



Interviews with 1,001 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on August 13-16, 2015. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample also includes 897 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points).

This sample includes 601 interviews among landline respondents and 400 interviews among cell phone respondents.

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14. Do you think abortion should be legal under any circumstances, legal under only certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?

	Legal under any <u>circumstances</u>	Legal under certain <u>circumstances</u>	Illegal in all <u>circumstances</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
August 13-16, 2015	30%	51%	18%	1%
Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2014	27%	51%	20%	1%
May 17-18, 2013	25%	54%	20%	1%
August 22-23, 2012	35%	47%	15%	2%
September 9-11, 2011	25%	53%	21%	1%
April 9-11, 2010	21%	56%	22%	1%
November 13-15, 2009	26%	50%	23%	1%
June 26-29, 2008	25%	51%	22%	1%
Oct. 12-14, 2007	23%	54%	22%	1%
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2006	24%	50%	24%	2%

14. Do you think abortion should be legal under any circumstances, legal under only certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?
15. (IF ONLY CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES:) Do you think abortion should be legal in most circumstances or only a few circumstances?

QUESTION 14 AND 15 COMBINED

	Legal under any <u>circumstances</u>	Legal in most <u>circumstances</u>	Legal in a few <u>circumstances</u>	Illegal in all <u>circumstances</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
August 13-16, 2015	30%	13%	37%	18%	2%
Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2014	27%	13%	38%	20%	2%
May 17-18, 2013	25%	11%	42%	20%	2%
August 22-23, 2012	35%	9%	37%	15%	3%
September 9-11, 2011	25%	12%	41%	21%	1%
April 9-11, 2009	21%	13%	42%	22%	2%
November 13-15, 2009	26%	10%	40%	23%	1%
June 26-29, 2008	25%	12%	39%	22%	2%
Oct. 12-14, 2007	23%	13%	40%	22%	2%
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2006	24%	10%	40%	24%	2%

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	<u>Legal under any circumstances</u>	<u>Legal only under certain circumstances</u>	<u>Illegal in all circumstances</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Nov 11-13	26	56	16	2
2005 Jun 24-26	24	55	20	1
2005 May 2-5	23	53	22	2
2005 Mar 21-23	23	55	20	2
2004 May 2-4	24	56	19	1
2003 Oct 24-26	26	55	17	2
2003 May 5-7	23	57	19	1
2003 Jan 10-12	24	57	18	1
2002 May 6-9	25	51	22	2
2002 Mar 22-24	27	53	19	1
2002 Feb 8-10	26	54	18	2
2001 Aug 10-12	26	56	17	1
2001 May 10-14	26	58	15	1
2001 Mar 26-28	26	51	18	5
2000 Mar 30-Apr 2	28	51	19	2
2000 Jan 13-16	26	56	15	3
1999 Apr 30-May 2	27	55	16	2
1998 Jan 16-18	23	59	17	1
1997 Nov 6-9	26	55	17	2
1997 Aug 12-13	22	61	15	2
1996 Sep 20-22*	24	52	17	7
1996 Jul 25-28	25	58	15	2
1995 Sep 22-24	31	54	12	3
1995 Feb 24-26	33	50	15	2
1994 Sep 6-7	33	52	13	2
1994 Mar 28-30	31	51	15	3
1993 Mar 12-14	32	51	13	4
1992 Jan 16-19	31	53	14	2
1991 Sep 5-8	33	49	14	4
1991 May 30-Jun 2	32	50	17	1
1990 Apr 5-20	31	53	12	4
1989 Jul 6-9	29	51	17	3
1989 Jul 6-7	29	51	17	3
1988 Sep 25-Oct 1	24	57	17	2
1985 Jan 3-4 †	21	55	21	3
1983 Jun 24-27	23	58	16	3
1981 May 8-11	23	52	21	4
1980 Jul 11-14	25	53	18	4
1979 Feb 23-26	22	54	19	5
1977 Dec 9-12	22	55	19	4
1975 Apr 4-7	21	54	22	3

* Based on reg. voters

16. Now I am going to read some specific situations under which an abortion might be considered. For each one, please say whether you think abortion should be legal in that situation, or illegal. (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Illegal</u>	<u>Depends (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
When the woman's life is endangered				
Aug. 13-16, 2015	87%	12%	1%	1%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	88%	9%	1%	2%

When the pregnancy was caused by rape or incest

Aug. 13-16, 2015	80%	18%	1%	1%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	83%	14%	1%	3%

For any reason, as long as the pregnancy has not reached the stage where a fetus would be able to live outside the mother's womb

Aug. 13-16, 2015	46%	51%	3%	1%
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	<u>CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS</u>			
When the woman's life is endangered	<u>Should be legal</u>	<u>Should be illegal</u>	<u>Depends (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Jan 10-12	85	11	2	2
2000 Mar30-Apr 2	84	12	2	2
1996 Jul 25-26	88	7	3	2
When the pregnancy was caused by rape or incest	<u>Should be legal</u>	<u>Should be illegal</u>	<u>Depends (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Jan 10-12	76	19	2	3
2000 Mar30-Apr 2	78	19	1	2
1996 Jul 25-26	77	18	3	2

17. As you may know, the federal government currently provides funding to support some programs run by the organization called Planned Parenthood. Do you think federal funding for Planned Parenthood should be eliminated entirely, or do you think the federal government should continue to provide funding to Planned Parenthood?

	<u>Aug 13-16 2015</u>	<u>Apr 9-10 2011</u>
Eliminate funding	31%	34%
Continue to provide funding	66%	65%
No opinion	3%	1%

METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,001 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. Among the entire sample, 27% described themselves as Democrats, 23% described themselves as Republicans, and 50% described themselves as independents or members of another party.

All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, and telephone usage.

Crosstabs on the following pages only include results for subgroups with enough unweighted cases to produce a sampling error of +/- 8.5 percentage points or less. Some subgroups represent too small a share of the national population to produce crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. Interviews were conducted among these subgroups, but results for groups with a sampling error larger than +/-8.5 percentage points are not displayed and instead are denoted with "N/A".

Question 14

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

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Legal under any circumstances	30%	25%	34%	29%	29%
Legal, certain circumstances	51%	56%	47%	52%	51%
Illegal in all circumstances	18%	17%	18%	18%	19%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Legal under any circumstances	30%	29%	37%	28%	21%	33%	25%
Legal, certain circumstances	51%	47%	50%	54%	57%	48%	55%
Illegal in all circumstances	18%	23%	11%	18%	21%	17%	19%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican
Legal under any circumstances	30%	28%	30%	23%	34%	44%	15%
Legal, certain circumstances	51%	50%	56%	57%	48%	44%	59%
Illegal in all circumstances	18%	21%	14%	18%	18%	11%	25%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Legal under any circumstances	30%	48%	28%	11%	50%	32%	14%
Legal, certain circumstances	51%	42%	53%	58%	40%	54%	58%
Illegal in all circumstances	18%	9%	17%	30%	10%	14%	27%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	*	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Legal under any circumstances	30%	36%	24%	25%	36%	34%	31%	21%
Legal, certain circumstances	51%	51%	57%	49%	50%	50%	49%	57%
Illegal in all circumstances	18%	13%	18%	25%	12%	15%	18%	21%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Legal under any circumstances	30%	15%	21%	49%
Legal, certain circumstances	51%	61%	56%	40%
Illegal in all circumstances	18%	23%	22%	10%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 14/15

Q14. Do you think abortion should be legal under any circumstances, legal under only certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?

Q15. Do you think abortion should be legal in most circumstances or only a few circumstances?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Legal under any circumstances	30%	25%	34%	29%	29%
Legal under most circumstances	13%	12%	14%	13%	15%
Legal certain circumstances	37%	43%	32%	38%	35%
Illegal in all circumstances	18%	17%	18%	18%	19%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Legal under any circumstances	30%	29%	37%	28%	21%	33%	25%
Legal under most circumstances	13%	15%	13%	14%	10%	14%	12%
Legal certain circumstances	37%	31%	38%	37%	46%	34%	41%
Illegal in all circumstances	18%	23%	11%	18%	21%	17%	19%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican
Legal under any circumstances	30%	28%	30%	23%	34%	44%	15%
Legal under most circumstances	13%	12%	16%	9%	16%	18%	8%
Legal certain circumstances	37%	37%	40%	47%	30%	26%	50%
Illegal in all circumstances	18%	21%	14%	18%	18%	11%	25%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Legal under any circumstances	30%	48%	28%	11%	50%	32%	14%
Legal under most circumstances	13%	19%	13%	6%	17%	16%	9%
Legal certain circumstances	37%	22%	39%	51%	22%	37%	48%
Illegal in all circumstances	18%	9%	17%	30%	10%	14%	27%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Legal under any circumstances	30%	36%	24%	25%	36%	34%	31%	21%
Legal under most circumstances	13%	12%	18%	9%	15%	13%	16%	7%
Legal certain circumstances	37%	38%	38%	39%	33%	35%	33%	49%
Illegal in all circumstances	18%	13%	18%	25%	12%	15%	18%	21%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Legal under any circumstances	30%	15%	21%	49%
Legal under most circumstances	13%	8%	12%	18%
Legal certain circumstances	37%	52%	43%	21%
Illegal in all circumstances	18%	23%	22%	10%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 16A

Now I am going to read some specific situations under which an abortion might be considered. For each one, please say whether you think abortion should be legal in that situation, or illegal.

A. When the woman's life is endangered

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Should be legal	87%	85%	88%	87%	86%
Should be illegal	12%	13%	11%	12%	13%
Depends	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Should be legal	87%	86%	90%	86%	85%	88%	85%
Should be illegal	12%	13%	9%	12%	14%	11%	13%
Depends	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
No opinion	1%	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican
Should be legal	87%	85%	91%	84%	89%	92%	83%
Should be illegal	12%	15%	8%	16%	10%	8%	15%
Depends	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
No opinion	1%	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should be legal	87%	93%	87%	79%	93%	91%	79%
Should be illegal	12%	6%	12%	19%	6%	9%	20%
Depends	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should be legal	87%	88%	82%	86%	91%	92%	85%	84%
Should be illegal	12%	12%	16%	13%	7%	7%	13%	14%
Depends	1%	*	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Should be legal	87%	88%	83%	92%
Should be illegal	12%	11%	15%	7%
Depends	1%	*	1%	1%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 16B

Now I am going to read some specific situations under which an abortion might be considered. For each one, please say whether you think abortion should be legal in that situation, or illegal.

B. When the pregnancy was caused by rape or incest

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Should be legal	80%	81%	78%	79%	81%
Should be illegal	18%	16%	20%	19%	17%
Depends	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Should be legal	80%	81%	85%	80%	70%	83%	76%
Should be illegal	18%	17%	14%	17%	27%	16%	21%
Depends	1%	*	*	3%	2%	*	2%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	*	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican
Should be legal	80%	78%	86%	78%	81%	88%	71%
Should be illegal	18%	20%	13%	20%	17%	11%	27%
Depends	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should be legal	80%	90%	81%	65%	89%	86%	68%
Should be illegal	18%	10%	17%	32%	10%	13%	30%
Depends	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	*	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should be legal	80%	87%	78%	74%	83%	87%	79%	69%
Should be illegal	18%	12%	20%	24%	13%	12%	18%	29%
Depends	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	2%	*	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Should be legal	80%	78%	75%	89%
Should be illegal	18%	21%	23%	9%
Depends	1%	1%	1%	1%
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 16C

Now I am going to read some specific situations under which an abortion might be considered. For each one, please say whether you think abortion should be legal in that situation, or illegal.

C. For any reason, as long as the pregnancy has not reached the stage where a fetus would be able to live outside the mother's womb

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Should be legal	46%	45%	46%	45%	46%
Should be illegal	51%	50%	52%	52%	51%
Depends	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Should be legal	46%	51%	45%	47%	35%	48%	42%
Should be illegal	51%	49%	50%	48%	62%	49%	54%
Depends	3%	1%	5%	3%	3%	3%	3%
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican
Should be legal	46%	38%	52%	37%	51%	61%	32%
Should be illegal	51%	58%	45%	59%	46%	37%	65%
Depends	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%
No opinion	1%	*	*	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should be legal	46%	62%	46%	26%	69%	51%	23%
Should be illegal	51%	36%	50%	70%	29%	46%	73%
Depends	3%	1%	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should be legal	46%	45%	45%	41%	53%	48%	50%	35%
Should be illegal	51%	52%	50%	58%	40%	49%	46%	62%
Depends	3%	3%	3%	1%	5%	2%	3%	3%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	2%	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Should be legal	46%	30%	38%	65%
Should be illegal	51%	68%	58%	33%
Depends	3%	2%	4%	2%
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 17

As you may know, the federal government currently provides funding to support some programs run by the organization called Planned Parenthood. Do you think federal funding for Planned Parenthood should be eliminated entirely, or do you think the federal government should continue to provide funding to Planned Parenthood?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Eliminate funding	31%	37%	24%	37%	20%
Continue to provide funding	66%	59%	73%	59%	79%
No opinion	3%	3%	2%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Eliminate funding	31%	21%	30%	34%	45%	25%	39%
Continue to provide funding	66%	79%	65%	64%	53%	72%	59%
No opinion	3%	1%	5%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican
Eliminate funding	31%	26%	33%	29%	32%	10%	52%
Continue to provide funding	66%	72%	64%	68%	66%	88%	47%
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Eliminate funding	31%	7%	32%	57%	15%	22%	53%
Continue to provide funding	66%	90%	65%	41%	84%	75%	45%
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Eliminate funding	31%	27%	30%	35%	27%	27%	29%	40%
Continue to provide funding	66%	71%	68%	62%	67%	72%	66%	59%
No opinion	3%	1%	2%	2%	6%	1%	5%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Eliminate funding	31%	61%	34%	12%
Continue to provide funding	66%	38%	63%	86%
No opinion	3%	1%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%