

# REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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**TO:** INTERESTED PARTIES  
**FROM:** RNC DATA  
**RE:** RNC POLLING – Abortion Debate, Policies, and Limits

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## METHOD

The findings presented below come from a research project conducted by the Republican National Committee, in partnership with KAConsulting and The Tarrance Group. A baseline battleground survey was conducted with N=800 registered voters: 30% Rep, 40% Ind, 30% Dem with responses gathered February 10-17, 2022 and a margin of error +3.5%. A follow up survey was conducted with Causeway Solutions (N=1236) May 3-4 to gauge immediate reactions of the electorate.

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

When voters are engaged in the abortion debate and are asked about specific abortion policies, they reject Democrats' extreme stances. In fact, when describing their own position on the issue of abortion, 85% of voters support abortion limits.

This is not a winning issue for Democrats because it would force them to answer the question – is there a single limit to abortion that Democrat candidates will endorse?

## FINDINGS

### **Most voters reject Democrats' extreme stance on abortion.**

The position of the Democrat Party and Democrat leaders, is made clear in the Democrats' legislative proposals – like the Abortion for All Act (H.R. 3755) – which would codify abortion up to the moment of birth, essentially without limits.

Only 15% of voters believe abortion should be legal at any time during pregnancy and for any reason.



This holds across every demographic: white 15%, Black 22%, Hispanic 13%

Even among self-described “pro-choice” voters, only 27% believe abortion should be legal at any time during pregnancy and for any reason.

Only 23% of voters believe abortion should be legal when the unborn child is viable to live on its own outside of its mother.

Only 23% of voters believe abortion should be legal when the mother does not want a baby of that gender.

Only 30% of voters believe abortion should be legal after the unborn child can feel pain at 15 weeks.

Only 31% of voters believe abortion should be legal when the mother thinks it will interfere with relationships.

Only 35% of voters believe abortion should be legal when the mother thinks the baby will interfere with school/work.

Only 43% of voters believe abortion should be legal once a couple had been approved to adopt the baby.

**Even with increased media attention, abortion is not the winning issue Democrats think it is, and the economy, crime, and the border remain the top issues for voters.**

According to RNC polling following the unprecedented leak the most pressing concern among all voters remains the economy and inflation, followed by crime and public safety. Abortion is an important issue for many voters, but it is only the top issue for 9% of voters.

Only 1 in 5 independents say the issue of abortion is the main factor when deciding which candidate to vote for. Independent voters resoundingly reject the Democrat Party position on abortion. Only 16% of independent voters believe abortion should be allowed at any time and for any reason.

As for the question of who is more motivated by recent events in the news, new polling shows a statistical tie between the two parties. When asked if you would be more likely, less likely or remain as likely to vote



in November because of the recent news, 49% of Democrats and 48% of Republicans answered more likely.

RNC research on the electorate, both before and after the draft opinion was leaked, shows that the environment remains strong for Republicans. Democrats are gaslighting voters and hoping to keep the decision in the hands of unelected judges because their positions are too extreme.

