

Abortion and Birth Control

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Polls listed chronologically. Data are from nationwide surveys of Americans 18 & older.

Gallup Poll. May 10-13, 2007. N=1,003 adults nationwide. MoE \pm 3.

"Do you think abortions should be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?"

| | Always Legal % | Sometimes Legal % | Always Illegal % | Unsure % |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 5/10-13/07 | 26 | 55 | 18 | 1 |
| 5/8-11/06 | 30 | 53 | 15 | 2 |
| 11/11-13/05 | 26 | 56 | 16 | 2 |
| 6/24-26/05 | 24 | 55 | 20 | 1 |
| 5/2-5/05 | 23 | 53 | 22 | 2 |
| 3/21-23/05 | 23 | 55 | 20 | 2 |
| 5/2-4/04 | 24 | 56 | 19 | 1 |
| 10/03 | 26 | 55 | 17 | 2 |
| 5/03 | 23 | 57 | 19 | 1 |
| 1/03 | 24 | 57 | 18 | 1 |
| 5/02 | 25 | 51 | 22 | 2 |
| 3/02 | 27 | 53 | 19 | 1 |
| 2/02 | 26 | 54 | 18 | 2 |
| 8/01 | 26 | 56 | 17 | 1 |
| 5/01 | 26 | 58 | 15 | 1 |
| 3/01 | 26 | 51 | 18 | 5 |
| 4/00 | 28 | 51 | 19 | 2 |
| 1/00 | 26 | 56 | 15 | 3 |
| 5/99 | 27 | 55 | 16 | 2 |
| 1/98 | 23 | 59 | 17 | 1 |
| 11/97 | 26 | 55 | 17 | 2 |
| 8/97 | 22 | 61 | 15 | 2 |
| 9/96 | 24 | 52 | 17 | 7 |
| 7/96 | 25 | 58 | 15 | 2 |
| 4/90 | 31 | 53 | 12 | 4 |
| 7/80 | 25 | 53 | 18 | 4 |
| 4/75 | 21 | 54 | 22 | 3 |
| 5/10-13/07 | 35 | 53 | 12 | |

"With respect to the abortion issue, would you consider yourself to be pro-choice or pro-life?"

| | Pro-Choice % | Pro-Life % | Mixed/ Neither (vol.) % | Don't Know What Terms Mean (vol.) % | Unsure % |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------|
| 5/10-13/07 | 49 | 45 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 5/8-11/06 | 51 | 41 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| 1/6-8/06 | 53 | 42 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 8/28-30/05 | 54 | 38 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| 7/22-24/05 | 51 | 42 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| 5/2-5/05 | 48 | 44 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| 10/14-16/04 | 52 | 41 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| 5/2-4/04 | 49 | 44 | 2 | 3 | 2 |

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| 10/24-26/03 | 48 | 45 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| 5/5-7/03 | 48 | 45 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| 5/6-9/02 | 47 | 46 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| 8/10-12/01 | 46 | 46 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| 8/3-5/01 | 52 | 39 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| 7/01 | 50 | 40 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| 5/01 | 48 | 42 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| 3/01 | 47 | 41 | 4 | 6 | 2 |
| 2/01 | 55 | 38 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| 10/00 | 47 | 45 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| 7/00 | 50 | 40 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| 4/00 | 48 | 43 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| 5/99 | 48 | 42 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| 1/98 | 48 | 45 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 11/97 | 51 | 40 | 3 | 3 | - |
| 8/97 | 47 | 44 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 7/96 | 53 | 36 | 5 | 3 | 3 |

"Would you like to see the Supreme Court overturn its 1973 Roe versus Wade decision concerning abortion, or not?"

| | Yes, Overturn % | No, Not Overturn % | Unsure % |
|------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 5/10-13/07 | 35 | 53 | 12 |
| 5/8-11/06 | 32 | 55 | 13 |
| 1/20-22/06 | 25 | 66 | 9 |
| 7/7-10/05 | 28 | 63 | 9 |

"Now I would like to ask your opinion about a specific abortion procedure known as 'late term' abortion or 'partial birth' abortion, which is sometimes performed on women during the last few months of pregnancy. Do you think that this procedure should be legal or illegal?"

| | Legal % | Illegal % | Unsure % |
|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| 5/10-13/07 | 22 | 72 | 5 |

"Thinking about how the abortion issue might affect your vote for major offices, would you only vote for a candidate who shares your views on abortion, or consider a candidate's position on abortion as just one of many important factors, or not see abortion as a major issue?" Options rotated

| | Must Share Views % | One of Many Factors % | Not a Major Issue % | Unsure % |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| 5/10-13/07 | 16 | 59 | 23 | 3 |
| 10/14-16/04 | 17 | 46 | 35 | 2 |
| 5/2-4/04 | 14 | 45 | 39 | 2 |
| 5/10-14/01 | 20 | 51 | 27 | 2 |
| 3/30 - 4/2/00 | 15 | 49 | 33 | 3 |
| 4/30 - 5/2/99 | 19 | 51 | 27 | 3 |
| 7/25-28/96 | 16 | 51 | 30 | 3 |
| 7/18-21/96 | 18 | 48 | 30 | 4 |