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on behalf of

Americans United for Life

Telephone Survey of 800 Adults (18+) Nationwide

TOPLINE DATA REPORT

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Margin of Error: ± 3.5%

A. Are you 18 years of age or older? If no, is there someone in the household I could speak with who is 18 or older?

100% YES

1. As you might know, one of the United States Supreme Court Justices announced that he will retire at the end of this term, creating a vacancy that the Senate and President will fill. Would you prefer that the next Justice on the United States Supreme Court be a (ROTATED) man or woman?

5% MAN
21% WOMAN
71% DOES NOT MATTER IT DEPENDS/NEED MORE INFORMATION (VOLUNTEERED)
2% IT DEPENDS/NEED MORE INFORMATION (VOLUNTEERED)
1% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

ABORTION POLICY IN THE U.S. & THE NEXT U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

2. Justices on the Supreme Court of the United States decided in 1973 in *Roe v. Wade* that states, and not the federal government, may regulate abortion. Do you (ROTATED) support or oppose allowing states, and not the federal government, to decide what regulations on abortion should be in place? (PROBED: And would that be STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?)

52% TOTAL SUPPORT (NET)

35% STRONGLY SUPPORT
17% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

34% TOTAL OPPOSE (NET)

10% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
24% STRONGLY OPPOSE

8% IT DEPENDS/NEED MORE INFORMATION (VOLUNTEERED)
5% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

I now will read you a number of positions that could be held by potential nominees for Supreme Court Justice. For each, please tell me whether you would (ROTATED) support or oppose a nominee for Supreme Court Justice who held that belief. (PROBED EACH: And would that be STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?) (ROTATED 3-6)

3. Supports late-term abortions, which are abortions in the 7th, 8th or 9th months of pregnancy, and are also known as “Partial-Birth Abortions.”

12% TOTAL SUPPORT (NET)

6% STRONGLY SUPPORT
6% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

82% TOTAL OPPOSE (NET)

9% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
73% STRONGLY OPPOSE

1% DOES NOT MATTER (VOLUNTEERED)
4% IT DEPENDS/NEED MORE INFORMATION (VOLUNTEERED)
1% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

4. Opposes making it illegal for someone to take a girl younger than the age of 18 across state lines to obtain abortions without her parents' knowledge.

28% TOTAL SUPPORT (NET)

21% STRONGLY SUPPORT
7% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

69% TOTAL OPPOSE (NET)

10% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
58% STRONGLY OPPOSE

* DOES NOT MATTER (VOLUNTEERED)
2% IT DEPENDS/NEED MORE INFORMATION (VOLUNTEERED)
1% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

5. Favors using tax dollars to pay for abortions here in the United States.

23% TOTAL SUPPORT (NET)

12% STRONGLY SUPPORT
11% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

71% TOTAL OPPOSE (NET)

10% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
61% STRONGLY OPPOSE

1% DOES NOT MATTER (VOLUNTEERED)
3% IT DEPENDS/NEED MORE INFORMATION (VOLUNTEERED)
1% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

6. Favors using tax dollars to pay for abortions in other countries.

8% TOTAL SUPPORT (NET)

3% STRONGLY SUPPORT
5% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

89% TOTAL OPPOSE (NET)

7% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
82% STRONGLY OPPOSE

1% DOES NOT MATTER (VOLUNTEERED)
1% IT DEPENDS/NEED MORE INFORMATION (VOLUNTEERED)
1% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

7. *Roe v. Wade*, a United States Supreme Court ruling from 1973, provided that women have a constitutional right to an abortion, but the ruling allowed each state to decide minimal regulations, including requiring parental notice for minors wanting to obtain abortions. A number of states have passed laws regulating abortions. Some people in Washington are talking about a new federal law that would eliminate virtually all laws restricting abortion, including laws for parental notice for minors. It would also require using tax dollars to pay for abortion, and would make the late-term partial-birth abortion procedure legal again. Do you (ROTATED) support or oppose a new federal law that eliminates restrictions on abortion that states have passed? (PROBED: And would that be STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?)

16% TOTAL SUPPORT (NET)

9% STRONGLY SUPPORT

7% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

79% TOTAL OPPOSE (NET)

13% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

66% STRONGLY OPPOSE

3% IT DEPENDS/NEED MORE INFORMATION (VOLUNTEERED)

1% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

8. Would you (ROTATED) support or oppose adding a new Justice to the Supreme Court of the United States who favors eliminating virtually all laws restricting abortion, including laws requiring parental notice for minors wanting to obtain abortions, favors requiring using tax dollars to pay for abortion, and supports making the late-term partial-birth abortion procedure legal again? (PROBED: And would that be STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?)

18% TOTAL SUPPORT (NET)

9% STRONGLY SUPPORT

9% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

75% TOTAL OPPOSE (NET)

11% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

64% STRONGLY OPPOSE

4% IT DEPENDS/NEED MORE INFORMATION (VOLUNTEERED)

2% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

I will now read you some descriptions of people who are thought to be potential nominees to the Supreme Court of the United States. For each, please tell me whether you would (ROTATED) support or oppose a nominee for Supreme Court Justice who fit the description you hear. (PROBED EACH: And would that be STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?) (ROTATED 9-12)

9. Criticized a Supreme Court ruling that upheld existing laws that prohibit taxpayer-funded organizations from counseling or referring women for abortions.

31% TOTAL SUPPORT (NET)

14% STRONGLY SUPPORT

17% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

57% TOTAL OPPOSE (NET)

20% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

37% STRONGLY OPPOSE

4% IT DEPENDS/NEED MORE INFORMATION (VOLUNTEERED)

6% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

10. As Chief Justice of a State Supreme Court, voted to overturn the state's ban on sodomy because they believed that the Court should not be involved in QUOTE morals legislation ENDQUOTE.

34% TOTAL SUPPORT (NET)

16% STRONGLY SUPPORT

18% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

55% TOTAL OPPOSE (NET)

16% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

39% STRONGLY OPPOSE

4% IT DEPENDS/NEED MORE INFORMATION (VOLUNTEERED)

6% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

11. Believes that the Courts, and not the voters or elected officials, should make policies on abortion in the United States.

22% TOTAL SUPPORT (NET)

11% STRONGLY SUPPORT

11% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

70% TOTAL OPPOSE (NET)

17% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

53% STRONGLY OPPOSE

4% IT DEPENDS/NEED MORE INFORMATION (VOLUNTEERED)

3% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

12. As a Governor of a state, signed into law a measure that created what are known as QUOTE buffer zones ENDQUOTE around abortion clinics to keep people who oppose abortion from protesting near the buildings.

57% TOTAL SUPPORT (NET)

37% STRONGLY SUPPORT

20% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

36% TOTAL OPPOSE (NET)

10% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

26% STRONGLY OPPOSE

3% IT DEPENDS/NEED MORE INFORMATION (VOLUNTEERED)

2% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

Changing topics slightly...

13. Just generally, do you believe that abortion is (ROTATED) almost always a good thing for a woman or almost always a bad thing for a woman?.

53% ALMOST ALWAYS A BAD THING

13% ALMOST ALWAYS A GOOD THING

21% NEITHER (VOLUNTEERED)

9% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

4% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

14. Do you personally know someone who has had an abortion?

68% YES [CONTINUED TO Q15]

30% NO [SKIPPED Q15]

1% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED) [SKIPPED Q15]

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED) [SKIPPED Q15]

15. [ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAID "YES" IN Q. 14] From your observation, was that generally a (ROTATED) positive or negative experience? (N=546)

55% NEGATIVE EXPERIENCE

33% POSITIVE EXPERIENCE

10% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

16. Which of the following ways, if any, do you think women might be harmed by having abortions? (READ AND ROTATED LIST. ACCEPTED MULTIPLE ANSWERS.)

51% EMOTIONAL IMPACT

46% PSYCHOLOGICAL OR MENTAL IMPACT

38% SPIRITUAL OR RELIGIOUS IMPACT

33% PHYSICAL HARM OR CONSEQUENCES

25% IMPACT ON FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS WITH MEN

1% OTHER (SPECIFIED)

24% ALL OF THE ABOVE (VOLUNTEERED)

3% NONE OF THE ABOVE (VOLUNTEERED)

2% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

DEMOGRAPHICS

Finally, I would like to ask you a few confidential statistical questions for classification purposes only.

17. Did you vote in this year's election for President of the United States? (IF YES, ASKED: For whom did you vote among (ROTATED) Democrat Barack Obama, Green Cynthia McKinney, Independent Ralph Nader, Libertarian Bob Barr, or Republican John McCain?)

41% DEMOCRAT BARACK OBAMA
36% REPUBLICAN JOHN MCCAIN
1% INDEPENDENT RALPH NADER
1% LIBERTARIAN BOB BARR
* GREEN CYNTHIA MCKINNEY

11% DID NOT VOTE

1% OTHER (SPECIFIED, VOLUNTEERED)
1% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
8% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

18. Into which of the following categories does your age fall? (READ CATEGORIES)

9% 18-24
19% 25-34
19% 35-44
21% 45-54
14% 55-64
17% 65+

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

19. Which of the following best describes your racial background...? (READ AND ROTATED)

66% CAUCASIAN OR WHITE
13% AFRICAN-AMERICAN OR BLACK
10% HISPANIC OR LATINO
4% ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER
3% NATIVE AMERICAN
* MIDDLE EASTERN
2% MULTI-RACIAL OR OTHER (VOLUNTEERED)

2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

20. Thinking for a moment about your social, economic, and political views...Do you consider yourself to be...?

[IF CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL, ASKED] And would you consider yourself to be VERY (conservative/liberal) or just SOMEWHAT (conservative/liberal)?

44% TOTAL CONSERVATIVE (NET)

18% VERY CONSERVATIVE
26% SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE

28% MODERATE

20% TOTAL LIBERAL (NET)

12% SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
8% VERY LIBERAL

2% LIBERTARIAN

7% DO NOT KNOW/REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

21. In politics today, do you consider yourself to be a...(ROTATED) Republican, Independent or Democrat? (IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT, ASKED: "Are you a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not-so-strong (Republican/Democrat)?" (IF "INDEPENDENT" ASKED: "Which way do you lean, or usually vote, the Democratic or Republican Party?")

32% TOTAL REPUBLICAN (NET)

15% STRONG REPUBLICAN
10% NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
7% INDEPENDENT LEANING REPUBLICAN

22% INDEPENDENT

38% TOTAL DEMOCRAT (NET)

7% INDEPENDENT LEANING DEMOCRAT
10% NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
21% STRONG DEMOCRAT

2% OTHER (VOLUNTEERED)

2% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

22. On the issue of abortion, do you consider yourself (ROTATED) pro-life or pro-choice?

- 47% PRO-LIFE
- 45% PRO-CHOICE

- 6% NEITHER/BOTH/IT DEPENDS (VOLUNTEERED)
- 1% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
- 1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

23. Which of the following statements most closely describes your own position on the issue of abortion? (READ AND ROTATED TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

55% TOTAL PRO-LIFE (NET)

- 10% ABORTIONS SHOULD BE PROHIBITED IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES
- 16% ABORTION SHOULD BE LEGAL ONLY TO SAVE THE LIFE OF THE MOTHER
- 29% ABORTIONS SHOULD BE LEGAL ONLY IN CASES OF RAPE, INCEST OR TO SAVE THE LIFE OF THE MOTHER

41% TOTAL PRO-CHOICE (NET)

- 26% ABORTIONS SHOULD BE LEGAL FOR ANY REASON, BUT NOT AFTER THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF PREGNANCY
- 8% ABORTIONS SHOULD BE LEGAL FOR ANY REASON, BUT NOT AFTER THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF PREGNANCY
- 7% ABORTIONS SHOULD BE ALLOWED AT ANY TIME DURING A WOMAN'S PREGNANCY AND FOR ANY REASON

- 4% DO NOT KNOW/ REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

24. Gender (RECORDED BY OBSERVATION)

- 48% MALE
- 52% FEMALE

25. Region (RECORDED FROM SAMPLE)

- 7% NEW ENGLAND
- 16% MIDDLE ATLANTIC
- 16% EAST NORTH CENTRAL
- 6% WEST NORTH CENTRAL
- 18% SOUTH ATLANTIC
- 6% EAST SOUTH CENTRAL
- 11% WEST SOUTH CENTRAL
- 6% MOUNTAIN
- 15% PACIFIC