



# The July 2022 AP-NORC Center Poll

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*Interviews: 07/14-17/2022*

*1,085 adults*

*Margin of sampling error: +/- 3.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults*

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.*

**ABO1. Which comes closest to your opinion on abortion? Abortion should be...**

**[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

AP-NORC	<b>Legal NET</b>	Legal in all cases	Legal in most cases	<b>Illegal NET</b>	Illegal in most cases	Illegal in all cases	DK	SKP/ REF
07/14-17/2022 (N=1,085)	<b>63</b>	31	32	<b>36</b>	26	9	-	1
06/23-27/2022 (N=1,053)	<b>65</b>	34	30	<b>32</b>	24	9	1	2
05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	<b>65</b>	32	33	<b>34</b>	26	8	*	1
6/10-14/2021 (N= 1,125)	<b>57</b>	23	33	<b>43</b>	30	13	*	*
5/17-20/2019 (N=1,137)	<b>57</b>	25	31	<b>42</b>	29	13	1	1
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	<b>64</b>	25	39	<b>36</b>	28	8	*	*

**ABO2. I'd like to ask you about abortions during the three trimesters of pregnancy. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases, or illegal in all cases during:**

AP-NORC		<b>Legal NET</b>	Legal in all cases	Legal in most cases	<b>Illegal NET</b>	Illegal in most cases	Illegal in all cases	DK	SKP/ REF
The first trimester, that is, the first three months of pregnancy	07/14-17/2022 (N=1,085)	<b>67</b>	45	21	<b>33</b>	21	11	*	*
	6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	<b>61</b>	38	23	<b>38</b>	22	16	*	1
The second trimester, that is, months 4 through 6	07/14-17/2022 (N=1,085)	<b>42</b>	18	24	<b>57</b>	33	24	-	1
	6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	<b>34</b>	15	19	<b>65</b>	30	35	*	1
The last trimester, that is, months 7 through 9	07/14-17/2022 (N=1,085)	<b>24</b>	11	13	<b>75</b>	32	43	-	1
	6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	<b>19</b>	8	11	<b>80</b>	26	54	*	1

**ABO3. Regardless of your opinion about abortion, which do you think should have a larger responsibility for making laws related to abortion: each state government or the federal government?**

**[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	AP-NORC 07/14-17/2022	AP-NORC 6/10-14/2021
Federal government	51	52
Each state government	48	45
DON'T KNOW	*	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1	2
N=	1,085	1,125

**ABO4. Do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision on abortion?**

**[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	AP-NORC 07/14-17/2022
<b>Strongly/Somewhat approve NET</b>	<b>30</b>
Strongly approve	22
Somewhat approve	8
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Somewhat/Strongly disapprove NET</b>	<b>53</b>
Somewhat disapprove	7
Strongly disapprove	46
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,085</i>

**ABO5. How well does each of the following describe how you feel about the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC 07/14-17/2022	<b>Extremely/ Very well NET</b>	Extremely Well	Very Well	<b>Somewhat Well</b>	<b>Not very/ Not at all well NET</b>	Not very well	Not at all well	DK	SKP/ REF
Excited	<b>16</b>	9	7	<b>16</b>	<b>66</b>	14	52	*	1
Proud	<b>18</b>	9	8	<b>16</b>	<b>64</b>	12	52	*	2
Relieved	<b>19</b>	10	10	<b>16</b>	<b>63</b>	13	50	*	2
Indifferent	<b>11</b>	5	6	<b>22</b>	<b>64</b>	17	47	*	3
Angry	<b>38</b>	27	11	<b>17</b>	<b>43</b>	12	32	*	2
Hopeless	<b>29</b>	16	12	<b>21</b>	<b>48</b>	15	33	*	2
Anxious	<b>28</b>	16	11	<b>22</b>	<b>48</b>	17	31	-	2
Sad	<b>38</b>	26	12	<b>17</b>	<b>44</b>	14	30	*	1

*N=1,085*

**ABO6. Now that the Supreme Court has overturned Roe v. Wade, each state is able to set its own laws allowing or restricting abortion. Do you think the United States Congress should or should not pass a law guaranteeing access to legal abortion nationwide?**

	AP-NORC 07/14-17/2022
Should	60
Should not	39
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,085</i>

**ABO7. In general, do you think your state should or should not allow a pregnant person to obtain a legal abortion if...<sup>1</sup>**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC		Should allow	Should not allow	DK	SKP/REF
The child would be born with a life-threatening illness	07/14-17/2022 (N=1,085)	77	22	*	1
	6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	74	24	*	1
The person's own health is seriously endangered by the pregnancy	07/14-17/2022 (N=1,085)	89	9	*	1
	6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	87	11	*	2
The person became pregnant as the result of rape or incest	07/14-17/2022 (N=1,085)	86	13	*	1
	6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	84	14	-	2
The person does not want to be pregnant for any reason	07/14-17/2022 (N=1,085)	54	44	*	1
	6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	49	50	*	1

<sup>1</sup> June 2021 omnibus asked this question as "Please say whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if..." with options Yes, possible and No, not possible. Additionally, response options referred to "woman" instead of "person."

**ABO8. In general, do you think your state should or should not allow a pregnant person to obtain a legal abortion at each point in the pregnancy?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC 07/14-17/2022	Should allow	Should not allow	DK	SKP/REF
6 weeks into the pregnancy	74	25	*	1
15 weeks into the pregnancy	53	45	*	1
24 weeks into the pregnancy	33	65	*	2

*N=1,085*

**SELF1. Do you personally know someone, including yourself [if GENDER=female], who has ever had an abortion?**

	AP-NORC 07/14-17/2022
Yes	62
No	38
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	*

*N=*

*1,085*

**PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?**

*If Democrat:*

**PIDA. Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Democrat?**

*If Republican:*

**PIDB. Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Republican?**

*If independent, none of these, don't know, skipped, or refused:*

**PIDI. Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?**

**Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB.**

	AP-NORC 07/14-17/2022
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>43</b>
Strong Democrat	19
Not so strong Democrat	14
Lean Democrat	10
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>37</b>
Lean Republican	12
Not so strong Republican	10
Strong Republican	15
N=	1,085

**D3. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, moderate, or conservative?**

*If liberal:*

**D4. Do you consider yourself very liberal or somewhat liberal?**

*If conservative:*

**D5. Do you consider yourself very conservative or somewhat conservative?**

**Combines D3, D4, D5:**

	AP-NORC 07/14-17/2022
<b>Liberal NET</b>	<b>25</b>
Very liberal	12
Somewhat liberal	13
<b>Moderate</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Conservative NET</b>	<b>27</b>
Somewhat conservative	14
Very conservative	13
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
N=	1,085

**DM5. How would you describe the community you live in now?**

	AP-NORC 07/14-17/2022
Urban area	23
Suburban area	48
Rural area	28
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,085</i>

**RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?**

	AP-NORC 07/14-17/2022
Protestant	27
Roman Catholic	16
Mormon	1
Orthodox	*
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Buddhist	1
Hindu	1
Atheist	4
Agnostic	7
Nothing in particular	16
Just Christian	20
Unitarian	*
Something else	3
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,085</i>

*If Religion is Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox, Christian, or something else:*

**BORN. Would you describe yourself as a 'born-again' or evangelical Christian, or not?**

	AP-NORC 07/14-17/2022
Yes	37
No	63
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>726</i>

**GENDER**

	AP-NORC 07/14-17/2022
Male	49
Female	51
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,085</i>

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

	AP-NORC 07/14-17/2022
White	62
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,085</i>

**MARITAL STATUS**

	AP-NORC 07/14-17/2022
Married	51
Not married	49
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,085</i>

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

	AP-NORC 07/14-17/2022
Employed	61
Not employed	39
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,085</i>

**EDUCATION**

	AP-NORC 07/14-17/2022
Less than a high school diploma	9
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	26
College graduate or above	21
Post grad study/professional degree	14
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,085</i>



## INCOME

	AP-NORC 07/14-17/2022
Under \$10,000	4
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	7
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	18
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	16
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	15
\$150,000 or more	13
<i>N</i> =	<i>1,085</i>

### Study Methodology

This survey was conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and with funding from The Associated Press and NORC at the University of Chicago.

Data were collected using the AmeriSpeak Omnibus®, a monthly multi-client survey using NORC’s probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. The survey was part of a larger study that included questions about other topics not included in this report. During the initial recruitment phase of the panel, randomly selected U.S. households were sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, and field interviewers (face-to-face). The panel provides sample coverage of approximately 97 percent of the U.S. household population. Those excluded from the sample include people with P.O. Box only addresses, some addresses not listed in the USPS Delivery Sequence File, and some newly constructed dwellings.

Interviews for this survey were conducted between July 14 and July 17, 2022 with adults aged 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,085 completed the survey—1,046 via the web and 39 by telephone. Panel members were invited by email or by phone from an NORC telephone interviewer. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. Respondents were offered a small monetary incentive for completing the survey. The final stage completion rate is 19.5 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 16.7 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 77 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 2.5 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/-3.9 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error and there may be other unmeasured error in this or any other survey.

Quality assurance checks were conducted to ensure data quality. In total, 48 interviews were removed for nonresponse to at least 50% of the questions asked of them, for completing the survey in less than

one-third the median interview time for the full sample, or for straight-lining all grid questions asked of them. These interviews were excluded from the data file prior to weighting.

Once the sample has been selected and fielded, and all the study data have been collected and made final, a poststratification process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any noncoverage or under and oversampling resulting from the study specific sample design.

Poststratification variables included age, gender, census division, race/ethnicity, and education. Weighting variables were obtained from the 2021 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

Complete questions and results are available at: [apnorc.org](http://apnorc.org)  
Additional information on the AmeriSpeak Panel methodology is available at:  
<https://amerispeak.norc.org/about-amerispeak/Pages/Panel-Design.aspx>.

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