

# ABORTION POST-ROE

## INSIGHTS FROM THE FIELD



# AWARENESS OF ROE V. WADE BEING OVERTURNED BY SCOTUS

**How much have you seen, heard, or read about the U.S. Supreme Court overturning the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion nationwide?**

	Democrat	GOP	Independent	Undecided/Independent
When asked, a significant majority of voters indicated that they were very aware of SCOTUS' decision to overturn Roe v. Wade.				
<b>A Lot</b>	97	88	91	90
<b>Some</b>	2	9	7	8
<b>Only a Little</b>	0	2	1	1
<b>Nothing at All</b>	1	2	1	1

*n=3238, Future Majority Choice 9-state poll, July '22*

**98%** of participants answered "a lot" or "some"

**02%** of participants answered "nothing at all" or "only a little"

# SENTIMENT AROUND ROE V. WADE BEING OVERTURNED BY SCOTUS

## Which of the following best describes how you feel about the country after the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade?

Emotional reactions to Roe were split along party lines, with Democrats reporting feeling angry, demoralized and frustrated and Republicans reporting feeling hopeful and proud. Independents were split on both positive and negative sentiment, yet undecided Independents skewed negative in their sentiment.

	Democrat	GOP	Independent	Undecided/Independent
Angry	55	4	26	29
Demoralized	17	2	11	16
Frustrated	12	5	11	14
Sad	7	3	6	8
Depressed	6	0	3	3
Confused	1	3	4	5
Not Interested	0	7	6	9
Hopeful	1	39	20	12
Proud	0	20	8	3
Inspired	0	8	3	1
Excited	0	7	2	0

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“The vast majority of abortions performed in the US are done for medical reasons, and far more than growing babies lives will now be in jeopardy if dangerous pregnancies are forced to be carried to term...being the party of pro-life should mean you care about the mother's lives too. We are going backwards as a country into an

increasingly conservative partisan country towards the beginnings of a Christian theocracy with no separation between church and state.”

“it impedes fundamental rights we supposedly have of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. People w/ female reproductive systems (including CHILDREN) will literally die or experience physical illness and/or trauma that may never be rectified. The old men/people who make/decide laws don't even know basic science, yet they decide over our bodies. It's ridiculous & empowers abusive men including literal rapists.”

“to me it seems as though the government or hierarchy is trying to tell a woman a female on earth what to do with her body that negative to me - I thought my body was mine.”

“I feel like this a major setback for women, women's rights, and just America as a whole. This is a decision that should be dictated a woman and their own body. It should not be dictated by politicians, religious people, or typical males. We are only endangering women by doing this and the potential children that may arise from. The statement that children can be safe and live a long life is so sad when we have mass shootings at schools several times a year. Quite ironic and sad...”

“I have negative feelings about the fact the old men can determine what a woman can or cannot do to their body. I have mixed feelings about abortion as I understand the necessity in some scenarios but I also don't agree with those that choose as a default method of birth control. I feel it is a precursor to other laws being overturned.”

“I feel the only reason Roe vs Wade was overturned because the white population is decreasing. In America, racism will always be alive. America want to make sure they keep the right people in powder.”

“I feel negatively about this ruling because I don't believe it was done out of concern for the death of innocent babies. It's more about politics and “winning”.

“As a woman, I feel attacked. I feel as if I've had the wind knocked out of me, and I have a deep sense of fear for my daughter and my niece who will have to grow up without autonomy over their own bodily decisions. I'm also angry for having rights stripped away from me.”

“I hate it. It's a sign of things to come, overreaching, unsafe”

“I resent the fact that other people are trying to tell women what to do and how to take care of their bodies. I do not like abortion, however in most cases it is used prudently as no one really likes abortion. Women need to have the option to terminate a pregnancy if their health is at risk, their babies health is at risk. And there are other extenuating circumstances as to why they cannot see this pregnancy to term. We are going backwards as a nation.”

“I feel scared honestly. I feel scared for this country and how the nation is supposedly “changing”, some say it's for the better but honestly I think we are heading into a destination of chaos. As a woman, I feel betrayed that my rights have been taken away. I feel betrayed that the government, the ruler of this nation, thinks it has a decision on my reproductive rights and my body specifically. There are so many cases in which abortion is needed in order for the mother to live due to health problems but the government overlooked that scenario. The government overlooked the problematic case of foster care in this nation, the unemployment rates of mothers/ or those who can perceive, the mental and physical state of those who can perceive, and the numerous voices of women sexually violated and have been impregnated with their rapist's child. That is the government we follow today, the supreme court justices do not care, at least for those who voted to overturn Roe vs. Wade.”

“I feel that Congress has been lazy about codifying abortion rights into law and instead relied on the courts ruling to create the de facto rule of law.”

“I am pro-life, but I can understand how women feel about this due to the fact that they are still fighting the battles that their mothers and grandmothers fought. Also, women who have difficult pregnancies and miscarriages can now be prosecuted.”

**“As a Christian, I am happy to see this happen. I hate that unborn babies are casually murdered as easily as removing a skin tag. A woman had consensual, unprotected sex, she's pregnant, and it's not a good time for a baby so she'll get rid of it and go on with her life as normal. For these discarded babies, I weep. However, I do not agree that medical interventions should be withheld from women experiencing an ectopic pregnancy because the physician might lose his/her license. Even Catholic hospitals will perform a procedure when the baby isn't viable and the mother's life is at risk. There has to be an agreement in here somewhere. As much as I hate abortion, I don't want to see any woman be at risk of losing her life. In a perfect world, men and women would work together to obtain birth control before having sex. Rape and incest, however, are another story. I do know of women who were raped and kept the baby or gave it up for adoption to a couple whose empty arms ached for a baby to love. I admit to being a fence sitter on the matter of pregnancy due to rape or incest.”**

“Because congress is more concerned about gun laws, than they are a women's rights. It's a shame that weapons mean more to them than the right of choice!”

“I completely understand and to some degree agree that the state's should be considered for whether they determine laws relating to morality vs being instituted by the national government. This Federal vs State laws debate is a legitimate argument. What I hate about this decision is: 1) The Supreme Court Justices that voted to overturn it specifically went on record before they were confirmed stating that they would NOT overturn Roe v Wade. This by definition means that they deceived the entire country to get their job. One guy on the court raped a woman and fortunately didn't get her pregnant. But if he had in today's world, that woman would've had to carry the baby to term. 10 months of her life directly changed, a lifetime of pain/regret if she has to give up the baby for adoption. Even with this likely scenario playing out all over, they still overturned 50 years of precedence. 2) The complete lack of rational concern for what this decision will mean for the 63% of people in the country that believe women should have the right to decide whether they are pregnant or not. Many states do not even make a distinction between a man forcing his penis on a woman illegally (rape) and a lovingly married couple that decide that after 5 kids they really can't have another. 3) The other issue that I cannot stand is the pride with which people that feel strongly about one side of the conversation are giddy about forcing their beliefs on others. The irony here is that the Republicans claim to be all about the government staying out of people's lives but for some unknown reason think that doesn't apply to women's bodies.”

# OVERTURNING OF ROE V. WADE

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## ***What does the overturning of Roe v. Wade say about the United States as a nation?***

An overwhelming majority of our gettable voters expressed deep grief around the overturning of Roe v. Wade, concluding that the judicial action had both deep implications for Americans who would be impacted directly but also for Americans' broader perception of where the country was going, what the United States actually is, who is cared for in this country and where the priorities for the nation actually lie.

### IT'S ALL ABOUT POWER

"That there is NO interest in discussing the other side of a conflict. **Whoever has the power at that moment in time will FORCE THEIR WILL on others.** The pendulum swing every political cycle could destroy our country. I'm getting a panic attack just writing this down."

### OUR LEADERS ARE COWARDS

"**I think it says that our leaders are cowards** and the people of our nation are fed a media diet that lacks substance and nuance. President Barack Obama, former Senate Major Leader Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi had the ability to codify abortion rights into law when the Senate had a super majority ~2009. They failed to do so despite using it as a wedge campaign issue/boogey man for so long."

### WE DON'T CARE ABOUT (ALL) OUR PEOPLE

"I think ending the right to abortion shows **we only care about half of our population** (males) and don't care about a woman's right to choose what happens to her own body."

"Says that a **few people in power have a lot more say than the collectiveness** of all the women of childbearing age."

### U.S. IS PROCHILD (MINORITY OPINION)

"**I feel that the United States as a nation believes in pro life.** I felt that it would one day overturn but never in my lifetime. I feel that the United States as a nation believes we shouldn't be killing innocent babies all over the country. We need to encourage couples to marry and to have a family. We need more resources for women who want other options like adoptions and immediate access to birth control."

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## *What does the overturning of Roe v. Wade say about the United States as a nation?*

### IT'S HYPOCRITICAL

**"I think that the overturning of Roe v. Wade just shows how contradictory and divided the United States as a nation is.** From what I can see, it's mostly Republicans who are Pro-Life, but those same republicans aren't tough on gun control. Those same republicans are the ones who wants to cut programs that benefit people who live in poverty. So, what will they do when even more babies are born in poverty, complain about where their tax dollars are going, or help take care of those children generously?"

**"It makes the United States look hypocritical.** We claim to be progressive; however, this decision sets us back. When it comes to wearing masks or getting vaccinated, the same group of people pushing back and saying government shouldn't tell us what to with our bodies, are some of the same individuals who support the the overturning of Roe v. Wade."

### WE ARE FOCUSING ON THE WRONG THINGS

**"We are focusing on issues that should not even be discussed.** We have more important issues to fix and we are putting our energy into the wrong areas."

### WE ARE NOT A DEMOCRACY - WE ARE A THEOCRACY

"This **nation is ruled by the antiquated religious ideals of a fanatical few.**"

"It says **we are not a democracy. We are controlled by white men.**"

"We **don't believe anymore in the justice system** ( supreme courts) it should not be a political branch!!! Are politics more important than the rights of the people and our well being? It's a shame where we are headed as a country. What's next?"

**"It proves again that what the majority of people want means nothing.** It says that nothing is sacred -nothing is guaranteed especially if you are not a white, older Christian man or woman that identifies as a republican. The majority of us are not in that demographic, but our wants dont matter. They are afraid of becoming the minority and losing their privilege (or so they believe)."

### WE ARE ALL ABOUT CONTROL, NOT FREEDOM

"It says that **United States will be in control of a lot more** than we know."

"That **we do not allow freedom of choice.**"

"I think it is **people who are in control thinking about themselves from a political perspective and no one else.**"

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### WE ARE GOING BACKWARDS

**“We are going backwards instead of moving forward - we need NEW, FRESH blood in the White House.”**

**“We are going backwards in terms of protecting rights.** It is interesting that Mexico, which is a majority Catholic nation, legalized abortion recently. The United States went the other way.”

**“We are going backwards as a country into an increasingly conservative partisan country towards the beginnings of a Christian theocracy** with no separation between church and state.”

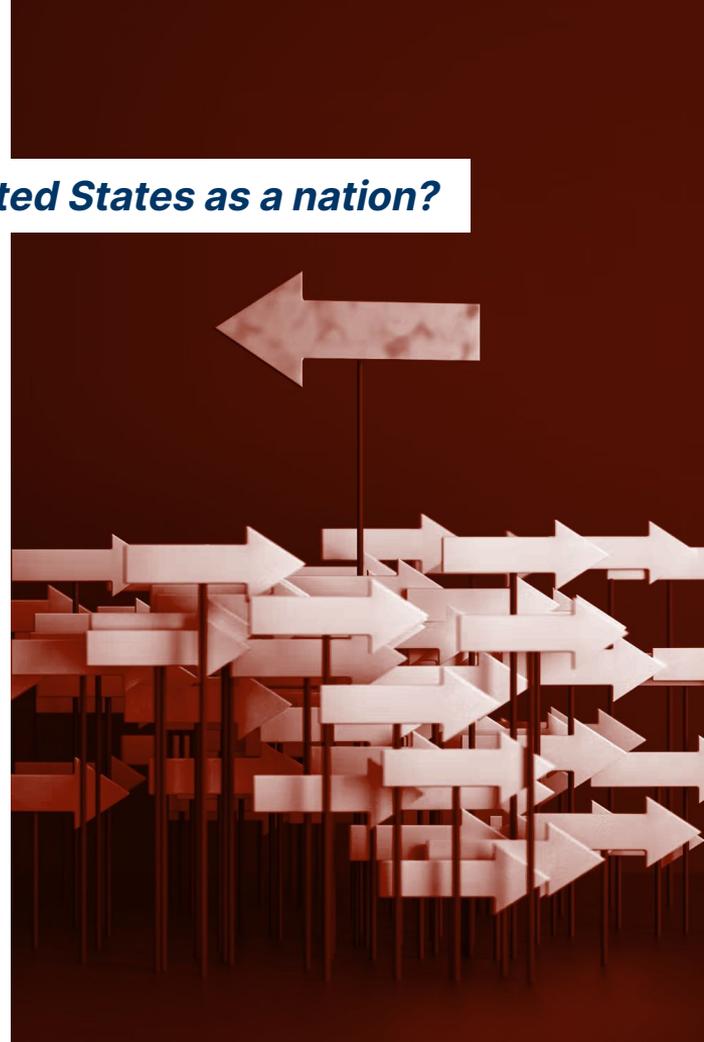
“It says that **we are regressing as a nation** - overturning over 50 years of precedent is horrific and shows how the Supreme Court's power needs better checks and balances.”

**“We are turning back time and not progressing.** We are governed by people who don't represent us. It doesn't matter what the majority want, it just matters what the Republicans/Religious/Minority of People want... This won't be the first thing they overturn - it is only the beginning of the end.”

“The overturning of Roe v. Wade is just **the latest example of the slow, methodical dismantling of the American Government** and democratic system started by "conservatives" around the turn of this century. America is broken, but the system is working exactly as it was designed (and modified) to operate.”

**“It says that we are going back in time,** all the progress women have made so far has been in vain. America is not progressing, instead we are getting worse by the day. It is such a shame.”

**“It means we are going backwards.** It appears the US is becoming more conservative and less open-minded to different types of people. It makes me feel unsure about the future of the US - I didn't trust the politicians in office before this, and now I feel even worse about them. I think almost everyone in positions of power has had a role in this - there could have been more preventative measures taken from all parties.”



# IMPACT OF ROE V. WADE ON POLITICAL PARTY PERCEPTIONS

Please indicate how you feel about the Democratic and Republican parties after the overturning of Roe v. Wade

## RE: THE PARTIES

“Even though the Dems are in control of the House and Senate they can't pass legislation to stop filibusters and codify gun safety laws, abortion, etc. They are not ruthless like the republicans are-**Mitch McConnell lied in regards to appointing Supreme Court judges during Obama's term and they took advantage.** We need to elect hard line, true Dems, replace Sinema and Manchin and get things done.”

The Democratic Party	Democrat	GOP	Independent	Undecided/Independent
More Positively	32	3	9	4
More Negatively	28	76	58	51
No Difference	41	21	34	45
The Republican Party	Democrat	GOP	Independent	Undecided/Independent
More Positively	1	63	21	4
More Negatively	93	7	51	56
No Difference	6	30	29	41

“**Neither Republicans nor Democrats are capable of crossing the aisle.** They both have been using politics for gain and not listening to the will of the people. A majority of US citizens did not want this decision, yet there was nothing we could do to change it and now have to deal with the repercussions.”

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# IMPACT OF ROE V. WADE ON POLITICAL PARTY PERCEPTIONS

Please indicate how you feel about the United States and the Supreme Court after the overturning of Roe v. Wade

## RE: THE COUNTRY AND COURT

**“The United States is a joke right now.** I cannot believe that we are going back into the stone times where there is was so much racism, inequality and no women rights. Our economy is getting worse by the day as well. The president needs to step it up and stop blaming others for his bad work. The democratic party is blaming everyone else right now instead of taking action and making changes. The republicans are just talking shit everywhere they go, and are getting their way..like they are the richest people so because of them being rich, they are privileged, choosing whatever they want. **The Supreme Court is a joke, taking away women’s rights with this decision, they need more women in charge** instead.”

**“I am disappointed that the supreme court went against the prior judgment to allow rights for people to decide what to do with their bodies.”**

The U.S.	Democrat	GOP	Independent	Undecided/Independent
More Positively	3	65	28	16
More Negatively	87	11	50	56
No Difference	10	24	22	28

The U.S. Supreme Court	Democrat	GOP	Independent	Undecided/Independent
More Positively	1	74	35	18
More Negatively	97	10	55	63
No Difference	2	16	10	19

“It’s an overreach. We are moving backwards, back to the dark ages. **People, especially the Supreme Court, are hypocrites and filled with old men who have no idea** what being a woman is like.”

“Not one person should be dictated. **This is not a dictatorship here. This is women's rights. Who is going to feed and clothe all of these babies?** Now we need welfare reform.”

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# FINALLY, MY RIGHTS MATTER.

IMPACT OF ROE V. WADE OVERTURN - MINORITY CONSERVATIVE OPINION

*This overturn was difficult to attain. As a conservative, I felt my rights to free speech had been suppressed. Now I can finally breathe. The Republican party has been shown outward, visible support. There could be other closet Democratic supports. This will lead to a path of change in a positive, innovative direction. It could have a profound impact on relationships. My confidence in the Supreme Court to decide issues objectively has increased.*

# WHO ARE VOTERS HOLDING RESPONSIBLE FOR ROE V. WADE'S OVERTURN?

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## Which of these groups (other than the justices themselves) do you believe are most responsible for the court handing down this decision?

Aside from the justices, voters assigned blame across the board for the overturning of Roe v. Wade, however, the majority assigned blame to Republicans, including Republican elected officials who held up judicial appointments under Obama and Right wing activists who have pushed for conservative judges for decades.

**50%** Republican elected officials, including Mitch McConnell, who held up appointments under Obama and pushed Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation through eight days before the election

**21%** Right wing activists that have pushed for conservative judges for decades

**14%** Democrats, who could have fought harder, including codifying abortion protections into law

**11%** Don't know/not sure

**01%** Progressive activists that weren't focused enough

**01%** None of these people/someone else

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# IMPACT FROM THE OVERTURNING OF ROE V. WADE

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## How do you envision the overturning of Roe v. Wade will impact your life and the lives of others in your life? Do you think it will impact things like access to birth control or IVF, as some have speculated?

**For many, the overturning of Roe doesn't have a direct impact on their lives** – they're past their childbearing years, are done having children, or are a man – **but they have concerns about the women in their lives:** “I am thankful this will not affect me personally. For my children, grandchildren, and many more to come after, I feel sorry that they already are having their rights revoked.”

**A small number of voters indicated that they hoped access to contraception would increase to mitigate the need for abortions** post-Roe, like “offer[ing] free or better programs [for] control.” Others in the small majority who felt more positively about the overturning of Roe “hope that it will make people more aware that they need to be more responsible about the choices they make” or that it will lead to “greater responsibilities for dads [and] easier pathways to adoption.”

**Others worried about the strain on already overburdened systems** with “the Republican party and the religious right[’s]... belief in birthing a child at all cost[s].” One pointed out the already “overburdened adoption system” while another said, “my biggest concern is right now it doesn't seem as if we have the proper plans in place to give people in need and children what they require.”

**Overwhelmingly, there was a sense that overturning Roe was only the beginning** – “if they can get away with overturning this landmark case, who knows how far they will go to limit our freedom.” Various fears were expressed as they expect “Republicans will take it to the extreme,” among them:

- “It will impact everything. Next is limited access to birth control, essentially controlling our sex lives and forcing us to bear children. They are coming for everything.”
- “I think it can impact woman's right to privacy. People will want access to our private health information to ensure we are on our periods or not currently pregnant. I think it's a slippery and scary slope.”
- “It appears that it is going to affect women who need medication after having a miscarriage. It will have far reaching implications.”
- “I think birth control and IVF will be targeted next by the Supreme Court and Republicans as they have hinted/sort of mention doing so.”

**“It may not impact me but it will impact my children, grandchildren, and others I love and like. It will impact access to birth control, IVF, and medical care that is female-focused. It will spillover into marriage rights, what happens in our private homes, and equality/justice for all.”**

# OVERTURNING OF ROE V. WADE

## What does the overturning of Roe v. Wade make you want to do, if anything?

### GET IT BACK AND GO BACK IN TIME

“**Get it reinstated back** but honestly I don’t know how we as a Nation could do that.”

“It makes me **want to go back in time** and change this issue”

### I DON'T KNOW, WILL ANYTHING WORK?

“Scream, rant, rave, cry, worry,...**none of it will do any good though.**”

“I don’t believe protests will work. I’m not sure funding appropriate organizations like Planned Parenthood will work. **I think, as a whole, I am powerless.** My voting rights and those rights of others are being limited, so even voting is impacted. So all I can do is help those who are impacted with a route to an abortion either by helping with accommodation or travel. I have made it clear to my children that I will support them in their decisions emotionally and financially. And I will consider moving out of this country because I know what history says about countries like ours.”

### ALTER MY BODY

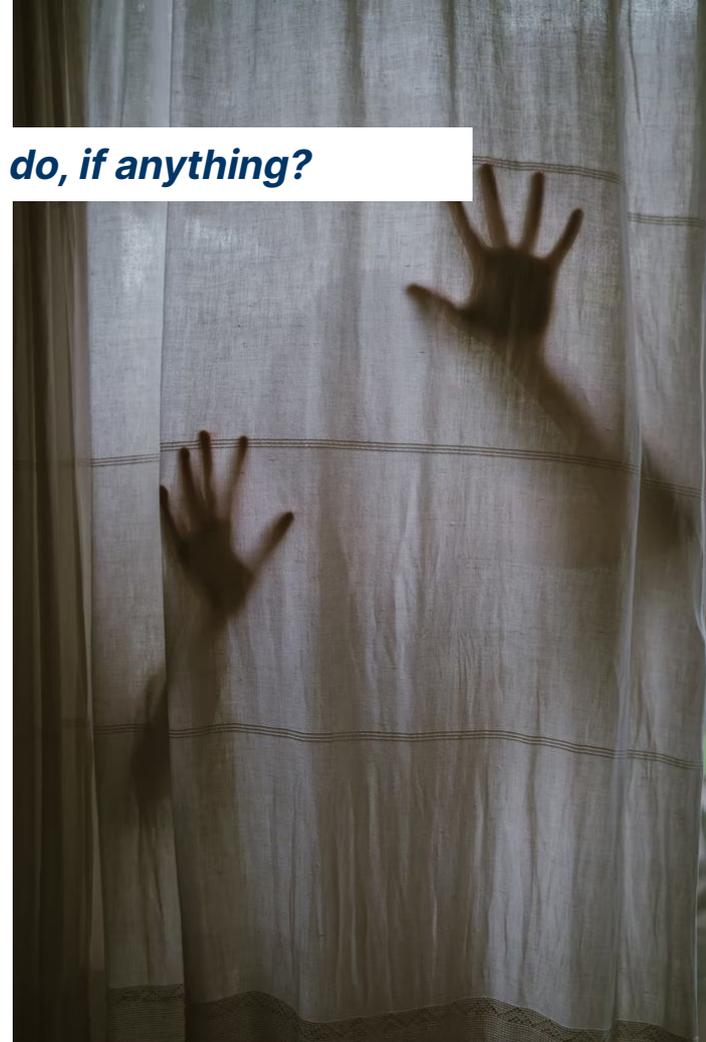
“I want to **get my tubes tied just in case** I ever get raped and forced to carry to term.”

### LEAVE THE COUNTRY

“It makes me want to **leave the country with my children.** It makes me want to scream and mourn the life I envisioned for my daughters and son.”

### PRAY

“**I want to pray more - for healing, for peace, for lives to be saved.** I will not write to my elected officials as we don’t see eye-to-eye on many topics. I will not participate in pro-choice marches or rallies.



## *What does the overturning of Roe v. Wade make you want to do, if anything?*

### BURN IT ALL DOWN

- “Flee the country. Punch a Republican. Throttle Mitch McConnell. Smack Joe Biden. Vote for a progressive Democrat.”
- “Impeach everyone on the Supreme Court!”
- “Where are checks and balances when SCOTUS blows it? I want to dissolve the entire political structure and establish a rule of Philosopher Kings.”
- “It makes me want to yell at the government for taking my rights and the rights of others. It makes me angry for being born in this country we call the “land of the free”. It makes me angry that I am a citizen of this country. Most importantly it makes me want to leave this country if this is how our government going to act. I don't wish to raise my future children here if their rights are going to be taken away.”
- “Burn It all to the ground. It should've been done long ago. The status quo needs to be interrupted and there is no such thing as a bloodless coup.”
- “Kinda makes me want to go out and burn shit down, kinda makes me want to learn to perform safe abortions and act outside the system to help people out, kinda makes me want to take my kids and leave the US, kinda makes me want to just detach and take my kids to build a cabin in the woods somewhere and live outside modern society.”
- “It makes me want to leave this country to somewhere women are better appreciated and progressed forward not backwards.”
- “I want to vote everyone out of office right now. Start over with new people across the board.”



# ON LEGALITY OF ABORTION

## Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

When asked, Democrats indicated support for abortion to be legal in most or all cases (98%), whereas Republicans indicated opposition to abortion in most or all cases (75%). Both Undecided Independent voters and Independent voters indicated majority support for abortion to be legal in all or most cases (76% of Undecided Independents; 65% Independent voters).

	Democrat	GOP	Independent	Undecided/Independent
Legal in All Cases	66	6	31	36
Legal in Most All Cases	32	18	34	40
Illegal in Most Cases	2	61	28	21
Illegal in All Cases	0	14	7	4

**61%** of participants answered “legal in all cases” or “legal in most cases”

**39%** of participants answered “illegal in all cases” or “illegal in most cases”

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# ABORTION EXCEPTIONS: IF ILLEGAL, WHEN STILL OKAY TO ABORT?

## When should abortion still be legal?

As might be expected, a majority of Americans support the right to an abortion in case of rape (82%), incest (83%), when pregnancy poses a risk to the life of the mother (88%), when the pregnancy is not viable (80%) and for minors who are rape/incest victims (85%). Democrats, Independents, and undecided Independents overwhelmingly favor the right to an abortion, up through the second trimester, though support from Independents and Undecided Independents diminishes in the second trimester onwards. This is in strong contrast to Republicans, of whom a minority support abortion rights, even in the first six weeks (39%), with diminishing support onwards.

Do you think abortion should be legal?	Democrat			GOP			Independent			Undecided/Independent		
	Yes	No	Not Sure	Yes	No	Not Sure	Yes	No	Not Sure	Yes	No	Not Sure
<b>In cases of rape</b>	99	0	1	66	21	13	83	9	8	86	8	5
<b>In cases of incest</b>	99	0	1	68	20	12	84	9	7	86	8	6
<b>When pregnancy poses a risk to the life of the mother</b>	99	0	0	77	12	12	89	4	7	92	2	6
<b>When the pregnancy is not viable</b>	97	1	2	62	21	17	83	8	9	85	5	10
<b>For minors who are the victims of rape or incest</b>	99	0	1	70	17	12	86	7	6	88	6	6
<b>In the first 6 weeks</b>	96	2	3	39	47	14	70	20	9	71	17	12
<b>In the first trimester (12-14 weeks)</b>	92	3	5	27	60	12	62	28	10	66	22	12
<b>In the second trimester (14-26 weeks)</b>	70	11	19	6	85	8	37	46	18	37	42	21
<b>After the second trimester</b>	50	21	29	4	90	6	22	55	23	24	49	28

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# BANNING ABORTION: TIMELINE OF SUPPORT

## If abortion is banned, when should abortion be banned?

As pregnancies progress, support for abortion access diminishes over time, though there is a significant disparity in Democratic support for abortion access and Republican support, who, when they support abortion access, tend to only support it on occasion of rape, incest, and if the life of the mother is at risk (72% Republicans somewhat or strong support).

### I believe that abortion should be banned...

After 6 weeks	Democrat	GOP	Independent	Undecided/Independent
Strongly Agree	2	56	24	16
Somewhat Agree	3	16	9	9
Somewhat Disagree	7	10	11	12
Strongly Disagree	85	11	50	52
Not Sure	3	6	6	11

After midway through the 2nd Trimester (21 weeks)	Democrat	GOP	Independent	Undecided/Independent
Strongly Agree	7	72	36	30
Somewhat Agree	13	12	15	13
Somewhat Disagree	15	4	11	12
Strongly Disagree	55	7	28	28
Not Sure	10	4	10	18

After the 1st Trimester (12-14 weeks)	Democrat	GOP	Independent	Undecided/Independent
Strongly Agree	5	68	31	27
Somewhat Agree	8	15	13	10
Somewhat Disagree	12	5	10	12
Strongly Disagree	69	8	38	39
Not Sure	6	4	7	12

With exceptions for rape, incest, and protecting the life of the mother	Democrat	GOP	Independent	Undecided/Independent
Strongly Agree	7	48	24	15
Somewhat Agree	4	24	14	12
Somewhat Disagree	5	9	9	12
Strongly Disagree	83	14	49	52
Not Sure	1	4	4	8

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# LATE TERM ABORTIONS

## ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS

Two main lines of thought emerged for **those who believe that even later in pregnancy, the decision to have an abortion should be between a woman and her doctor.**

01. **The decision is highly personal and ultimately the woman's, not anyone else's or the governments, nor is any of their business.** One stated, *"Personally I think late term abortion is wrong but I'm a MAN and it's not my decision and I fully support women who make those decisions,"* while another claimed, *"I feel like it's wrong to kill a baby after a certain period of time but again that is my opinion that I do not have the right to force upon anyone."* For many, it was seen as a medical decision, and *"medical decisions should be made by medical people, not some self-absorbed politico."*
02. **Late-term abortions are rare, and done out of medical necessity in "dangerous, life-or-death circumstances."** Participants feel that late-term abortions are *"distractions used by conservatives"* and pro-life supporters *"to make it seem like it's normal, [when] in fact it's very rare."*

*"[Late-term abortion] is a medical determination that can save a life, not unlike an emergency appendectomy or heart surgery, and you don't see those being brought into question."*

For those who indicated they would be open to supporting bans on later-term abortions (i.e., after 15 weeks), a majority of **their support stems from their understanding of viability.** Some believe that *"once a fetus is viable outside the womb, it has rights"* and *"deserves to live."*

The idea of viability was **innately linked with the heartbeat of the fetus and the notion of personhood** for these participants. *"Life starts at the heartbeat"* and *"as soon as the fetus's heart starts to beat, it is a human and should be treated as one"* were common sentiments, although very few expressed support for abortion bans earlier than 15 weeks, such as the Texas Heartbeat Act (SB 8).

While some participants in this cohort did acknowledge exceptions to abortion in the case of rape or incest, they felt that they should be limited to as early as possible in the first trimester. However, there was **explicit support for late-term abortions if the health of the mother is at risk** – *"I think abortion should always be allowed if the mother's life is truly endangered."*

*"After 16 weeks, you have a fully formed child, and anything after that is murder."*

# INCREASED MOTIVATION TO VOTE BECAUSE OF ROE V. WADE OVERTURN

## As a result of the overturning of Roe v. Wade, are you more likely to vote in this November's midterm election?

For Democrats and Independents, the overturning of Roe v. Wade has created a big increase in motivation to turnout for the midterm elections (89% Democrats somewhat or much more motivated to vote; Independents 56% somewhat or much more motivated to vote). This is in contrast to Republicans, who had a 45% increase in intent to vote.

	Democrat	GOP	Independent	Undecided/Independent
Much More Motivated	81	39	46	39
Somewhat More Motivated	7	6	10	11
Makes No Difference	11	54	42	43
Somewhat Less Motivated	1	1	1	1
Much Less Motivated	1	1	2	6

**62%** of participants answered “much more” or “somewhat more” motivated

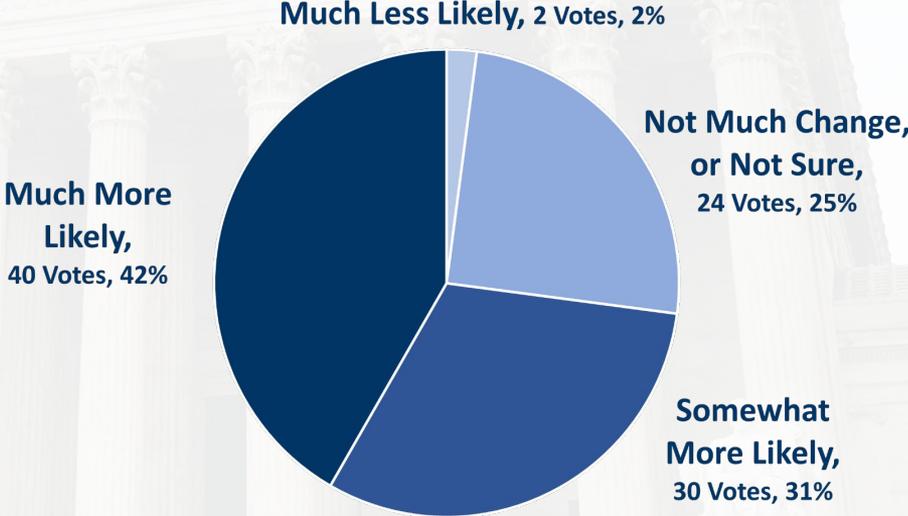
**02%** of participants answered “much less” or “somewhat less” motivated

n=3238, Future Majority Choice 9-state poll, July '22

# GETTING INVOLVED: ROE V. WADE AS A CATALYST TO ENGAGE

**As a result of the overturning of Roe v. Wade, are you more likely to get involved in some other way, including donating, volunteering, or talking to friends or family?**

For gettable Democratic voters, a significant majority (70%) indicated that they would be somewhat or much more likely to engage in donating, volunteering, or talking to friends or family as a result of the overturning of Roe v. Wade.



*n=100, Cross-State Study #2 Future Majority/Worthy Strategy Group Qual Study*

# GETTING INVOLVED: ROE V. WADE AS A CATALYST

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## If this applies to you, what would you like others to do, if anything? And what are the best ways for people to get involved, or ways you wish you or others could get involved?

Channeling frustration into action, our gettable voters expressed their belief in strength in numbers – that mobilization and collective action were the path forward. Contacting representatives on every level, voting en masse, and offering financial support to abortion funds and organizations were just some of the ways they want themselves and others to get involved.

### MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

“VOTE, **write letters to your Congressman/Congresswoman, Senator, Representative and local politicians expressing how you feel** and to urge them to do what they can in their power to help get this decision overturned.

“**Reach out to their local representatives**, and try to get change - that is why we elect these people into office to be our voice.”

### OFFER FINANCIAL SUPPORT

“I would like others to **donate to the abortion fund**, support their local planned parenthood locations, [and] help independent clinics.”

“I think **donating to other centers besides Planned Parenthood** is a good idea. Not that PP is bad, but **because other smaller locations may be able to help more of the neighboring communities.**”

### VOTE (FOR PROGRESSIVES, AGAINST REPUBLICANS)

“Get out and **vote for progressive candidates**. And support those candidates that uphold personal freedoms.”

“I want people to **vote these Republicans out** of office **before they destroy this entire country.**”

### MOBILIZE & TAKE ACTION

“Don’t just vote. **Actually get involved. Protest. Run for local office. Donate to abortion funds.**”

“I would like people to not be afraid to talk about it, **respectfully protest, attend city town halls, sign petitions, educate their families/friends, support groups, donate to organizations that are helping others, write to your elected politicians, and vote** no matter if you think your vote doesn't count. I think **people do better in numbers.** Learn from this.”

# ABOUT THE WORK

The work summarized in this presentation is reflective of an n=3238, Future Majority Choice 9-state poll, July '22 and a n=100 online qualitative ethnography of Senate Swing State gettable Democratic voters, collectively delivered by Future Majority, Change Research, and Worthy Strategy Group, LLC.

Since the 2020 election, Future Majority, with our partners at Change Research, has surveyed 81,410 voters. Future Majority, in partnership with Worthy Strategy Group, has also completed first-of-their-kind metaphor elicitation studies of American swing-state voters across the nation and in Pennsylvania, Texas, Florida, Nevada, North Carolina, Rural Wisconsin/Iowa/Minnesota, and Virginia, that provide a deep understanding of how voters see the Democratic and Republican parties, how they feel about America now and into the future, and where governing parties can connect with and deliver for the American voter.

Since its founding, Future Majority has surveyed 156,295 voters.

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