

TO: Interested Parties
FR: Mark Riddle, Future Majority President
RE: Voter Attitudes on Abortion and Freedom

Future Majority commissioned Change Research to survey voters about their views on abortion, reproductive rights, voting, and freedom. The survey of 5,953 voters in key swing states and congressional districts was conducted August 5-10, 2022.

- **A clear majority of swing state and congressional district voters oppose the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs* overturning *Roe v. Wade*.** 61% of voters oppose the Court's decision in *Dobbs* that takes away the constitutional right to an abortion, including 55% who strongly disapprove of the decision.
- **Voters support Congress passing a baseline law to guarantee access to abortion.** 60% of voters support the U.S. Congress passing a law to make it legal for a woman, no matter what state they live in, to receive an abortion during the first 24 weeks of pregnancy. 59% of voters say they support a national law "that would prohibit states from banning abortion before fetal viability, generally considered to be around 24 weeks, and allow states to create restrictions after 24 weeks except in cases of rape, incest, and the health of the mother."
 - **73% of voters agree** with the statement "Politicians representing states with no restrictions on abortion and those who represent states with complete abortion bans are making it harder to protect women now. Instead of demanding that the whole country adopt their state's laws, we need to establish baseline protections so that no 10-year-old rape victim is forced to go to another state to receive an abortion."
 - **75% of voters agree** with the statement "Young women and girls should not have fewer rights and freedoms in America today as their mothers and grandmothers."
 - **Voters broadly agree on protecting an individual's reproductive freedom beyond ensuring access to abortion.** 92% of voters support protecting personal data stored on reproductive health apps from government access, 91% support protecting access to contraception, 70% support a proposal that would prohibit states from requiring medically unnecessary doctor's visits.
- **A majority of voters support provisions of the Electoral Count Reform Act.** 55% of voters support proposed changes to the 1800's law, including raising the threshold needed to challenge any state's set of electors, making each state's Governor responsible for submitting the slate of state electors, and prohibiting state legislatures from overriding the popular vote in their state. Just 24% of voters oppose the proposals.

- **The Freedom Frame message is a winner across the political spectrum.** 84% of voters would consider voting for a candidate who has a message of: “Americans should have the freedom to live their lives without the fear of crippling healthcare costs,” 68% would consider voting for a candidate message of “Americans, and future generations of Americans, should have the freedom to breathe clean air and drink clean water, and to live without the constant threat of climate-related disasters.”
 - Specifically on the issue of abortion and reproductive freedom, the Freedom Framed message earns a +5% net gain in support. 87% agree with the statement “Every woman should have the freedom to choose for herself if, when, and with whom to start or grow a family.” 82% agree with the statement “A woman has the right to make her own reproductive medical decisions.”
- **Consistent with national polling trends, President Biden and the Democrats’ standing has improved with voters.** Democrats lead the generic congressional horserace 42-41 with 17% of voters saying they are undecided. President Joe Biden’s approval rating is 41%, up from our previous study, and in line with the FiveThirtyEight average of 40%.
 - **Partisan voters are motivated to vote. 77% of voters - 82% of Democrats, 82% of Republicans, and 68% of Independents - say they are extremely motivated to vote.** However, a stark deficit exists in voter enthusiasm for the 18–34-year-old voter cohort with just 59% saying they are extremely motivated to vote. This reflects a 13-point plus deficit with older voter cohorts whose enthusiasm is closer to the overall voter average.
- **Voters overwhelmingly support investing in local police departments.** 90% of voters – 96% of Democrats, 88% of Independents, and 85% of Republicans – support a proposal in Congress to provide local police departments with officer safety, de-escalation, and domestic violence response training, body cameras, expanded mental health resources for officers, and funding to recruit new police officers.

Additional Data - Freedom Frame - Reproductive & Abortion Rights

“Do you approve or disapprove of the recent decision by the majority in the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade and rule there is no Constitutional right to an abortion?”



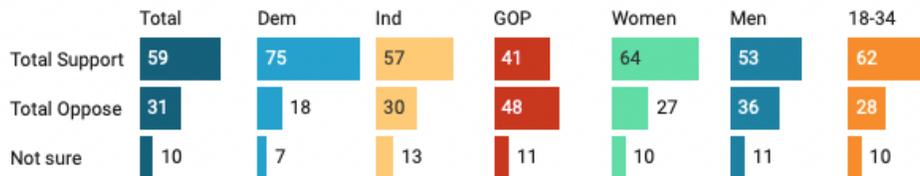
“Do you support or oppose the U.S. Congress passing a law to make it legal for a woman, no matter what state they live in, to receive an abortion during the first 24 weeks of pregnancy?”



“Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Politicians representing states with no restrictions on abortion and those who represent states with complete abortion bans are making it harder to protect women now. Instead of demanding that the whole country adopt their state’s laws, we need to establish baseline protections so that no 10-year-old rape victim is forced to go to another state to receive an abortion.”?”



“Do you support or oppose a national law that would prohibit states from banning abortion before fetal viability, generally considered to be around 24 weeks, and allow states to create restrictions after 24 weeks except in cases of rape, incest, and the health of the mother?”



“Do you think abortion should be legal...”

“In cases of rape?”



“In cases of incest?”



“When pregnancy poses a risk to the life of the mother?”

“When the pregnancy is not viable?”

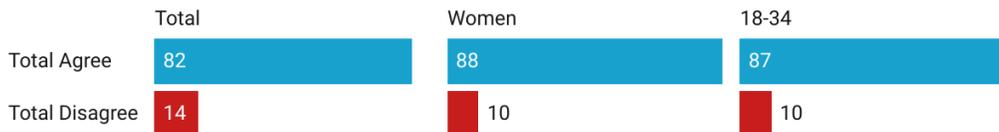
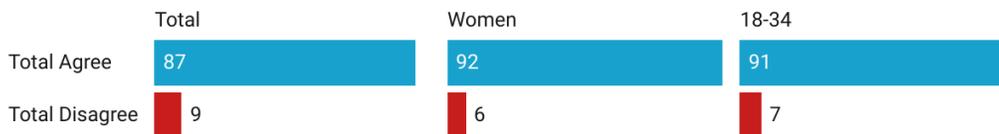
“For minors who are the victims of rape or incest?”

“In the first 6 weeks?”

“In the first trimester (12-14 weeks)?”

“If the fetus is early enough in pregnancy, it can’t survive outside the mother’s body - which is about 24 weeks?”


"After 24 weeks?"

"Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "A woman has the right to make her own reproductive medical decisions"?"

"Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Every woman should have the freedom to choose for herself if, when and with whom to start or grow a family"?"

"Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Every unborn life should have the same opportunity for freedom as the people who created them"?"

"Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Young women and girls should not have fewer rights and freedoms in America today as their mothers and grandmothers"?"

"Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Women should have the freedom to choose to have safe and legal abortions no matter what party controls their state's legislature"?"


“Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Women should have the freedom to have access to contraception in order to prevent pregnancy or limit the risk of becoming pregnant”?”



“Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Abortion is murder”?”



“Do you support or oppose the U.S. Congress passing a law to make it legal for a woman, no matter what state they live in, to receive an abortion during the first 14 weeks of pregnancy?”



“Do you support or oppose the U.S. Congress passing a law to make it legal for a woman, no matter what state they live in, to receive an abortion anytime during pregnancy?”



“Do you support or oppose the following proposal: Prohibiting states from requiring medically unnecessary doctor’s visits?”



“Do you support or oppose the following proposal: Protecting access to contraception?”



“Do you support or oppose the following proposal: Protecting access to abortion medication?”



“Do you support or oppose the following proposal: Allowing religious institutions to refuse to provide abortion services at their health care facilities?”



“Do you support or oppose the following proposal: Protecting personal data stored on reproductive health apps from government access?”



“Medical records in the U.S. show that 92.7% of abortions are performed before 14 weeks of pregnancy. Only 6.2% of all abortions happen between 14 and 20 weeks. Less than 1% of all abortions happen after 21 weeks. Knowing this, do you support or oppose the U.S. Congress passing a law to make it legal for a woman, no matter what state they live in, to receive an abortion during the first 24 weeks of pregnancy?”



Additional Data – Freedom Frame – Voting

“How concerned are you that the next President will be someone who got electoral college votes from states they did not win?”



“Congress uses a law from the 1800s to certify presidential elections. The states send “electors” to Congress to say who won in their state. Would you support or oppose a proposal to change that 1800s law to do the following:

- Raise the threshold needed to challenge any state's set of electors from one member of the Senate and House to 20 Senators and 87 House members
- Make each state's Governor responsible for submitting the slate of state electors and require Congress to defer to these electors
- Prohibit state legislatures from overriding the popular vote in their states by declaring a 'failed election' — a term that is not defined in the law
- Reaffirm that the Vice President’s role in the certification is ceremonial and he or she has no power in the proceedings”



“Do you support or oppose replacing the current system of states sending “electors” to Congress to pick a president and have the president be the person who wins the most votes nationwide?”



Additional Data - Freedom Frame - Messaging

“Would you vote for a candidate that has a message of: “Americans should have the freedom to live their lives without the fear of crippling healthcare costs””



“Would you vote for a candidate that has a message of: “Americans, and future generations of Americans, should have the freedom to breathe clean air and drink clean water and to live without the constant threat of climate-related disasters?””

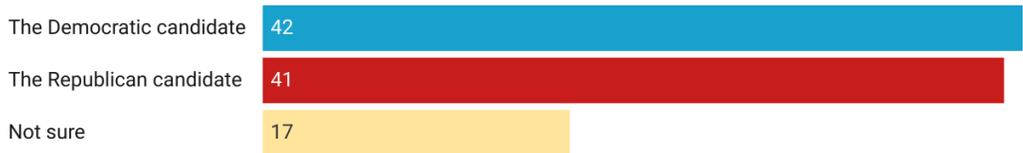


Additional Data - Political Landscape

“Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as President?”



“If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives was held today, who would you vote for?”



“How motivated are you to vote in the November election on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means you are not motivated at all and 10 means you are extremely motivated?”



“Do you support or oppose a proposal in Congress to provide local police departments with officer safety, de-escalation, and domestic violence response training, body cameras, expanded mental health resources for officers, and funding to recruit new police officers?”

