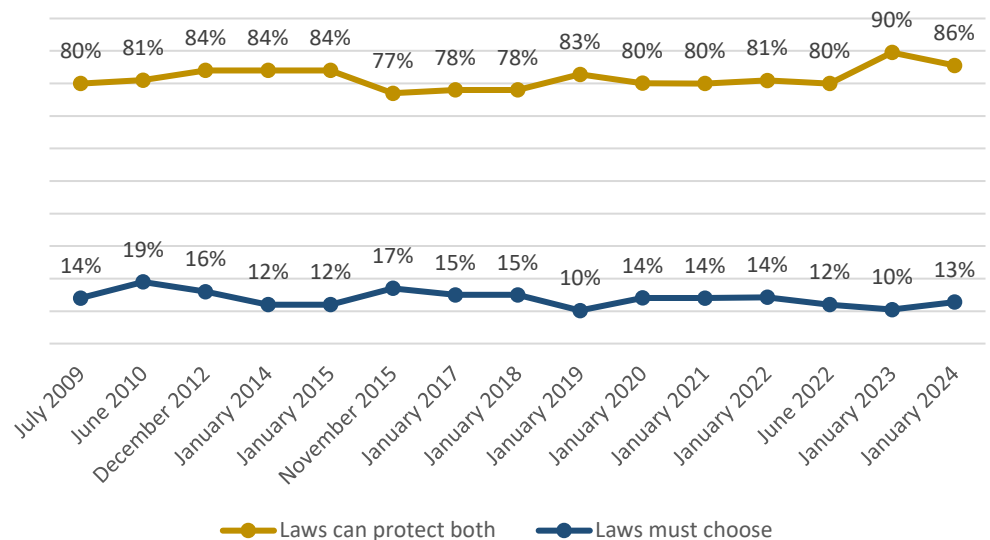


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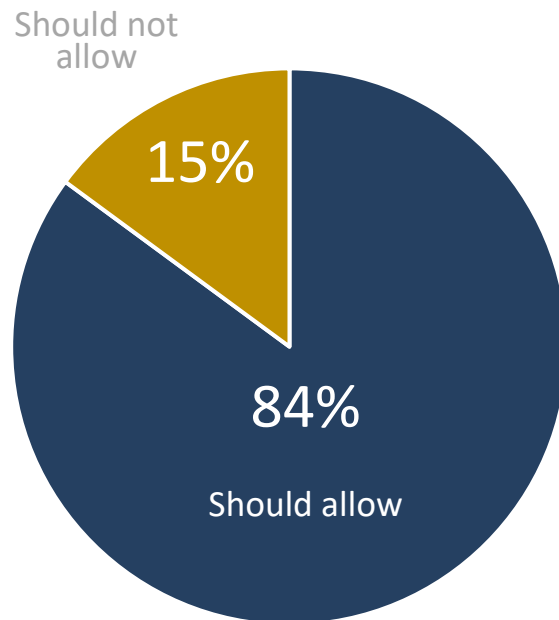
Laws can protect both

Laws must choose

Pro-Life	94%	4%
Pro-Choice	80%	19%
Democrat	81%	18%
Republican	90%	8%
Independent	87%	11%



Regardless of your position on abortion, if there were laws which limit when abortion is allowed, do you think these limits: Should allow exceptions for rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother at any time during pregnancy or should not allow for any exceptions?



- Should allow exceptions for rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother at any time during pregnancy
- Should not allow for any exceptions

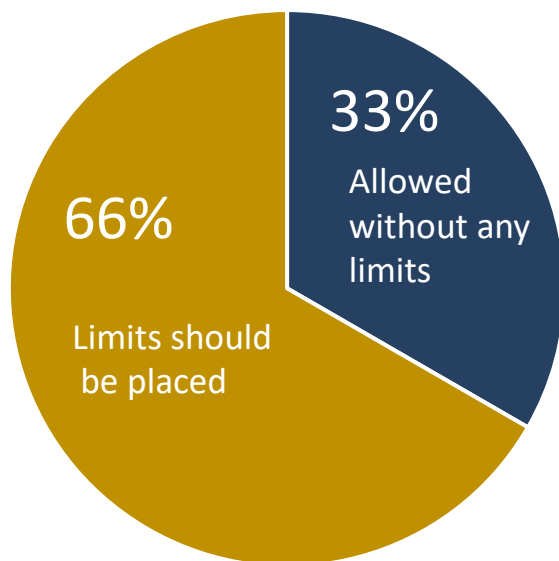
	Should allow exceptions	Should not allow exceptions
Pro-Life	70%	27%
Pro-Choice	93%	6%
Democrat	89%	10%
Republican	79%	20%
Independent	85%	13%

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Placing Limitations on Abortion

*If you had to choose, which of the following statements comes closer to your view:
Limits should be placed on when abortion is allowed or abortion should be allowed
without any limits?*



- Abortion should be allowed without any limits
- Limits should be placed on when abortion is allowed

Limits should be
placed on abortion

Abortion should be
allowed without
limits

Pro-Life	91%	9%
Pro-Choice	48%	51%
Democrat	49%	50%
Republican	84%	15%
Independent	66%	34%

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- This survey of 1,371 adults was conducted January 8th through January 9th, 2024 by the Marist Poll sponsored in partnership with the Knights of Columbus.
- Survey questions were available in English or Spanish. Phone and online samples were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its adult population. The samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2022 American Community Survey 5-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region.
- Results are statistically significant within ± 3.6 percentage points. There are 1,254 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.8 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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