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### GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: VALUES AND BELIEFS

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**Note:** Q.25-27 should be cited as a *USA Today*/Gallup poll.

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 5-8, 2011 with a random sample of **1,018**—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with **95%** confidence that the margin of error is **±4** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **530**—national adults in Form A and **488**—national adults in Form B, the maximum margins of sampling error are **±5** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **886**—registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is **±4** 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 includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

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.

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

	Legal under any	Legal under certain	Illegal in all	No opinion		Legal under any	Legal under certain	Illegal in all	No opinion
2011 May 5-8	27	50	22	2	1997 Nov 6-9	26	55	17	2
					1997 Aug 12-13	22	61	15	2
2010 May 3-6	24	54	19	3	1996 Sep 20-22 ^	24	52	17	7
2009 Jul 17-19	21	57	18	4	1996 Jul 25-28	25	58	15	2
2009 May 7-10	22	53	23	2	1995 Sep 22-24	31	54	12	3
2008 May 8-11	28	54	17	2	1995 Feb 24-26	33	50	15	2
2007 May 10-13	26	55	18	1	1994 Sep 6-7	33	52	13	2
2006 May 8-11	30	53	15	2	1994 Mar 28-30	31	51	15	3
2005 Nov 11-13	26	56	16	2	1993 Mar 12-14	32	51	13	4
2005 Jun 24-26	24	55	20	1	1992 Jul 23-24 ^†	34	48	15	3
2005 May 2-5	23	53	22	2	1992 Jan 16-19	31	53	14	2
2005 Mar 21-23	23	55	20	2	1991 Sep 5-8	33	49	14	4
2004 May 2-4	24	56	19	1	1991 May 30-Jun 2	32	50	17	1
2003 Oct 24-26	26	55	17	2	1990 Apr 5-20	31	53	12	4
2003 May 5-7	23	57	19	1	1989 Jul 6-9	29	51	17	3
2003 Jan 10-12	24	57	18	1	1989 Jul 6-7	29	51	17	3
2002 May 6-9	25	51	22	2	1989 Apr 12-13 †	27	50	18	5
2002 Mar 22-24	27	53	19	1	1988 Sep 25-Oct 1	24	57	17	2
2002 Feb 8-10	26	54	18	2	1985 Jan 3-4 †	21	55	21	3
2001 Aug 10-12	26	56	17	1	1983 Jun 24-27	23	58	16	3
2001 May 10-14	26	58	15	1	1981 May 8-11	23	52	21	4
2001 Mar 26-28	26	51	18	5	1980 Jul 11-14	25	53	18	4
2000 Mar 30-Apr 2	28	51	19	2	1979 Feb 23-26	22	54	19	5
2000 Jan 13-16	26	56	15	3	1977 Dec 9-12	22	55	19	4
1999 Apr 30-May 2	27	55	16	2	1975 Apr 4-7	21	54	22	3
1998 Jan 16-18	23	59	17	1					

^ Based on registered voters.

† Gallup/Newsweek poll.

12. (Asked of those who say abortion should be legal under certain circumstances) Do you think abortion should be legal in most circumstances or only in a few circumstances?

COMBINED RESPONSES (Q.11-12): BASED ON FULL SAMPLE

	Legal under any circumstances	Legal under most circumstances	Legal only in a few circumstances	Illegal in all circumstances	No opinion
2011 May 5-8	27	10	39	22	3
2010 May 3-6	24	15	37	19	5
2009 Jul 17-19	21	13	42	18	6
2009 May 7-10	22	15	37	23	3
2008 May 8-11	28	13	40	17	3
2007 May 10-13	26	15	40	18	1
2006 May 8-11	30	13	39	15	3
2005 Nov 11-13	26	16	39	16	3
2005 Jun 24-26	24	15	40	20	1
2005 May 2-5	23	12	40	22	3
2005 Mar 21-23	23	14	39	20	4
2004 May 2-4	24	13	42	19	2
2003 Oct 24-26	26	14	40	17	3
2003 May 5-7	23	15	42	19	1
2003 Jan 10-12	24	14	42	18	2
2002 May 6-9	25	12	39	22	2
2002 Mar 22-24	27	12	40	19	2
2001 Aug 10-12	26	12	43	17	2
2001 May 10-14	26	15	41	15	3
2001 Mar 26-28	26	13	38	18	5
2000 Mar 30-Apr 2	28	11	38	19	4
2000 Jan 13-16	26	17	39	15	3
1999 Apr 30-May 2	27	12	42	16	3
1998 Jan 16-18	23	16	42	17	2
1997 Nov 6-9	26	15	40	17	2
1997 Aug 12-13	22	12	48	15	3
1996 Jul 25-28	25	13	43	15	4
1995 Sep 22-24	31	14	39	12	4
1995 Feb 24-26	32	9	41	15	3
1994 Sep 6-7	33	13	38	13	3

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

Trend from polls where pro-life/pro-choice was asked following question on legality of abortion.

	Pro-choice	Pro-life	Mixed/ Neither (vol.)	Don't know what terms mean (vol.)	No opinion
2011 May 5-8	49	45	3	2	2
2010 May 3-6	45	47	2	4	3
2009 Jul 17-19	46	47	3	2	2
2009 May 7-10	42	51	2	4	1
2008 May 8-11	50	44	1	2	2
2007 May 10-13	49	45	3	2	2
2006 May 8-11	51	41	4	2	3
2005 May 2-5	48	44	3	3	2
2004 May 2-4	49	44	2	3	2
2003 Oct 24-26	48	45	3	3	1
2003 May 5-7	48	45	2	4	1
2002 May 6-9	47	46	3	3	1
2001 Aug 10-12	46	46	3	3	2
2001 May 10-14	48	42	4	4	2
2001 Mar 26-28	47	41	4	6	2
2000 Mar 30-Apr 2	48	43	2	4	3
1999 Apr 30-May 2	48	42	3	4	3
1998 Jan 16-18	48	45	3	2	2
1997 Nov 6-9	51	40	3	3	3
1997 Aug 12-13	47	44	3	3	3
1996 Jul 25-28	53	36	5	3	3
1995 Sep 22-24	56	33	5	3	3

Trend from polls where pro-life/pro-choice was asked as a stand-alone question.

	Pro-choice	Pro-life	Mixed/ Neither (vol.)	Don't know what terms mean (vol.)	No opinion
2010 Mar 26-28	45	46	4	2	3
2009 Nov 20-22	48	45	2	2	3
2008 Sep 5-7	51	43	2	1	3
2007 Jun 11-14	51	43	2	2	2
2007 Jun 1-3	52	39	4	2	2
2006 Jan 6-8	53	42	1	2	2
2005 Aug 28-30	54	38	3	2	3
2005 Jul 22-24	51	42	3	3	1
2004 Oct 14-16	52	41	2	3	2
2001 Aug 3-5	52	39	4	3	2
2001 Jul 10-11	50	40	4	3	3
2001 Feb 9-11	55	38	5	1	1
2000 Oct 6-9	47	45	3	2	3
2000 Jul 14-16	50	40	4	2	4
1996 Jul 18-21	48	40	5	4	3
1996 Mar 15-17	56	37	3	2	2

