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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 3-7, 2017 with a random sample of –1,011—adults, aged 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  $\pm 4$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of –518—national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –493—national adults in Form B, the margins of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –531-- adults employed full- or part-time, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  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 2016 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2016 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.

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Now, we have some questions on the issue of abortion --

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

|                | Legal<br>under<br>any | Legal<br>under<br>certain | Illegal<br>in all | No<br>opinion |                   | Legal<br>under<br>any | Legal<br>under<br>certain | Illegal<br>in all | No<br>opinion |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 2017 May 3-7   | 29                    | 50                        | 18                | 3             | 2001 Mar 26-28    | 26                    | 51                        | 18                | 2             |
|                |                       |                           |                   |               | 2000 Mar 30-Apr 2 | 28                    | 51                        | 19                | 2             |
| 2016 May 4-8   | 29                    | 50                        | 19                | 2             | 2000 Jan 13-16    | 26                    | 56                        | 15                | 3             |
| 2015 May 6-10  | 29                    | 51                        | 19                | 1             | 1999 Apr 30-May 2 | 27                    | 55                        | 16                | 2             |
| 2014 May 8-11  | 28                    | 50                        | 21                | 2             | 1998 Jan 16-18    | 23                    | 59                        | 17                | 1             |
| 2013 May 2-7   | 26                    | 52                        | 20                | 2             | 1997 Nov 6-9      | 26                    | 55                        | 17                | 2             |
| 2012 Dec 27-30 | 28                    | 52                        | 18                | 3             | 1997 Aug 12-13    | 22                    | 61                        | 15                | 2             |
| 2012 May 3-6   | 25                    | 52                        | 20                | 3             | 1996 Sep 20-22 ^  | 24                    | 52                        | 17                | 7             |
| 2011 Jul 15-17 | 26                    | 51                        | 20                | 1             | 1996 Jul 25-28    | 25                    | 58                        | 15                | 2             |
| 2011 Jun 9-12  | 26                    | 52                        | 21                | 2             | 1995 Sep 22-24    | 31                    | 54                        | 12                | 3             |
| 2011 May 5-8   | 27                    | 50                        | 22                | 3             | 1995 Feb 24-26    | 33                    | 50                        | 15                | 2             |
| 2010 May 3-6   | 24                    | 54                        | 19                | 4             | 1994 Sep 6-7      | 33                    | 52                        | 13                | 2             |
| 2009 Jul 17-19 | 21                    | 57                        | 18                | 2             | 1994 Mar 28-30    | 31                    | 51                        | 15                | 3             |
| 2009 May 7-10  | 22                    | 53                        | 23                | 2             | 1993 Mar 12-14    | 32                    | 51                        | 13                | 4             |
| 2008 May 8-11  | 28                    | 54                        | 17                | 1             | 1992 Jul 23-24 ^† | 34                    | 48                        | 15                | 3             |
| 2007 May 10-13 | 26                    | 55                        | 18                | 2             | 1992 Jan 16-19    | 31                    | 53                        | 14                | 2             |
| 2006 May 8-11  | 30                    | 53                        | 15                | 2             | 1991 Sep 5-8      | 33                    | 49                        | 14                | 4             |
| 2005 Nov 11-13 | 26                    | 56                        | 16                | 1             | 1991 May 30-Jun 2 | 32                    | 50                        | 17                | 1             |
| 2005 Jun 24-26 | 24                    | 55                        | 20                | 2             | 1990 Apr 5-20     | 31                    | 53                        | 12                | 4             |
| 2005 May 2-5   | 23                    | 53                        | 22                | 2             | 1989 Jul 6-9      | 29                    | 51                        | 17                | 3             |
| 2005 Mar 21-23 | 23                    | 55                        | 20                | 1             | 1989 Jul 6-7      | 29                    | 51                        | 17                | 3             |
| 2004 May 2-4   | 24                    | 56                        | 19                | 2             | 1989 Apr 12-13 †  | 27                    | 50                        | 18                | 5             |
| 2003 Oct 24-26 | 26                    | 55                        | 17                | 1             | 1988 Sep 25-Oct 1 | 24                    | 57                        | 17                | 2             |
| 2003 May 5-7   | 23                    | 57                        | 19                | 1             | 1985 Jan 3-4 †    | 21                    | 55                        | 21                | 3             |
| 2003 Jan 10-12 | 24                    | 57                        | 18                | 2             | 1983 Jun 24-27    | 23                    | 58                        | 16                | 3             |
| 2002 May 6-9   | 25                    | 51                        | 22                | 1             | 1981 May 8-11     | 23                    | 52                        | 21                | 4             |
| 2002 Mar 22-24 | 27                    | 53                        | 19                | 2             | 1980 Jul 11-14    | 25                    | 53                        | 18                | 4             |
| 2002 Feb 8-10  | 26                    | 54                        | 18                | 1             | 1979 Feb 23-26    | 22                    | 54                        | 19                | 5             |
| 2001 Aug 10-12 | 26                    | 56                        | 17                | 1             | 1977 Dec 9-12     | 22                    | 55                        | 19                | 4             |
| 2001 May 10-14 | 26                    | 58                        | 15                | 5             | 1975 Apr 4-7      | 21                    | 54                        | 22                | 3             |

^ 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**

|                   | <u>Legal<br/>under any<br/>circumstances</u> | <u>Legal<br/>under most<br/>circumstances</u> | <u>Legal only<br/>in a few<br/>circumstances</u> | <u>Illegal<br/>in all<br/>circumstances</u> | <u>No<br/>opinion</u> |
|-------------------|--|---|--|---|-----------------------|
| 2017 May 3-7      | 29   | 13  | 36   | 18  | 4                     |
| 2016 May 4-8      | 29   | 12  | 37   | 19  | 3                     |
| 2015 May 6-10     | 29   | 13  | 36   | 19  | 2                     |
| 2014 May 8-11     | 28   | 11  | 37   | 21  | 3                     |
| 2013 May 2-7      | 26   | 13  | 38   | 20  | 3                     |
| 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                     |

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.*

|                   | <u>Pro-choice</u> | <u>Pro-life</u> | <u>Mixed/<br/>Neither<br/>(vol.)</u> | <u>Don't know<br/>what terms<br/>mean (vol.)</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| 2017 May 3-7      | 49                | 46              | 2                                    | 2  | 1                 |
| 2016 May 4-8      | 47                | 46              | 3                                    | 3  | 2                 |
| 2015 May 6-10     | 50                | 44              | 3                                    | 2  | 1                 |
| 2014 May 8-11     | 47                | 46              | 3                                    | 3  | *                 |
| 2013 May 2-7      | 45                | 48              | 3                                    | 3  | 2                 |
| 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.13 (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> | Mixed/<br>Neither<br>(vol.) | Don't know<br>what terms<br>mean (vol.) | <u>No opinion</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 2015 Oct 7-11  | 49                | 44              | 2                           | 2                                       | 2                 |
| 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                 |

17. Next, I'm going to read you a list of issues. Regardless of whether or not you think it should be legal, for each one, please tell me whether you personally believe that in general it is morally acceptable or morally wrong. How about -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

**A. Abortion**

|                | <u>Morally acceptable</u> | <u>Morally wrong</u> | Depends on<br>situation<br>(vol.) | Not a<br>moral issue<br>(vol.) | <u>No opinion</u> |
|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2017 May 3-7   | 43                        | 49                   | 7                                 | *                              | 2                 |
| 2016 May 4-8   | 43                        | 47                   | 9                                 | *                              | 2                 |
| 2015 May 6-10  | 45                        | 45                   | 8                                 | 1                              | 1                 |
| 2014 May 8-11  | 42                        | 48                   | 8                                 | *                              | 1                 |
| 2013 May 2-7   | 42                        | 49                   | 8                                 | *                              | 2                 |
| 2012 May 3-6   | 38                        | 51                   | 9                                 | *                              | 2                 |
| 2011 May 5-8   | 39                        | 51                   | 7                                 | *                              | 3                 |
| 2010 May 3-6   | 38                        | 50                   | 9                                 | *                              | 3                 |
| 2009 May 7-10  | 36                        | 56                   | 6                                 | *                              | 1                 |
| 2008 May 8-11  | 40                        | 48                   | 10                                | *                              | 2                 |
| 2007 May 10-13 | 40                        | 51                   | 7                                 | *                              | 1                 |
| 2006 May 8-11  | 43                        | 44                   | 11                                | *                              | 2                 |
| 2005 May 2-5   | 40                        | 51                   | 8                                 | --                             | 1                 |
| 2004 May 2-4   | 40                        | 50                   | 8                                 | *                              | 2                 |
| 2003 May 5-7   | 37                        | 53                   | 9                                 | *                              | 1                 |
| 2002 May 6-9   | 38                        | 53                   | 8                                 | *                              | 1                 |
| 2001 May 10-14 | 42                        | 45                   | 11                                | 1                              | 1                 |