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### GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: VALUES AND BELIEFS

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**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 1-17, 2026, with a random sample of –1,001—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  $\pm 4$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.**

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 80% cell phone respondents and 20% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. 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, party identification, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the most recent Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the most recent National Health Interview Survey. Party identification targets are based on the average of the three most recent Gallup polls. Population density targets are based on the 2020 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 under any	Legal under certain	Illegal in all	No opinion		Legal under any	Legal under certain	Illegal in all	No opinion
2026 May 1-17	33	48	17	3	2002 Mar 22-24	27	53	19	2
					2002 Feb 8-10	26	54	18	1
2025 May 1-18	30	55	13	2	2001 Aug 10-12	26	56	17	1
2024 May 1-23	35	50	12	3	2001 May 10-14	26	58	15	5
2023 May 1-24	34	51	13	2	2001 Mar 26-28	26	51	18	2
2022 May 2-22	35	50	13	2	2000 Mar 30-Apr 2	28	51	19	2
2021 May 3-18	32	48	19	2	2000 Jan 13-16	26	56	15	3
2020 May 1-13	29	50	20	2	1999 Apr 30-May 2	27	55	16	2
2019 May 1-12	25	53	21	2	1998 Jan 16-18	23	59	17	1
2018 May 1-10	29	50	18	2	1997 Nov 6-9	26	55	17	2
2017 May 3-7	29	50	18	3	1997 Aug 12-13	22	61	15	2
2016 May 4-8	29	50	19	2	1996 Sep 20-22 ^	24	52	17	7
2015 May 6-10	29	51	19	1	1996 Jul 25-28	25	58	15	2
2014 May 8-11	28	50	21	2	1995 Sep 22-24	31	54	12	3
2013 May 2-7	26	52	20	2	1995 Feb 24-26	33	50	15	2
2012 Dec 27-30	28	52	18	3	1994 Sep 6-7	33	52	13	2
2012 May 3-6	25	52	20	3	1994 Mar 28-30	31	51	15	3
2011 Jul 15-17	26	51	20	1	1993 Mar 12-14	32	51	13	4
2011 Jun 9-12	26	52	21	2	1992 Jul 23-24 ^†	34	48	15	3
2011 May 5-8	27	50	22	3	1992 Jan 16-19	31	53	14	2
2010 May 3-6	24	54	19	4	1991 Sep 5-8	33	49	14	4
2009 Jul 17-19	21	57	18	2	1991 May 30-Jun 2	32	50	17	1
2009 May 7-10	22	53	23	2	1990 Apr 5-20	31	53	12	4
2008 May 8-11	28	54	17	1	1989 Jul 6-9	29	51	17	3
2007 May 10-13	26	55	18	2	1989 Jul 6-7	29	51	17	3
2006 May 8-11	30	53	15	2	1989 Apr 12-13 †	27	50	18	5
2005 Nov 11-13	26	56	16	1	1988 Sep 25-Oct 1	24	57	17	2
2005 Jun 24-26	24	55	20	2	1985 Jan 3-4 †	21	55	21	3
2005 May 2-5	23	53	22	2	1983 Jun 24-27	23	58	16	3
2005 Mar 21-23	23	55	20	1	1981 May 8-11	23	52	21	4
2004 May 2-4	24	56	19	2	1980 Jul 11-14	25	53	18	4
2003 Oct 24-26	26	55	17	1	1979 Feb 23-26	22	54	19	5
2003 May 5-7	23	57	19	1	1977 Dec 9-12	22	55	19	4
2003 Jan 10-12	24	57	18	2	1975 Apr 4-7	21	54	22	3
2002 May 6-9	25	51	22	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**

	<u>Legal under any circumstances</u>	<u>Legal under most circumstances</u>	<u>Legal only in a few circumstances</u>	<u>Illegal in all circumstances</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 May 1-17	33	15	32	17	4
2025 May 1-18	30	19	35	13	3
2024 May 1-23	35	16	33	12	4
2023 May 1-24	34	13	36	13	3
2022 May 2-22	35	18	32	13	2
2021 May 3-18	32	13	33	19	3
2020 May 1-13	29	14	35	20	3
2019 May 1-12	25	13	39	21	3
2018 May 1-10	29	14	35	18	3
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

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**Q.12 (ABORTION VIEWS) CONTINUED**

	<u>Legal under any circumstances</u>	<u>Legal under most circumstances</u>	<u>Legal only in a few circumstances</u>	<u>Illegal in all circumstances</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
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/ Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>Don't know what terms mean (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 May 1-17	53	42	3	1	1
2025 May 1-18	51	43	2	2	2
2024 May 1-23	54	41	2	*	2
2023 May 1-24	52	44	3	1	*
2022 May 2-22	55	39	4	1	*
2021 May 3-18	49	47	2	1	1
2020 May 1-13	48	46	4	2	*
2019 May 1-12	46	49	2	2	2
2018 May 1-10	48	48	2	2	1
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

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**Q.13 (ABORTION SELF-IDENTIFICATION) CONTINUED**

	<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>
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.*

	<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>
2019 Jun 3-16	52	43	4	1	*
2018 Jun 1-13	49	45	3	1	2
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

21. 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]?

**EACH ITEM ASKED OF APPROXIMATELY 750 RESPONDENTS; ±5 PCT PTS**

<i>2026 May 1-17</i> <i>(sorted by "morally acceptable")</i>	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong
Birth control	83	11
Divorce	74	19
Sex between an unmarried man and woman	65	31
Gay or lesbian relations	62	33
Medical research using stem cells obtained from human embryos	59	29
Having a baby outside of marriage	58	35
Gambling	57	35
Buying and wearing clothing made of animal fur	57	38
The death penalty	52	39
Abortion	49	41
Doctor assisted suicide	49	45
Medical testing on animals	45	48
Changing one's gender	38	57
Sex between teenagers	35	57
Pornography	31	64
Cloning animals	27	64
Suicide	21	70
Polygamy, when a married person has more than one spouse at the same time	19	77
Cloning humans	9	86
Married men and women having an affair	7	89

*Q.21 full trends begin on next page*

**Q.21 (MORAL ACCEPTABILITY) CONTINUED**

**FULL TRENDS: MORAL ACCEPTABILITY**

**A. Abortion**

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 May 1-17	49	41	8	*	2
2025 May 1-18	49	40	8	*	2
2024 May 1-23	54	37	8	*	1
2023 May 1-24	52	41	6	1	1
2022 May 2-22	52	38	9	*	1
2021 May 3-18	47	46	6	*	1
2020 May 1-13	44	47	9	*	1
2019 May 1-12	42	50	6	*	1
2018 May 1-10	43	48	7	--	1
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

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**QN11: Abortion: Legal BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income**

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Legal under any	33%	23%	40%	32%	35%	48%	33%	22%	40%	32%	27%	7%	32%	55%	29%	34%	39%
Legal under certain	48%	56%	41%	50%	43%	35%	50%	55%	45%	49%	49%	66%	46%	36%	54%	45%	48%
Illegal in all	17%	15%	19%	15%	19%	14%	16%	20%	12%	16%	21%	26%	17%	8%	17%	15%	12%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	3%	5%	1%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	1%	1%	6%	1%

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**QN11QN12COMBO: Abortion Opinion (Detail) BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income**

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Legal in all circumstances	33%	23%	40%	32%	35%	48%	33%	22%	40%	32%	27%	7%	32%	55%	29%	34%	39%
Legal in most	15%	15%	15%	14%	16%	11%	16%	16%	21%	13%	11%	8%	16%	20%	12%	12%	21%
Legal in certain-unspecified	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Legal in only a few	32%	40%	25%	35%	27%	23%	33%	37%	23%	34%	38%	56%	29%	16%	41%	33%	26%
Illegal in all	17%	15%	19%	15%	19%	14%	16%	20%	12%	16%	21%	26%	17%	8%	17%	15%	12%
No opinion	3%	5%	1%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	1%	1%	6%	1%

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**QN13: Abortion: Pro-Life/Pro-Choice BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income**

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Pro-choice	53%	48%	56%	52%	56%	63%	56%	43%	64%	50%	46%	17%	54%	81%	44%	53%	66%
Pro-life	42%	45%	40%	44%	37%	34%	38%	51%	32%	46%	46%	79%	38%	15%	49%	41%	31%
Don't know what the terms mean (vol.)	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Mixed/Both/Neither (vol.)	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	0%	5%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	5%	3%	1%
UNSURE/REFUSED	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%

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**QN21A: Morality: Abortion BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income**

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Morally acceptable	49%	39%	56%	49%	50%	68%	47%	37%	62%	50%	38%	18%	49%	73%	36%	53%	60%
Morally wrong	41%	49%	37%	42%	40%	26%	43%	52%	31%	37%	53%	74%	40%	18%	53%	40%	32%
Depends on the situation (vol.)	8%	10%	6%	7%	8%	4%	9%	9%	5%	11%	7%	7%	9%	6%	9%	6%	6%
Not a moral issue (vol.)	0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	1%

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