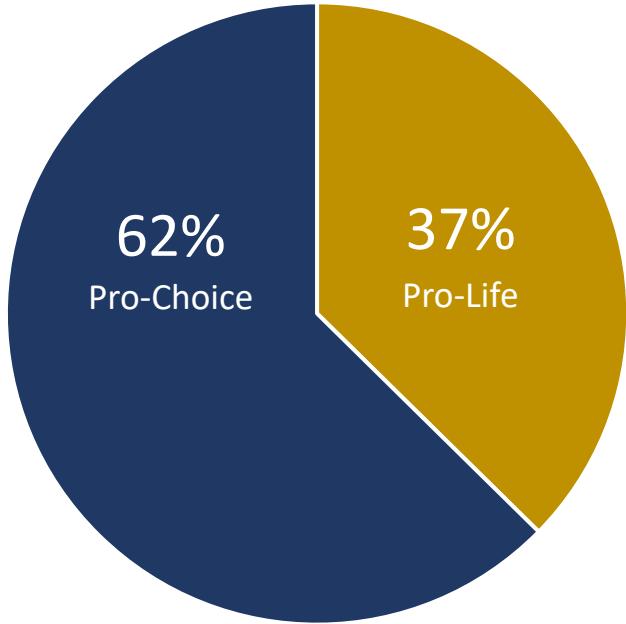


Americans' Opinions on Abortion

January 2026



On the issue of abortion, do you consider yourself pro-life or pro-choice?

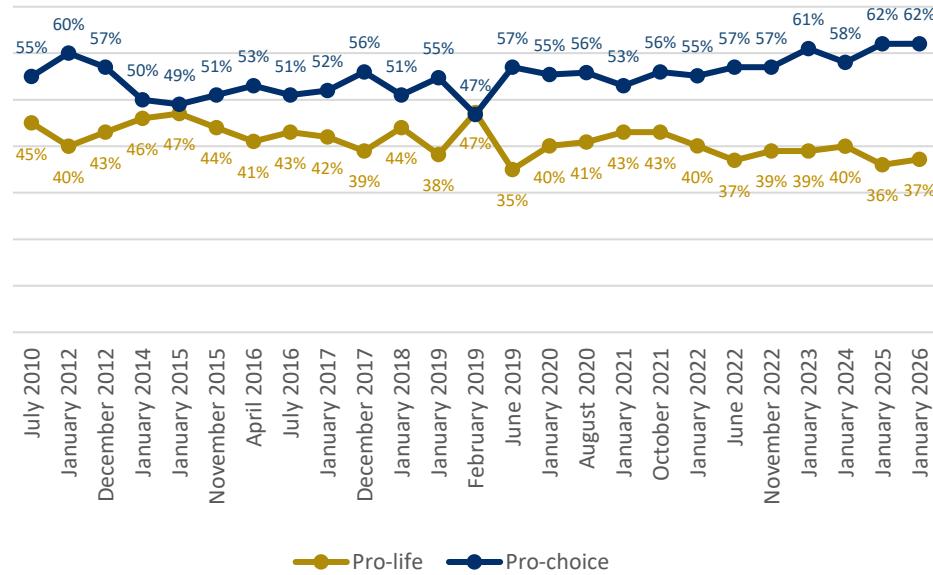


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Democrat Republican Independent

Pro-Life	14%	69%	34%
Pro-Choice	85%	31%	65%

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Pro-Choice	85%	31%	65%



Which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion on abortion:

One, abortion should be available to a woman any time she wants one during her entire pregnancy

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32%

Democrats

46%

Republicans

15%

Independents

34%

Two, abortion should be allowed only during the first six months of a pregnancy

10%

17%

5%

9%

Three, abortion should be allowed only during the first three months of a pregnancy

20%

19%

17%

27%

Four, abortion should be allowed only in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother

21%

10%

30%

20%

Five, abortion should be allowed only to save the life of the mother

10%

37%

81%

58%

Six, abortion should never be permitted under any circumstance

6%

3%

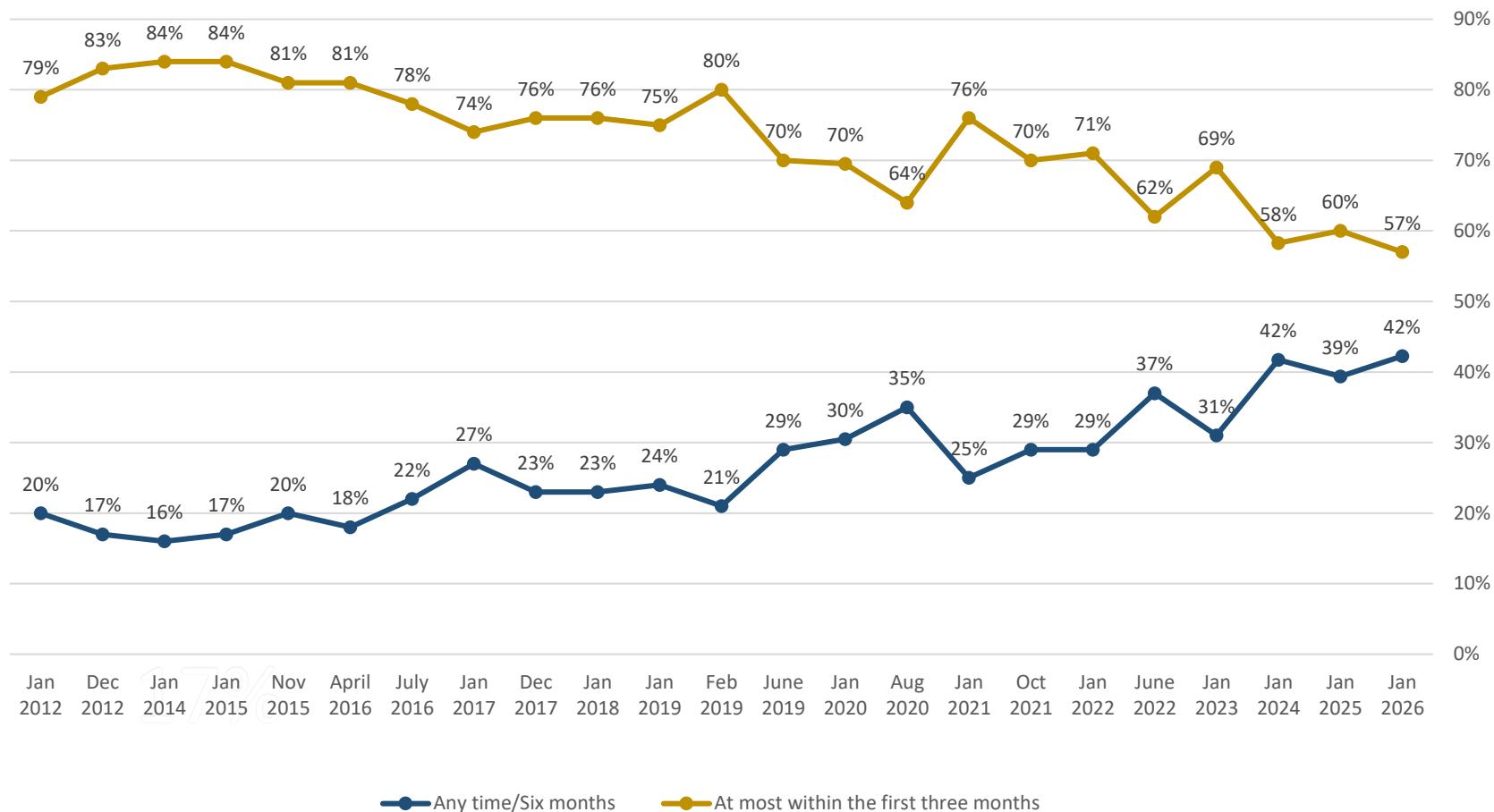
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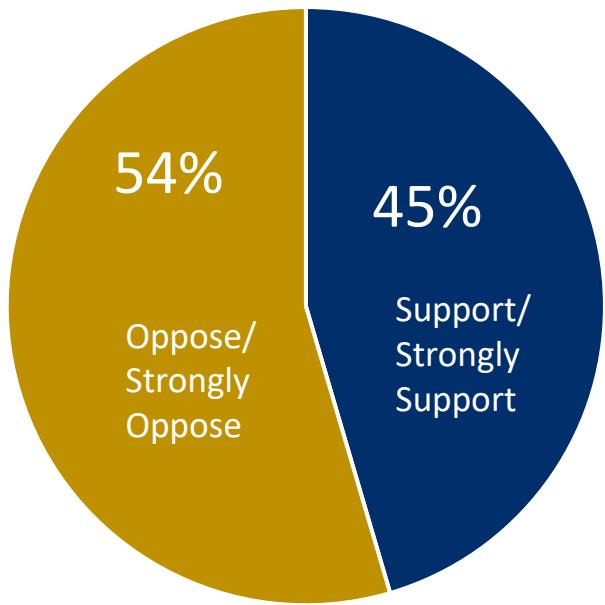
Restrictions on Abortion Trend

Americans' Opinions on Abortion Restrictions Over Time



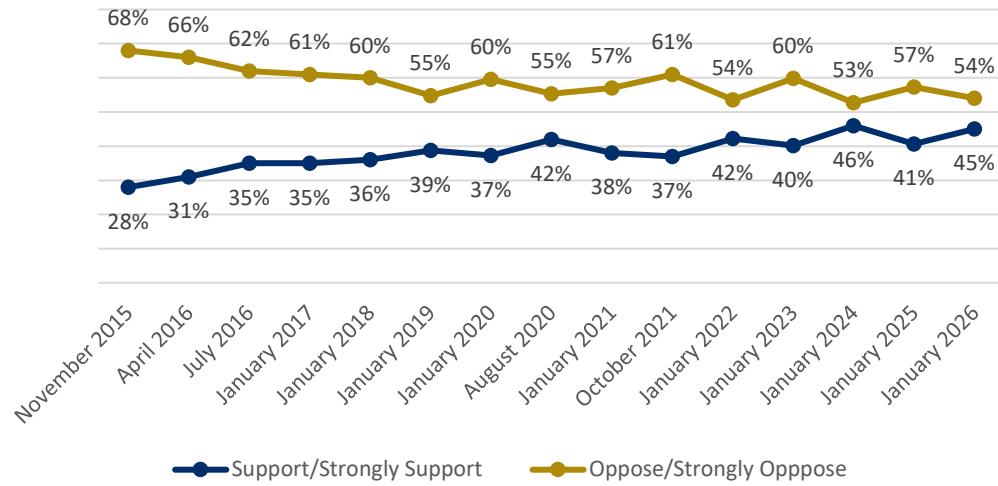
Americans Trend

Do you strongly support, support, oppose, or strongly oppose using tax dollars to pay for abortion?

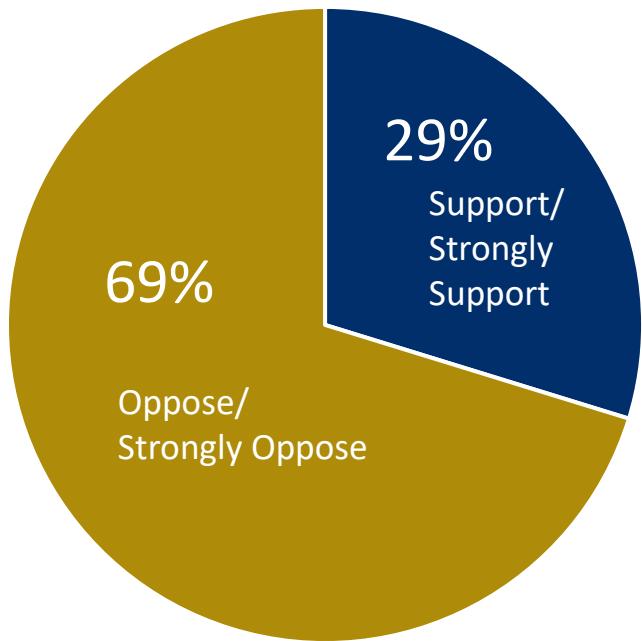


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	Strongly Support/Support	Oppose/Strongly Oppose
Pro-Life	16%	83%
Pro-Choice	62%	37%
Democrat	70%	29%
Republican	18%	81%
Independent	47%	52%

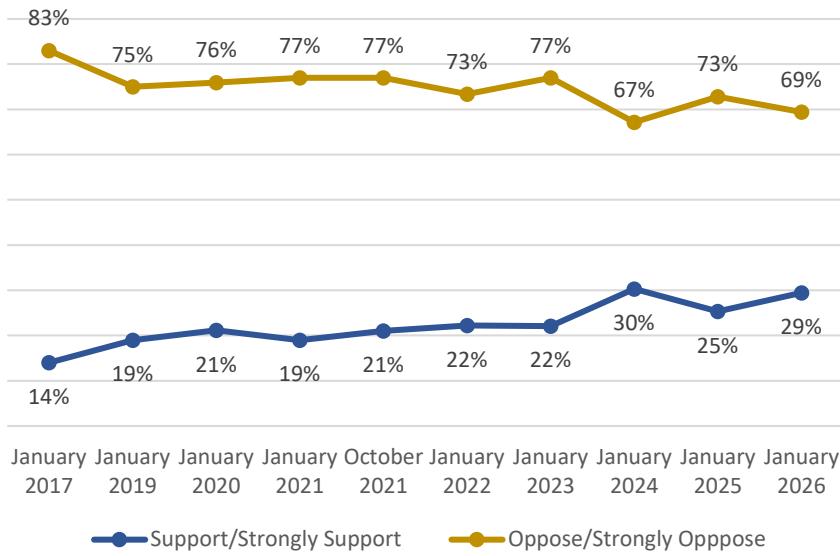


Do you strongly support, support, oppose, or strongly oppose using tax dollars to support abortion services in other countries?



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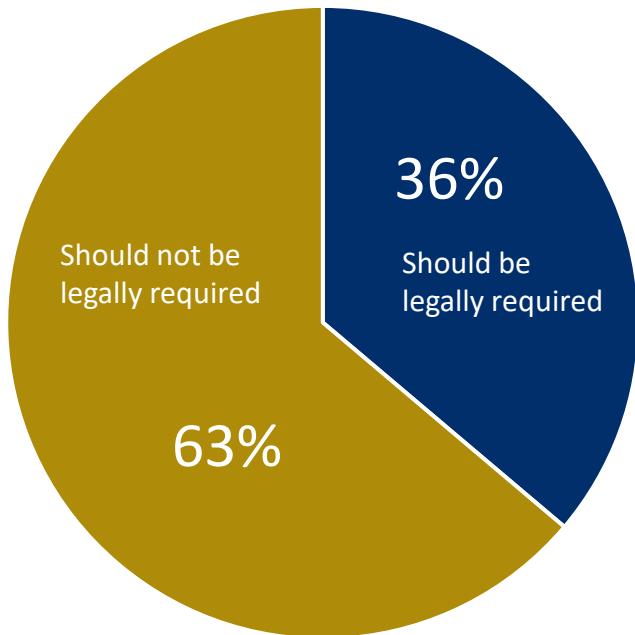
	Strongly Support/Support	Oppose/Strongly Oppose
Pro-Life	9%	90%
Pro-Choice	42%	57%
Democrat	49%	49%
Republican	9%	90%
Independent	30%	70%



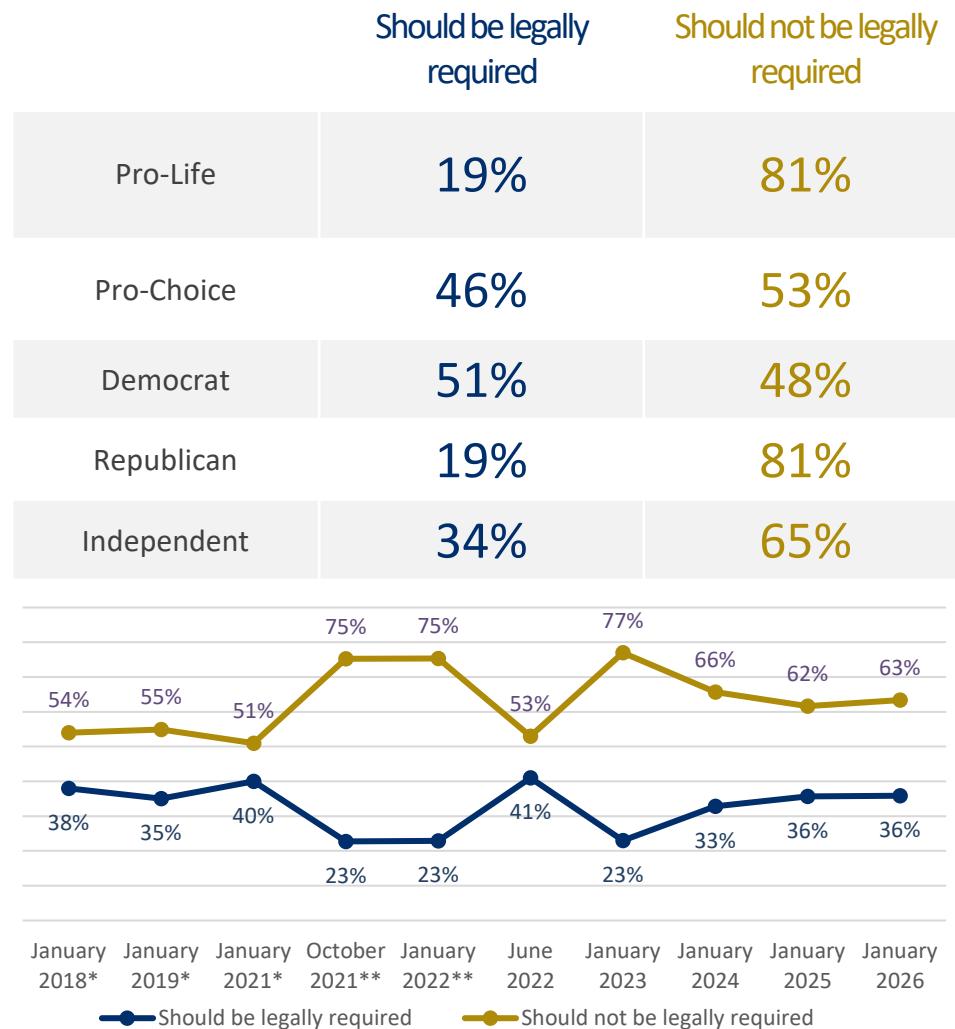


Conscience Objections to Performing Abortions

Do you think doctors, nurses, or other healthcare professionals who have religious objections to abortion but practice where abortion is legal, should or should not be legally required to perform abortions?



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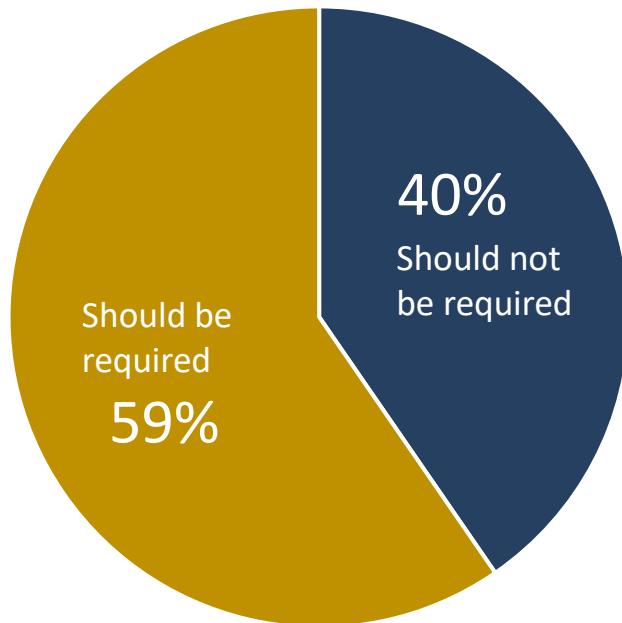
***Previous question wording: Do you think doctors, nurses, or other health care professionals who have religious objections to abortion should or should not be legally required to perform abortions?

**Previous question wording: Do you think doctors, nurses, or other health care professionals who have moral objections to abortion should or should not be legally required to perform abortions?

*Previous question wording: Do you think doctors, nurses, or organizations who have moral objections to abortion should or should not be legally required to perform or provide insurance coverage for abortions?

A medication abortion is the use of a prescription pill or a series of pills taken to end a pregnancy. For the last several years, this medication has been available for purchase online in most states without requiring an in-person visit with a healthcare professional.

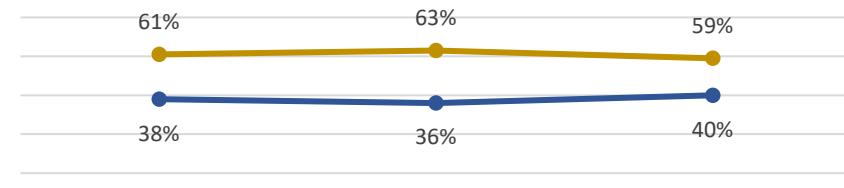
Do you think for someone to receive these prescription medications: An in-person visit with a healthcare professional should be required or an in-person visit with a healthcare professional should not be required?



- An in-person visit with a healthcare professional should not be required
- An in-person visit with a healthcare professional should be required

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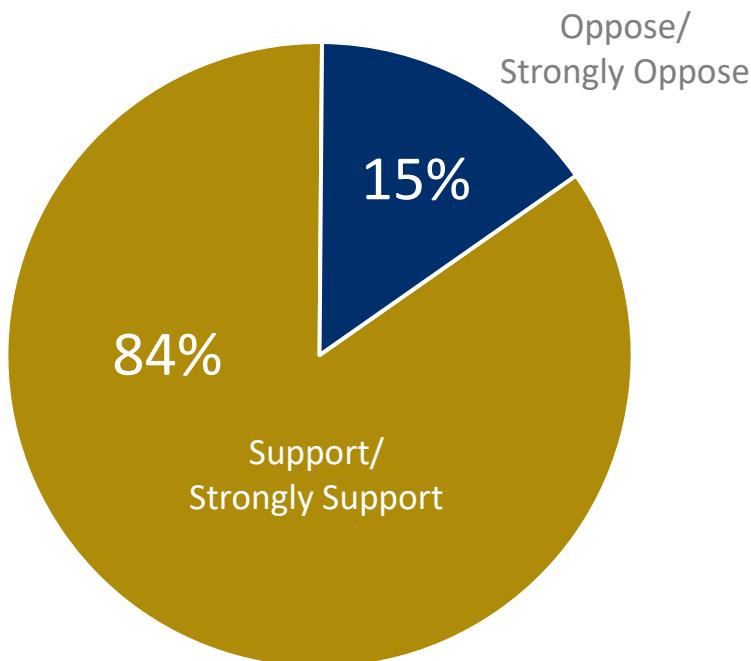
	Should be required	Should not be required
Pro-Life	83%	15%
Pro-Choice	45%	54%
Democrat	40%	59%
Republican	80%	18%
Independent	58%	41%



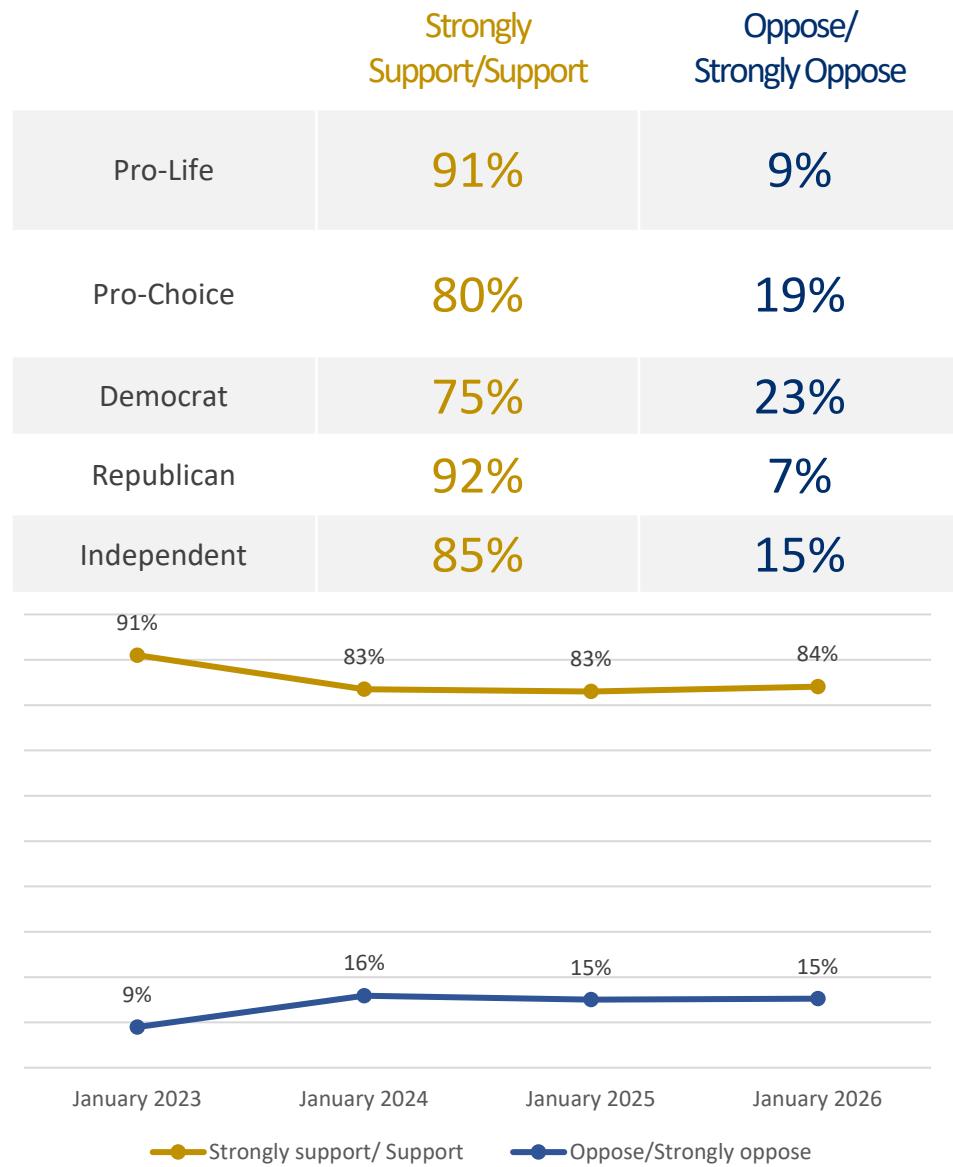
- An in-person visit with a healthcare professional should not be required
- An in-person visit with a healthcare professional should be required

*Previous question wording: A medication abortion is the use of a prescription pill or a series of pills taken to end a pregnancy. Some states allow this prescription to be sent through the mail without an in-person visit with a healthcare professional. Do you think for someone to receive these prescription medications: An in-person visit with a healthcare professional should be required or an in-person visit with a healthcare professional should not be required?

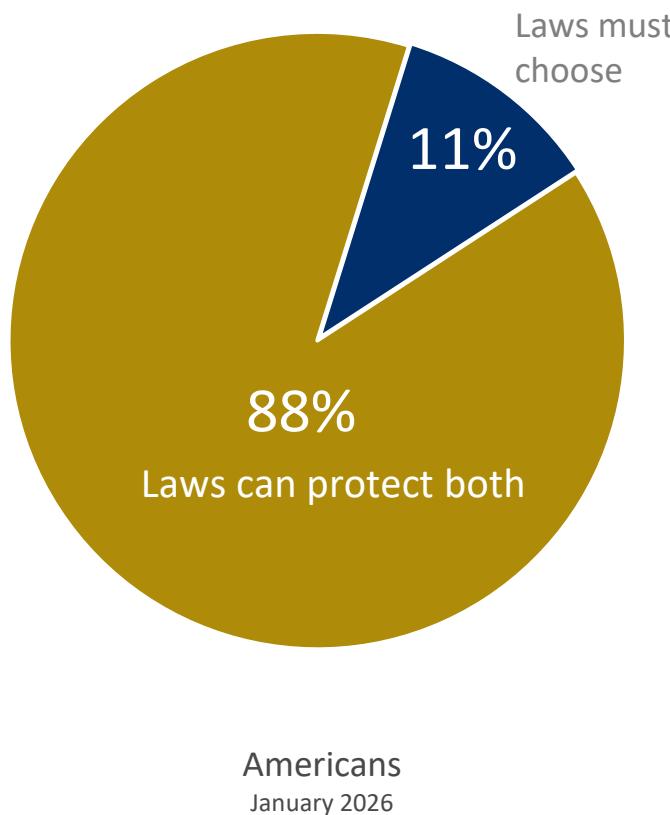
Do you strongly support, support, oppose, or strongly oppose pregnancy resource centers which are places that do not perform abortions but instead offer support to people during their pregnancy and after the baby is born?



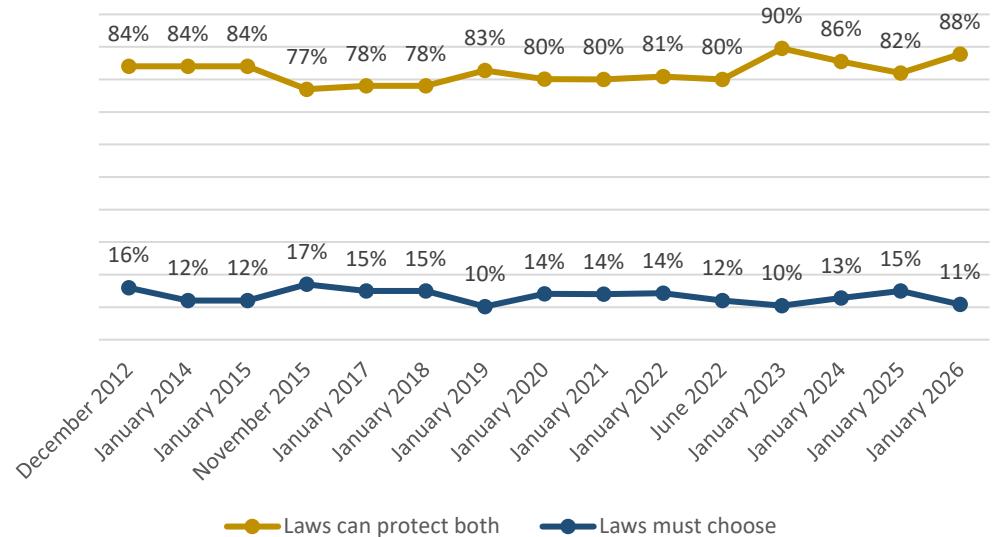
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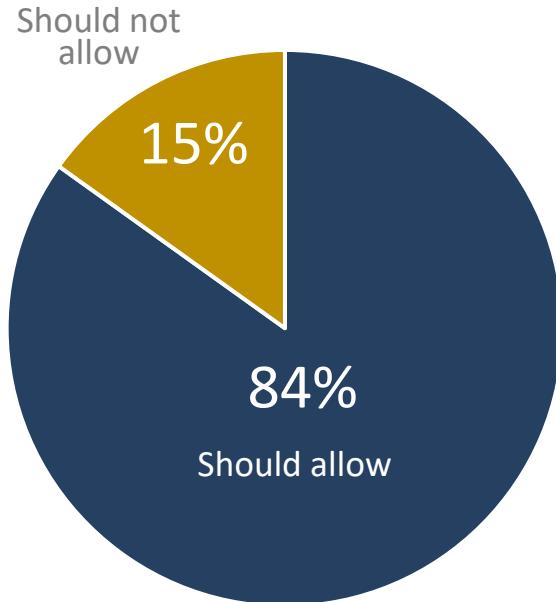
Which statement comes closer to your view: It is possible to have laws which protect both the health and well-being of a woman and the life of the unborn, or it is necessary for laws to choose to protect one and not the other?



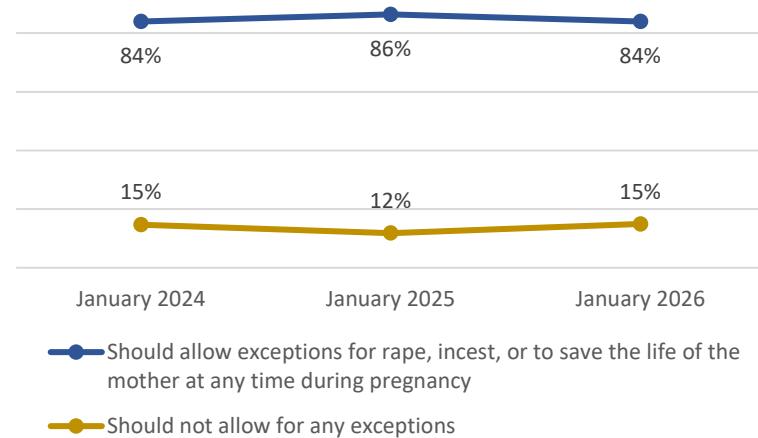
	Laws can protect both	Laws must choose
Pro-Life	92%	7%
Pro-Choice	85%	13%
Democrat	85%	14%
Republican	93%	5%
Independent	87%	11%



Regardless of your position on abortion, if there were laws which limit when abortion is allowed, do you think these limits: Should allow exceptions for rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother at any time during pregnancy or should not allow for any exceptions?



	Should allow exceptions	Should not allow exceptions
Pro-Life	72%	26%
Pro-Choice	91%	9%
Democrat	90%	10%
Republican	79%	19%
Independent	86%	12%

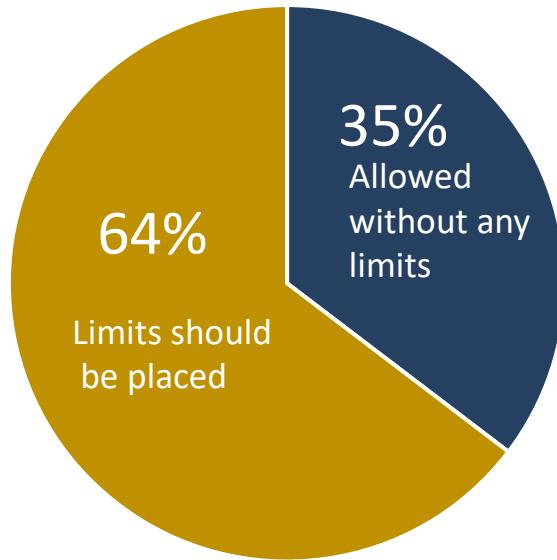


- Should allow exceptions for rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother at any time during pregnancy
- Should not allow for any exceptions

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Placing Limitations on Abortion

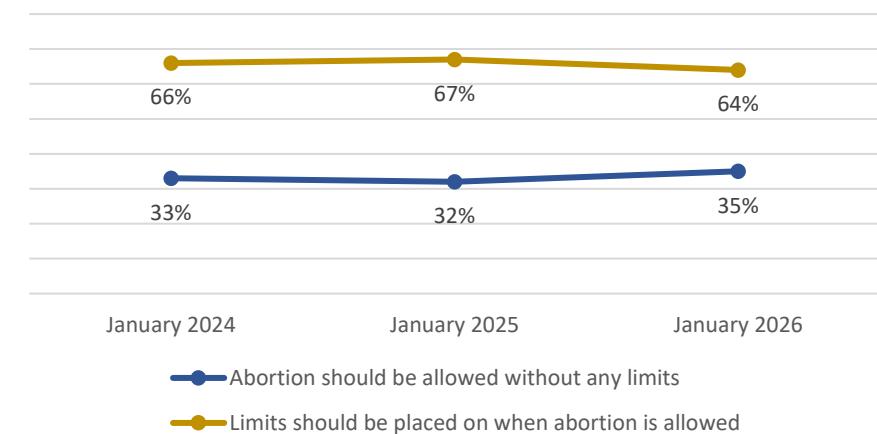
*If you had to choose, which of the following statements comes closer to your view:
Limits should be placed on when abortion is allowed, or abortion should be allowed without any limits?*



- Abortion should be allowed without any limits
- Limits should be placed on when abortion is allowed

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	Limits should be placed on abortion	Abortion should be allowed without limits
Pro-Life	88%	11%
Pro-Choice	50%	49%
Democrat	46%	54%
Republican	85%	14%
Independent	62%	36%





- This survey of 1,408 adults was conducted January 12th through January 13th, 2026 by the Marist Poll sponsored in partnership with the Knights of Columbus.
- Survey questions were available in English or Spanish. Phone and online samples were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its adult population. To ensure representativeness, data was balanced to match current estimates for the adult population by region, age, gender, education, income, and race/ethnicity using the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).
- Results for all adults (n= 1,408) are statistically significant within ± 3.3 percentage points. Results for registered voters (n=1,222) are statistically significant within ± 3.5 percentage points.
- Tables include results for subgroups to only display crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. It should be noted that, although you may not see results listed for a certain group, it does not mean interviews were not completed with those individuals. It simply means the sample size is too small to report.
- The error margin was adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations. Research limitations can come from many potential sources, and there may be unmeasured factors in this or any other public opinion poll.



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