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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 1-10, 2018 with a random sample of –1,024—adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of –542—national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –482—national adults in Form B, the margins of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Survey Sampling International. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2017 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2017 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact galluphelp@gallup.com.

15. Do you think abortion should generally be legal or generally illegal during each of the following stages of pregnancy. How about -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

A. In the first three months of pregnancy

	<u>Should be legal</u>	<u>Should be illegal</u>	<u>Depends (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 May 1-10	60	34	4	1
2012 Dec 27-30	61	31	6	3
2011 Jun 9-12	62	35	2	1
2003 Jan 10-12	66	29	3	2
2000 Mar30-Apr 2	65	31	2	2
1996 Jul 25-26	64	30	4	2

B. In the second three months of pregnancy

	<u>Should be legal</u>	<u>Should be illegal</u>	<u>Depends (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 May 1-10	28	65	4	2
2012 Dec 27-30	27	64	5	4
2011 Jun 9-12	24	71	3	2
2003 Jan 10-12	25	68	4	3
2000 Mar30-Apr 2	24	69	4	3
1996 Jul 25-26	26	65	7	2

C. In the last three months of pregnancy

	<u>Should be legal</u>	<u>Should be illegal</u>	<u>Depends (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 May 1-10	13	81	4	2
2012 Dec 27-30	14	80	4	2
2011 Jun 9-12	10	86	2	1
2003 Jan 10-12	10	84	4	2
2000 Mar30-Apr 2	8	86	3	3
1996 Jul 25-26	13	82	3	2

Q.16-17 SPLIT SAMPLED

16. *(Asked of a half sample)* Now I am going to read some specific situations under which an abortion might be considered in the FIRST THREE MONTHS of pregnancy. Thinking specifically about the FIRST trimester, please say whether you think abortion should be legal in that situation, or illegal. How about ... [ITEMS A-E ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER, ITEM F READ LAST]?

BASED ON –542—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A

2018 May 1-10
(sorted by “legal”)

	Legal	Illegal
	%	%
When the woman's life is endangered	83	15
When the pregnancy was caused by rape or incest	77	21
When the child would be born with a life-threatening illness	67	31
When the child would be born mentally disabled	56	41
When the child would be born with Down Syndrome	49	48
When the woman does not want the child for any reason	45	53

FULL RESULTS AND TRENDS:

A. When the woman's life is endangered

	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Illegal</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 May 1-10	83	15	2
2003 May 19-21	82	15	3

B. When the child would be born mentally disabled

	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Illegal</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 May 1-10	56	41	3
2003 May 19-21	50	46	4

C. When the child would be born with a life-threatening illness

	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Illegal</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 May 1-10	67	31	3
2003 May 19-21	60	35	5

D. When the pregnancy was caused by rape or incest

	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Illegal</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 May 1-10	77	21	2
2003 May 19-21	72	24	4

Q.16 (ABORTION LEGAL IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS) CONTINUED

E. When the woman does not want the child for any reason

	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Illegal</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 May 1-10	45	53	2
2003 May 19-21	41	56	3

F. When the child would be born with Down Syndrome

	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Illegal</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 May 1-10	49	48	2

17. *(Asked of a half sample)* Now I am going to read some specific situations under which an abortion might be considered in the LAST THREE MONTHS of pregnancy. Thinking specifically about the THIRD trimester, please say whether you think abortion should be legal in that situation, or illegal. How about ... [RANDOM ORDER]?

BASED ON –482—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B

2018 May 1-10
(sorted by “legal”)

	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Illegal</u>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
When the woman's life is endangered	75	22
When the pregnancy was caused by rape or incest	52	42
When the child would be born with a life-threatening illness	48	49
When the child would be born mentally disabled	35	61
When the child would be born with Down Syndrome	29	68
When the woman does not want the child for any reason	20	77

FULL RESULTS AND TRENDS:

A. When the woman's life is endangered

	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Illegal</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 May 1-10	75	22	3
2003 May 19-21	75	22	3

B. When the child would be born mentally disabled

	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Illegal</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 May 1-10	35	61	4
2003 May 19-21	38	56	6

Q.17 (ABORTION LEGAL IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS) CONTINUED

C. When the child would be born with a life-threatening illness

	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Illegal</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 May 1-10	48	49	3
2003 May 19-21	48	47	5

D. When the pregnancy was caused by rape or incest

	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Illegal</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 May 1-10	52	42	5
2003 May 19-21	59	39	2

E. When the woman does not want the child for any reason

	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Illegal</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 May 1-10	20	77	3
2003 May 19-21	24	74	2

F. When the child would be born with Down Syndrome

	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Illegal</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 May 1-10	29	68	3