

# Americans' Opinions on Abortion

February 2019



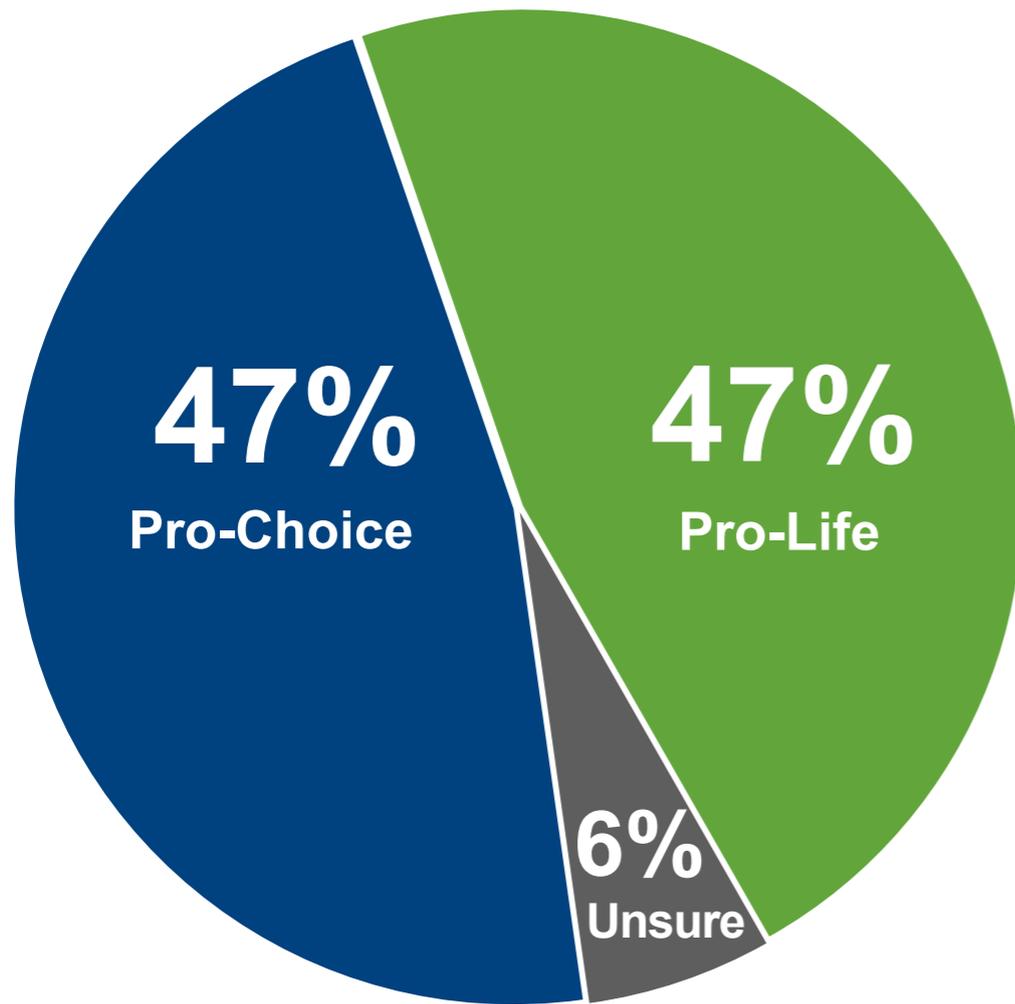
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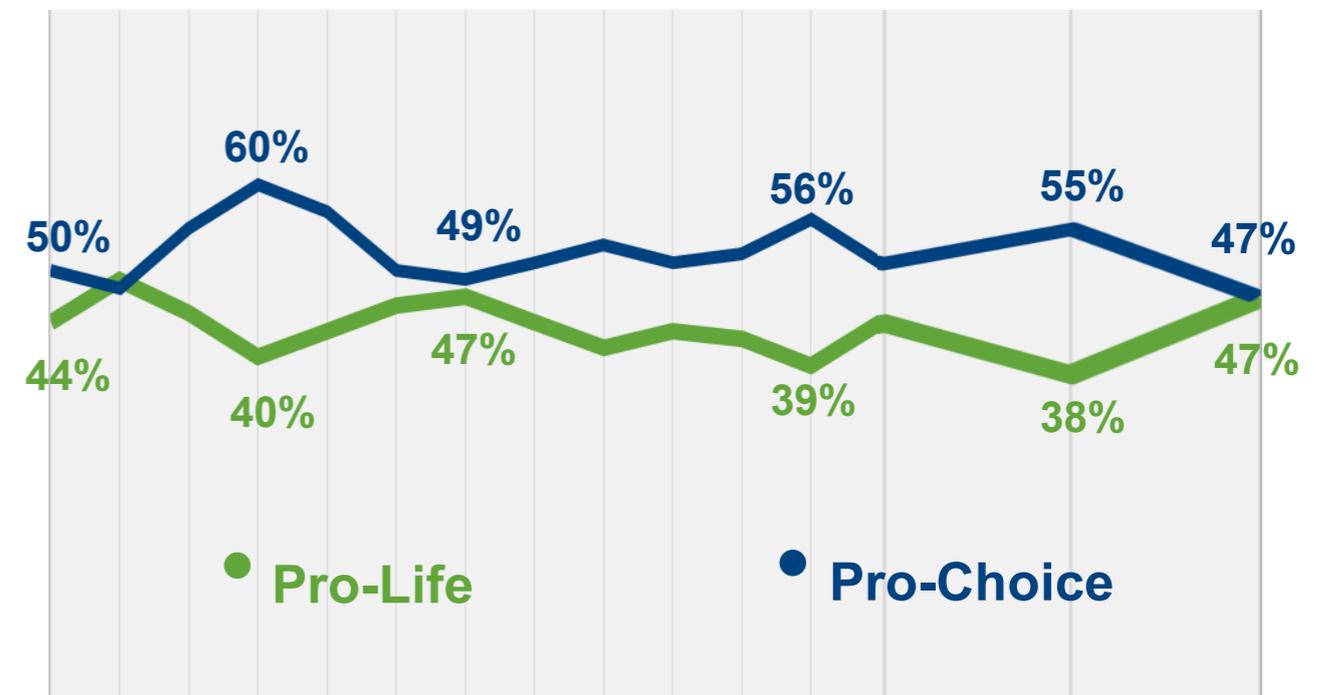
# Pro-Life or Pro-Choice?

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

**Americans**  
February 2019



	Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Pro-Life</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Pro-Choice</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>Unsure</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>6%</b>



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# Pro-Life or Pro-Choice

On the issue of abortion, do you consider yourself:

Americans

Pro-Life

February 2019

47%

January 2019

38%

Pro-Choice

47%

55%

Democrats

Pro-Life

February 2019

34%

January 2019

20%

Pro-Choice

61%

75%

<45 years old

Pro-Life

February 2019

47%

January 2019

28%

Pro-Choice

48%

65%



# Restrictions on Abortion

*Which comes closest to your opinion on abortion:*

Available to a woman at any time during pregnancy

Americans  
February 2019

13%

Americans  
January 2019

15%

Allowed only during the first six months of pregnancy

8%

9%

Allowed only during the first three months of pregnancy

22%

27%

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

29%

28%

Allowed only to save the life of the mother

12%

10%

Should never be permitted under any circumstances

17%

10%

80%

75%



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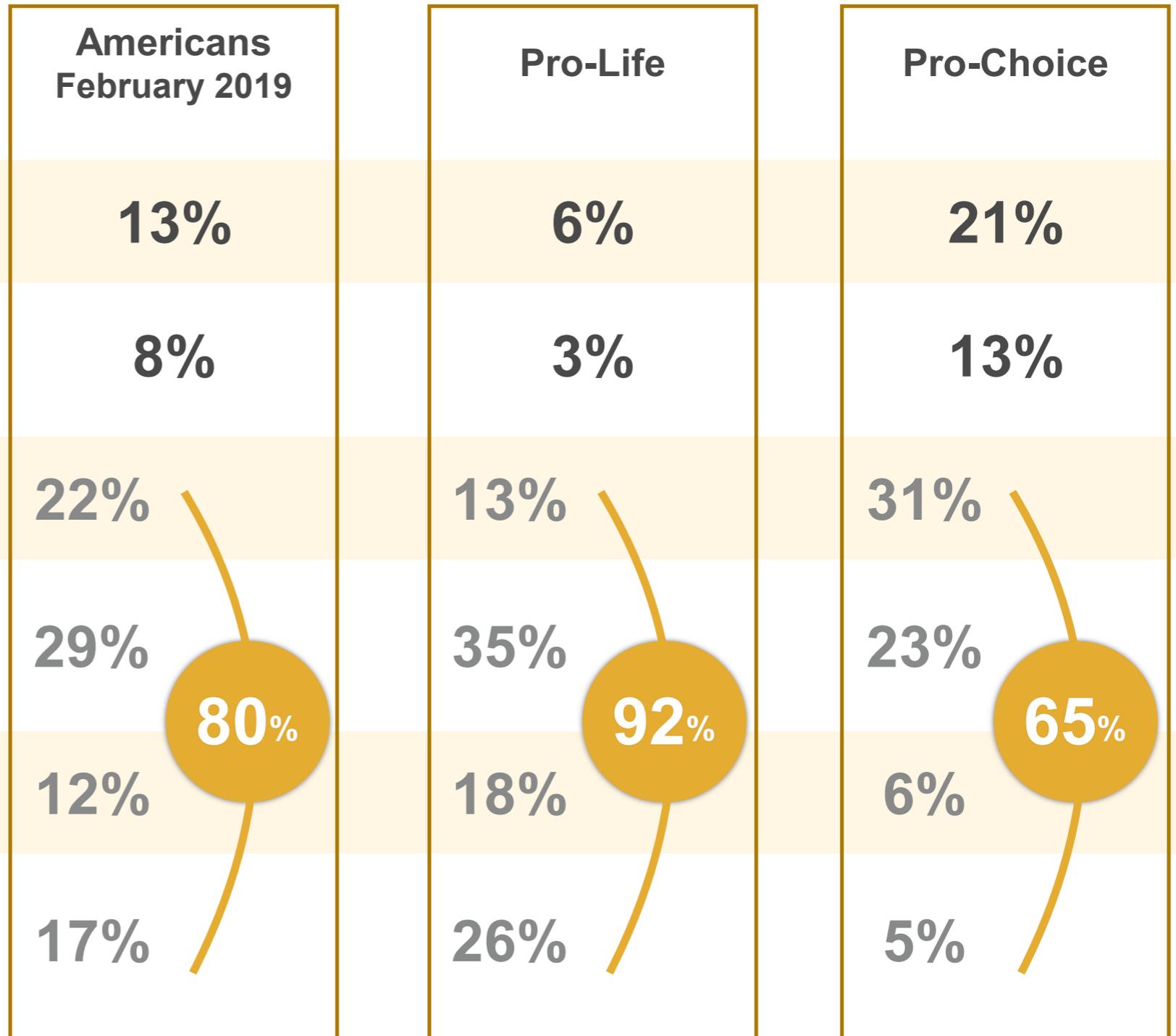
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# Restrictions on Abortion by Party

*Which comes closest to your opinion on abortion:*

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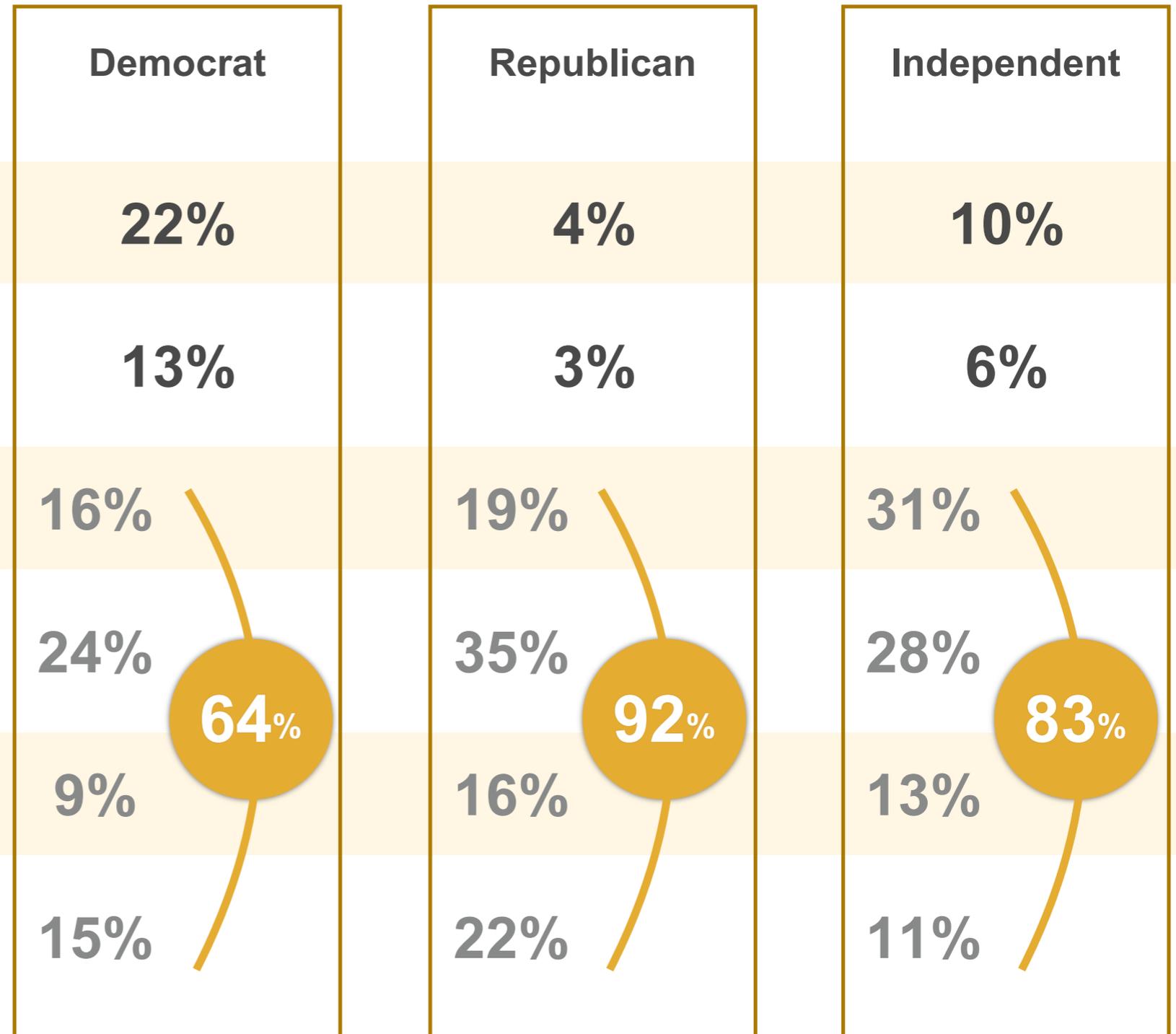
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# Restrictions on Abortion Trend

*Which comes closest to your opinion on abortion:*

**Available to a woman at any time during pregnancy**

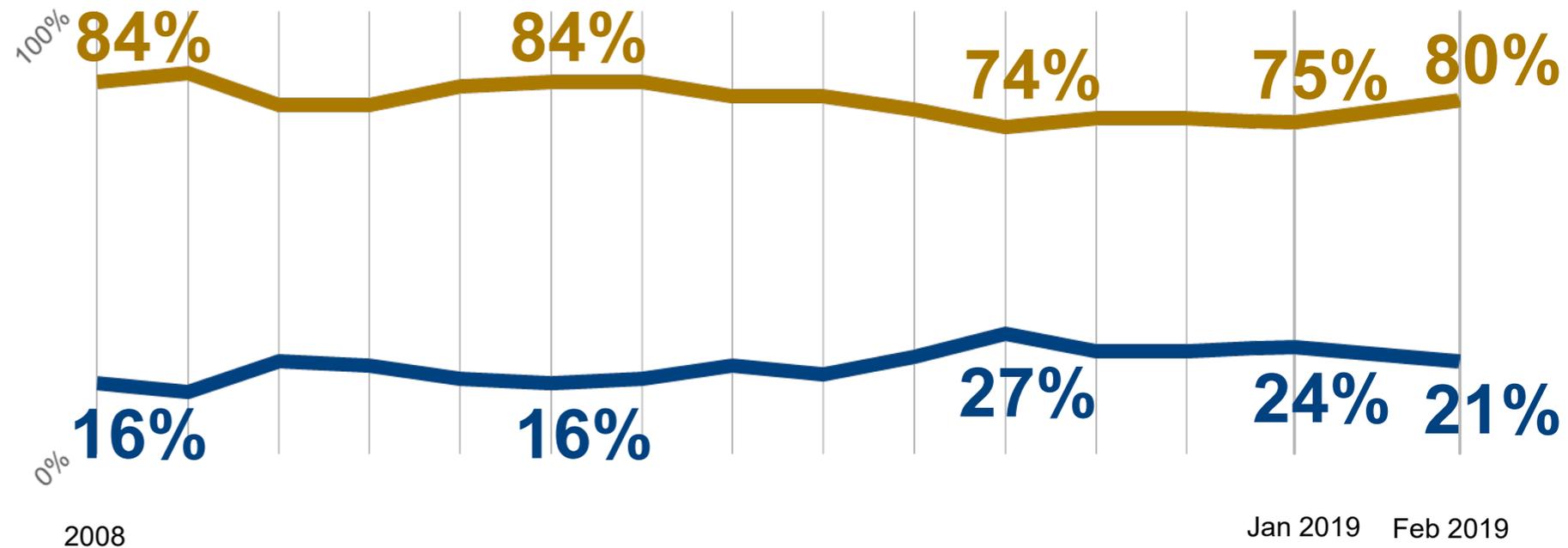
**Allowed only during the first six months of pregnancy**

**Allowed only during the first three months of pregnancy**

**Allowed only in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother**

**Allowed only to save the life of the mother**

**Should never be permitted under any circumstances**



- at most within the first 3 months
- any time/6 months



Do you think abortion should generally be legal or generally be illegal during the last three months of pregnancy?

Should generally be legal

25%

Should generally be illegal

71%

Unsure

5%

Several states have recently passed laws to allow abortion during the last three months of pregnancy. Which comes closer to your view:

Abortion should be allowed any time up until birth

18%

Abortion should be banned after 20 weeks except to save the life of the mother

66%

Abortion should not be permitted at any time (volunteered)

5%

Unsure

10%



# 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 or Spanish of Americans including both landline and cell phone sampling frames.
- Data were collected in February 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 United States were contacted on landline or mobile numbers and interviewed in English or Spanish using live interviewers.
- 1,008 adults were interviewed from February 12th through the 17th, 2019.
- Telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. Assistance was provided by SSRS for data collection. The sample was balanced to reflect the 2017 American Community Survey 1-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. Tables include results for subgroups with a minimum sample size of 100 unweighted completed interviews as to only display crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. It should be noted that although you may not see results listed for a certain group, it does not mean interviews were not completed with those individuals. It simply means the sample size is too small to report.
- Results are statistically significant within  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points. The error margin was adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.



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