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Abortion: A Guide for Advocates

## Key Takeaways:

- Abortion access is seen as more at risk at the national level than the state level, with the exception of those who live in states with new restrictions on abortion access since the Dobbs decision.
- More than two in three Americans oppose criminally prosecuting patients who receive abortions and doctors who perform them.
- Nearly two in three say it is likely that if Republicans win control of the White House and Congress, they will pass a nationwide abortion ban; such a ban is opposed by almost seven in ten Americans.


## Abortion Access Seen As More in Peril Nationwide Than in Specific States, Except for Those in States With New Restrictions

Nearly seven in ten (69\%) say the right to an abortion is at risk nationwide, compared to about half ( $51 \%$ ) who say it is at risk in their state.

- Those who live in a state that has increased abortion restrictions post-Dobbs are much more likely to say the right to an abortion is at risk in their state ( $70 \%$, vs. $37 \%$ among those who live in states that have not increased restrictions since Roe was overturned).

What is your impression: the right to an abortion in our country...

|  | Is very much at risk | Is somewhat at risk | Don't know | Is secure | Total At Risk |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Overall | 48 | 21 | 16 | 15 | 69 |
| Democrats | 64 |  | 17 | $9 \quad 10$ | 81 |
| Independents | 43 | 18 | 25 | 14 | 60 |
| Republicans | 32 | 28 | 18 | 22 | 59 |
| Northeast | 45 | 25 | 14 | 16 | 70 |
| Midwest | 48 | 16 | 17 | 19 | 64 |
| South | 49 | 22 | 14 | 15 | 71 |
| West | 50 | 22 | 15 | 13 | 72 |
| New restrictions* | 47 | 22 | 14 | 17 | 69 |
| No new restrictions | 49 | 21 | 15 | 15 | 70 |

[^0]What is your impression: the right to an abortion in [STATE]...


## Nearly Two in Three Americans Would Vote to Protect Abortion in Their State Constitution

Majorities say they would vote to protect the right to an abortion at the state level, with large majorities of Democrats (net +75 would) and independents (net +37 ) indicating they would vote in favor of protecting abortion rights.

- Republicans are split: $44 \%$ would vote to protect abortion rights, while $48 \%$ would not.

If [STATE] held a vote on whether to protect the legal right to an abortion in the [STATE] constitution, would you vote to protect abortion rights in your state?

|  | Would vote to protect abortion | Not sure | Would not vote to protect abortion | Net Would Vote |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Overall | 64 | 9 | 27 | +37 |




## Prosecuting Patients Who Receive Abortions and Doctors Who Facilitate Them Are Both Deeply Unpopular

Prosecuting patients who receive abortions is even more unpopular (net -56 support) than prosecuting doctors who perform abortions (net -43), but both are deeply unpopular across party and racial lines.

- Seven in ten independents (70\%) and nearly two in three Republicans (64\%) oppose criminally prosecuting patients.
(Split sample) Do you support or oppose criminally prosecuting patients who receive abortions?



## Two in Three Say Republicans Will Try to Pass a Nationwide Abortion Ban - a Deeply Unpopular Policy

A majority of Americans (64\%) believe that it is likely that, if Republicans win control of government, they will pass a nationwide abortion ban, though just 32\% say it is "very likely." Two in three (67\%) oppose such a ban.


Nationwide surveys of registered voters; Each wave represents approximately 1,000 interviews taken over the prior three-five days. Latest wave conducted August 3-August 7, 2023. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.

## Most Concerning Post-Roe Outcomes Focus on Women's Health

At least two in three independents find each statement tested concerning.
Below are some outcomes that have occurred since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. For each, please indicate how concerning you find it. If you do not believe the statement, please indicate that option.


Total Concerning

| Overall | Dem | Ind | Rep |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 78 | 92 | 77 | 64 |
| 77 | 88 | 75 | 65 |
| 73 | 86 | 75 | 59 |
| 72 | 85 | 72 | 58 |
| 78 | 80 | 66 | 56 |
| 72 | 89 | 74 | 54 |
| 71 | 86 | 68 | 56 |
| 78 | 85 | 67 | 50 |

Nationwide survey of 1,000 registered voters conducted August 3-August 7, 2023.
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## A Range of Statements Around Abortion Access Are Deeply Concerning to Americans

Majorities of Americans find statements about Republicans trying to pass a nationwide abortion ban, fighting for a range of extremist policies including abortion bans and book bans, and passing near-total bans in 14 states concerning.
Below are some statements about abortion access in the United States. Please indicate how concerning you find each one - if you do not find the statement concerning or do not believe the statement, please indicate that option.

If Republicans win the White House and Congress in 2024,they will try to ban abortion nationwide. They fought for decades to overturn Roe $v$. Wade, and they were successful. Now they've already introduced a nationwide abortion ban in Congress, and even though it did not pass, they will try again

Republicans have been fighting for decades to ban abortion. Even in states where abortion is legal, these same politicians are trying to ban drag shows or ban books. No state is safe from this extremism unless we all come together to fight for what's right

Near-total bans on abortion have been enacted in 14 states, with even more states passing other new restrictions. Everyone should come together to protect the right to an abortion without political interference. Even people who live in states where abortion is legal should fight for what's right

|  | Somewhat | Don'tNotbelieve concerning |  |  | Total Concerning |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| concerning | concerning |  |  |  | Overall | Dem | Ind | Rep |
| 52 |  | 16 | 11 | 21 | 68 | 90 | 74 | 43 |
| 50 |  | 19 | 11 | 20 | 69 | 89 | 70 | 47 |
| 49 |  | 22 | 8 | 21 | 71 | 89 | 71 | 52 |

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## About Navigator

In a world where the news cycle is the length of a tweet, our leaders often lack the real-time public-sentiment analysis to shape the best approaches to talking about the issues that matter the most. Navigator is designed to act as a consistent, flexible, responsive tool to inform policy debates by conducting research and reliable guidance to inform allies, elected leaders, and the press. Navigator is a project led by pollsters from Global Strategy Group and GBAO along with an advisory committee, including: Jessica Floyd, The Hub Project; Christina Reynolds, EMILY's List; Mike Podhorzer, AFL-CIO; Jesse Ferguson, progressive strategist; Navin Nayak, Center for American Progress Action Fund; Stephanie Valencia, EquisLabs; and Melanie Newman, Planned Parenthood Action Fund.

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## About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted public opinion surveys among a sample of 1,000 registered voters from August 3-August 7, 2023. 101 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 73 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 105 additional interviews were conducted among independent voters. The survey was conducted online, recruiting respondents from an opt-in online panel vendor. Respondents were verified against a voter file and special care was taken to ensure the demographic composition of our sample matched that of the national registered voter population across a variety of demographic variables.


[^0]:    *"New restrictions" includes respondents who live in states that have increased abortion restrictions post-Dobbs. Nationwide survey of 1,000 registered voters conducted August 3-August 7, 2023.
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