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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted December 27-30, 2012 with a random sample of –1,012— 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.

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 per 1,000 respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by 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, population density 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 2011 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ U.S. population. 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.

2. 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
2012 Dec 27-30	28	52	18	3	1999 Apr 30-May 2	27	55	16	2
					1998 Jan 16-18	23	59	17	1
2012 May 3-6	25	52	20	3	1997 Nov 6-9	26	55	17	2
2011 Jul 15-17	26	51	20	3	1997 Aug 12-13	22	61	15	2
2011 Jun 9-12	26	52	21	1	1996 Sep 20-22 ^	24	52	17	7
2011 May 5-8	27	50	22	2	1996 Jul 25-28	25	58	15	2
2010 May 3-6	24	54	19	3	1995 Sep 22-24	31	54	12	3
2009 Jul 17-19	21	57	18	4	1995 Feb 24-26	33	50	15	2
2009 May 7-10	22	53	23	2	1994 Sep 6-7	33	52	13	2
2008 May 8-11	28	54	17	2	1994 Mar 28-30	31	51	15	3
2007 May 10-13	26	55	18	1	1993 Mar 12-14	32	51	13	4
2006 May 8-11	30	53	15	2	1992 Jul 23-24 ^†	34	48	15	3
2005 Nov 11-13	26	56	16	2	1992 Jan 16-19	31	53	14	2
2005 Jun 24-26	24	55	20	1	1991 Sep 5-8	33	49	14	4
2005 May 2-5	23	53	22	2	1991 May 30-Jun 2	32	50	17	1
2005 Mar 21-23	23	55	20	2	1990 Apr 5-20	31	53	12	4
2004 May 2-4	24	56	19	1	1989 Jul 6-9	29	51	17	3
2003 Oct 24-26	26	55	17	2	1989 Jul 6-7	29	51	17	3
2003 May 5-7	23	57	19	1	1989 Apr 12-13 †	27	50	18	5
2003 Jan 10-12	24	57	18	1	1988 Sep 25-Oct 1	24	57	17	2
2002 May 6-9	25	51	22	2	1985 Jan 3-4 †	21	55	21	3
2002 Mar 22-24	27	53	19	1	1983 Jun 24-27	23	58	16	3
2002 Feb 8-10	26	54	18	2	1981 May 8-11	23	52	21	4
2001 Aug 10-12	26	56	17	1	1980 Jul 11-14	25	53	18	4
2001 May 10-14	26	58	15	1	1979 Feb 23-26	22	54	19	5
2001 Mar 26-28	26	51	18	5	1977 Dec 9-12	22	55	19	4
2000 Mar 30-Apr 2	28	51	19	2	1975 Apr 4-7	21	54	22	3
2000 Jan 13-16	26	56	15	3					

^ Based on registered voters.

† Gallup/Newsweek poll.

3. *(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.2-3): BASED ON FULL SAMPLE

	Legal under any <u>circumstances</u>	Legal under most <u>circumstances</u>	Legal only in a few <u>circumstances</u>	Illegal in all <u>circumstances</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2012 Dec 27-30	28	13	38	18	4
2012 May 3-6	25	13	39	20	4
2011 Jul 15-17	26	13	38	20	4
2011 Jun 9-12	26	12	38	21	2
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

4. 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.

	<u>Pro-choice</u>	<u>Pro-life</u>	<u>Mixed/ Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>Don't know what terms mean (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Dec 27-30	48	44	3	4	1
2012 May 3-6	41	50	4	3	3
2011 Jul 15-17	47	47	2	3	1
2011 Jun 9-12	46	48	2	3	2
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

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Q.4 (ABORTION SELF-IDENTIFICATION) CONTINUED

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

	<u>Pro-choice</u>	<u>Pro-life</u>	<u>Mixed/ Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>Don't know what terms mean (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Sep 24-27	47	46	3	2	2
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

5. Would you like to see the Supreme Court overturn its 1973 Roe versus Wade decision concerning abortion, or not?

	<u>Yes, overturn</u>	<u>No, not overturn</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Dec 27-30	29	53	18
2008 May 8-11	33	52	15
2007 May 10-13	35	53	12
2006 May 8-11	32	55	13
2006 Jan 20-22	25	66	9
2005 Jul 7-10 ^	28	63	9

^ Asked of a half sample.

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: *The 1973 Roe versus Wade decision established a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, at least in the first three months of pregnancy. Would you like to see the Supreme Court COMPLETELY OVERTURN its Roe versus Wade decision, or not?*

	<u>Yes, overturn</u>	<u>No, not overturn</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Jul 7-10 ^	29	68	3
2002 Mar 22-24	36	60	4
1992 Aug 13-14	34	60	6
1989 Oct 5-8	33	61	6
1989 Jul 6-7	31	58	11

^ Asked of a half sample.

6. Thinking more generally, 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>
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>
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>
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