

Americans' Opinions on Abortion

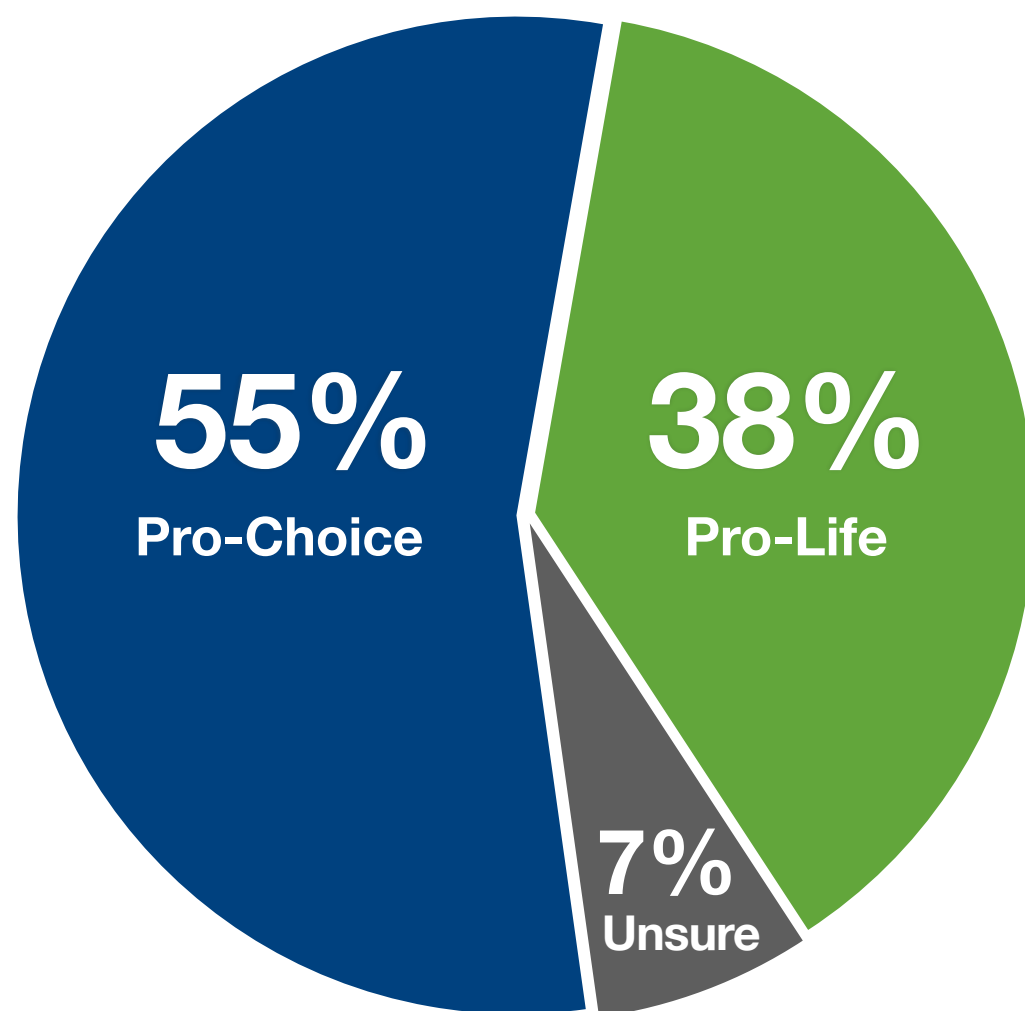
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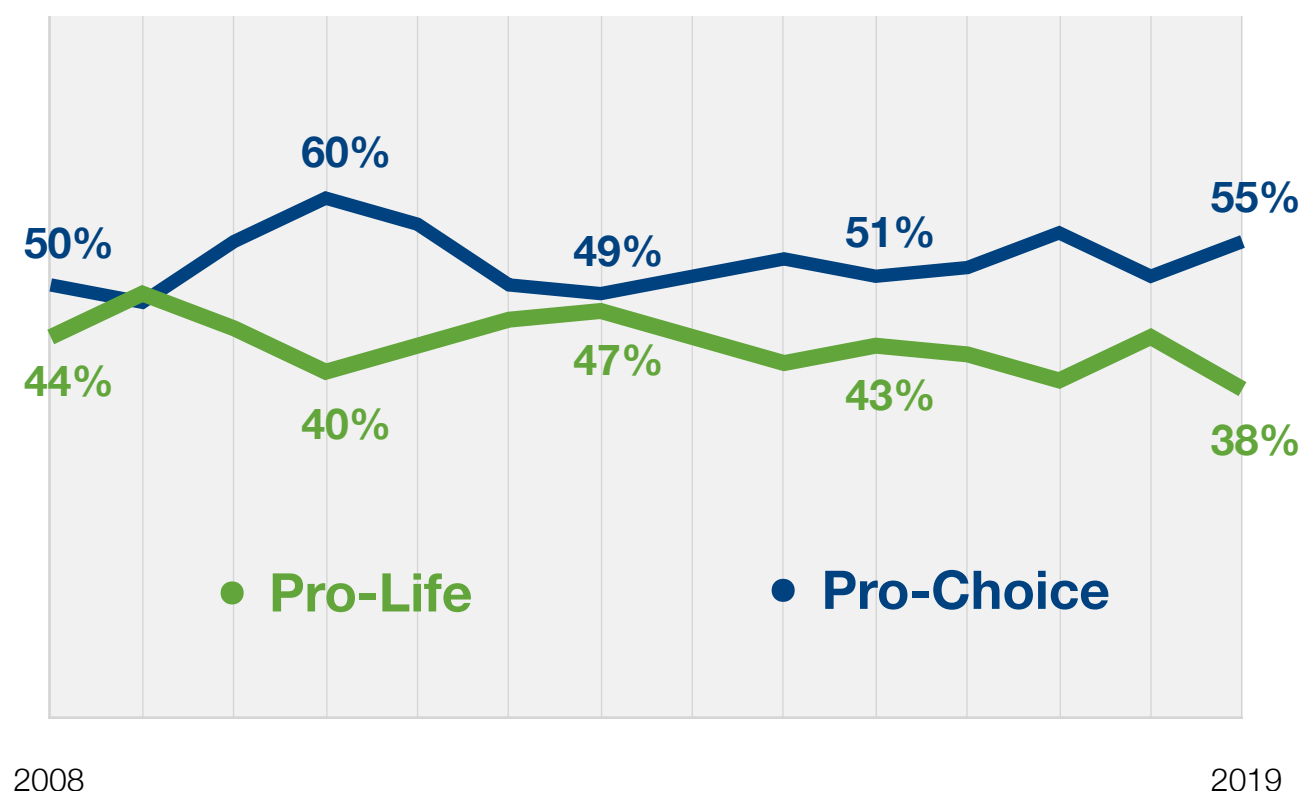
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On the issue of abortion, do you consider yourself pro-life or pro-choice?

Adults



| | Democrat | Republican | Independent |
|------------|----------|------------|-------------|
| Pro-Life | 20% | 70% | 38% |
| Pro-Choice | 75% | 25% | 55% |
| Unsure | 5% | 6% | 7% |





Restrictions on Abortion

Which comes closest to your opinion on abortion:

Available to a woman at any time during pregnancy

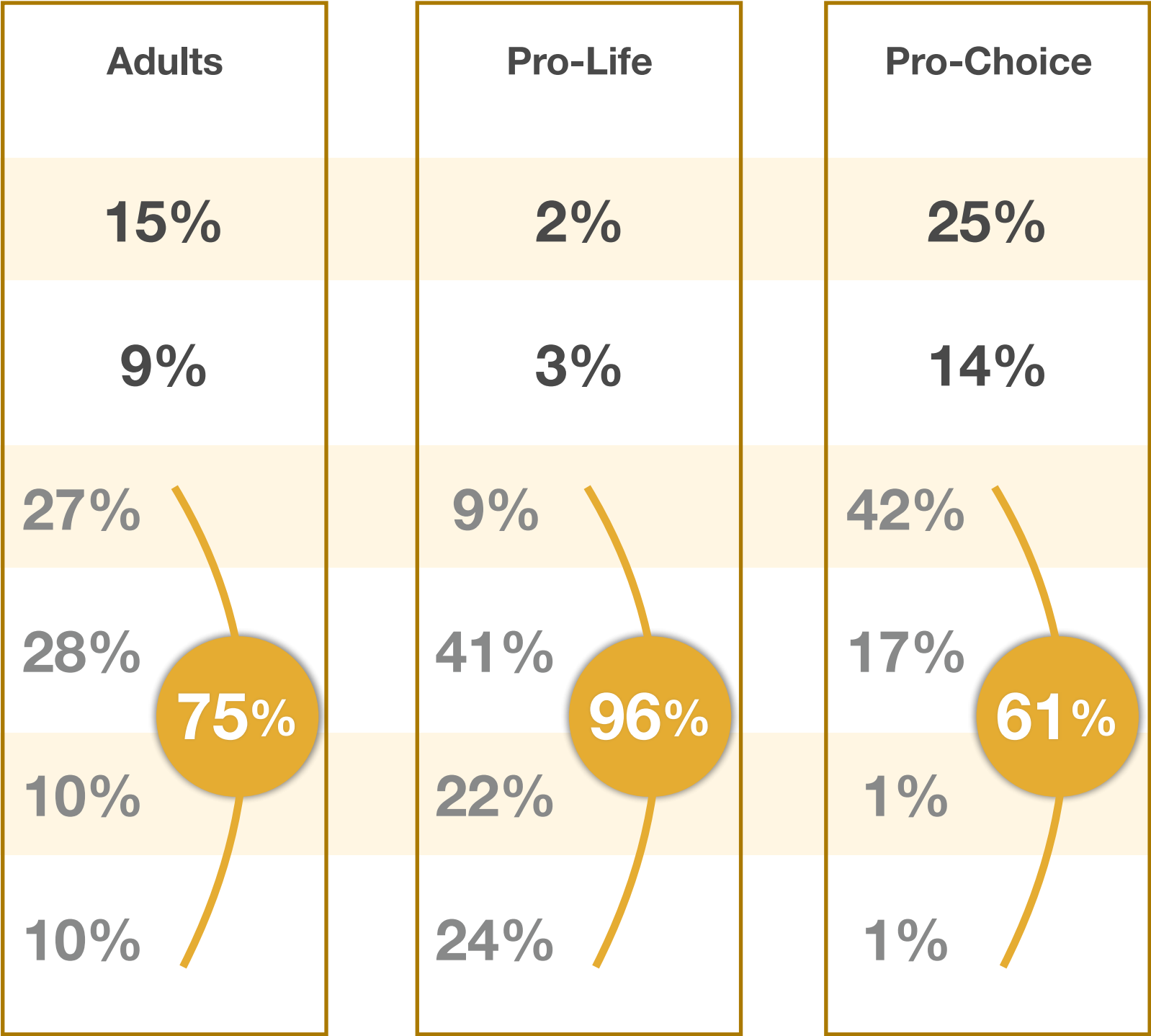
Only during the first six months of pregnancy

Only during the first three months of pregnancy

Only in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother

Only to save the life of the mother

Should never be permitted under any circumstances



Restrictions on Abortion by Party

Which comes closest to your opinion on abortion:

Available to a woman at any time during pregnancy

28%

5%

11%

Only during the first six months of pregnancy

12%

3%

12%

Only during the first three months of pregnancy

27%

19%

34%

Only in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother

20%

40%

28%

60%

92%

78%

Only to save the life of the mother

5%

17%

10%

Should never be permitted under any circumstances

8%

16%

6%



Abortion Policies

Do you strongly support, support, oppose, or strongly:

Using tax dollars to pay for abortion in other countries?

**Strongly Support/
Support**

19%

**Oppose/Strongly
Oppose**

75%

Unsure

6%

Abortion of a child born with Down Syndrome?

26%

62%

12%

Using tax dollars to pay for a woman's abortion?

39%

54%

6%

Ban abortion after 20 weeks except to save life of mother?

59%

32%

9%

**Should be legally
required**

35%

**Should not be
legally required**

55%

Unsure

10%

Do you think doctors, nurses, or organizations who have moral objections to abortion should or should not be required to perform or provide insurance coverage for abortions?

Which comes closest to your view of what the Supreme Court should do when it reconsiders *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 ruling making abortion legal in the United States?

Legal without restriction

30%

Allow states to make certain restrictions

49%

Make it illegal

16%

Unsure

6%

Which statement comes closer to your view: One, it is possible to have laws which protect both the health and well-being of a woman and the life of the unborn; or two, it is necessary for laws to choose to protect one and not the other?

Laws can protect both

83%

Laws must choose

10%

Unsure

7%



Do you believe a person's life begins:

At conception

Adults

Pro-Life

Pro-Choice

42%

70%

23%

Within the first three months

10%

12%

8%

Between three and six months

9%

3%

13%

When a fetus is viable and can live outside the womb

19%

5%

30%

When a baby is born

13%

5%

17%

Unsure

7%

4%

8%



View of Science

Which do you think comes closer to the scientific view of a human fetus:

It is part of a woman's body

35%

It is a unique life

56%

Unsure

9%



How the Study Was Conducted & Methodology

- This study was undertaken by The Knights of Columbus and conducted by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion located at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York.
- This report presents the findings from a random digit dial telephone survey conducted in English of Americans, including both landline and cell phone sampling frames.
- Data were collected in January 2019.
- Analysis of sub-groups is included when noteworthy and/or statistically different.
- Please note that some totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.
- The results from a survey conducted by The Marist Poll sponsored and funded in partnership with The Knights of Columbus are presented in this report. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed in English by telephone using live interviewers.
- 1,066 adults were interviewed from January 8th through the 10th, 2019.
- Mobile telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation from Survey Sampling International. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. Mobile phones are treated as individual devices. After validation of age, personal ownership, and non-business-use of the mobile phone, interviews are typically conducted with the person answering the phone. To increase coverage, this mobile sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of landline phone numbers from Survey Sampling International. Within each landline household, a single respondent is selected through a random selection process to increase the representativeness of traditionally under-covered survey populations. Assistance was provided by Luce Research for data collection. The samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2017 American Community Survey 1-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region.
- Results are statistically significant within ± 3.7 percentage points. The error margin was adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.



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