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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.



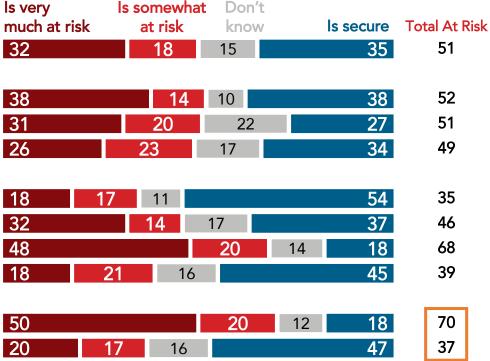
Abortion Access Seen As More in Peril Nationwide Than in Specific States, Except for Those in States With New Restrictions

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 somewhat Don't Is very much at risk at risk ls secure Total At Risk 48 69 Overall Democrats 64 81 Independents 43 60 59 Republicans 32 Northeast 45 70 Midwest 48 64 South 49 71 72 West 50 New restrictions* 47 69 14 70 No new restrictions 49

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





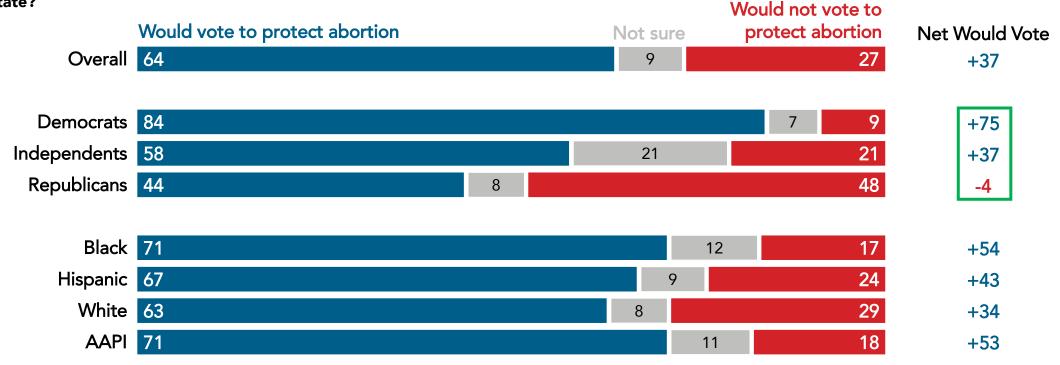
^{*&}quot;New restrictions" includes respondents who live in states that have increased abortion restrictions post-*Dobbs*. Nationwide survey of 1,000 registered voters conducted August 3-August 7, 2023. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.

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?





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?

(Split sample) Do you support or oppose criminally prosecuting doctors who perform abortions?

	Support Not sure	Oppose	Net Support
Overall	17 10	73	-56
Democrats	11 6	83	-72
Independents	13 17	70	-57
Republicans	24 12	64	-40
Black	15 11	74	-59
Hispanic	21 11	68	-47
White	17 9	74	-57
AAPI	8 18	74	-66

Support	Not sure		Oppose	Net Support
23	11		66	-43
14 5			81	-67
17	20		63	-46
34		16	50	-16
24	11		65	-41
20	8		72	-52
23	11		66	-43
23	12		65	-42

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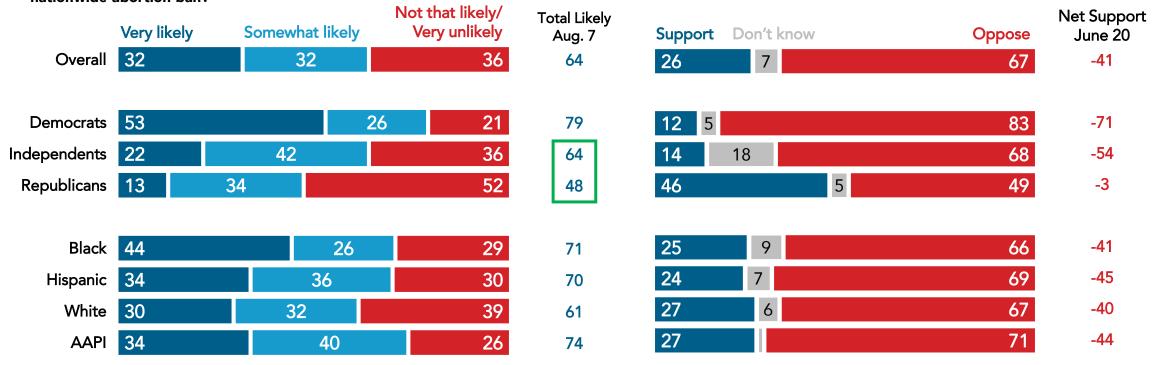


Two in Three Say Republicans Will Try to Pass a Nationwide Abortion Ban – a Deeply Unpopular Policy

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.

August 7th, 2023: Thinking ahead to 2024, if Republicans win control of the White House and Congress, how likely do you think it is that they would pass a nationwide abortion ban?

June 20th, 2023: Do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on abortion?





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

	Very concerning	Somewhat concerning	Don't believe	: e conc	Not erning	Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep
A ten-year-old rape victim was denied an abortion in her state because of her state's abortion ban	67			11 1	4 8	78	92	77	64
A woman who experienced a premature rupture of membranes at 18 weeks pregnant was forced to wait for her baby to die in the womb or suffer a severe infection before being allowed an abortion			1	3 1	8 5	77	88	75	65
After suffering a miscarriage, a woman was forced to carry her dead fetus in the womb for 2 weeks before being allowed an abortion	62		11	21	6	73	86	75	59
Doctors were forced to wait until a woman lost liters of blood and was on a ventilator before legally being allowed to intervene and perform an abortion	62		10	22	6	72	85	72	58
Some states are considering bills that would allow the death penalty as a potential punishment for women who have abortions	58		11	23	8	68	80	66	56
Some states have passed bills making abortion a criminal offense leading to jail time	57		15	11	17	72	89	74	54
Patients are being denied life-saving medication by pharmacists because they cannot prove it won't be used for an abortion			15	19	10	71	86	68	56
In states with abortion restrictions, infant mortality rates have increased by as much as 11.5% compared to before <i>Roe v. Wade</i> was overturned	49		18	21	12	68	85	67	50



A Range of Statements Around Abortion Access Are Deeply Concerning to Americans

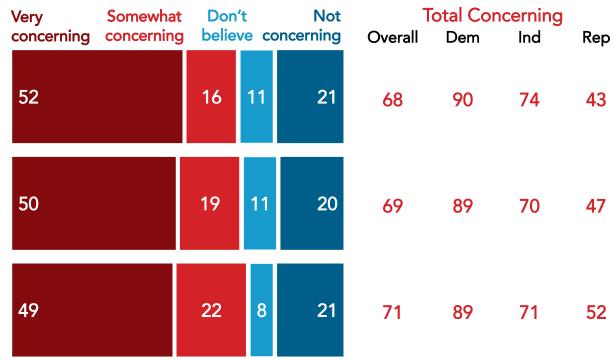
Majorities of Americans find statements about Republicans trying to pass a nationwide abortion ban, fighting for a range of extremist policies including abortion bans and book bans, and passing near-total bans in 14 states concerning.

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





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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.