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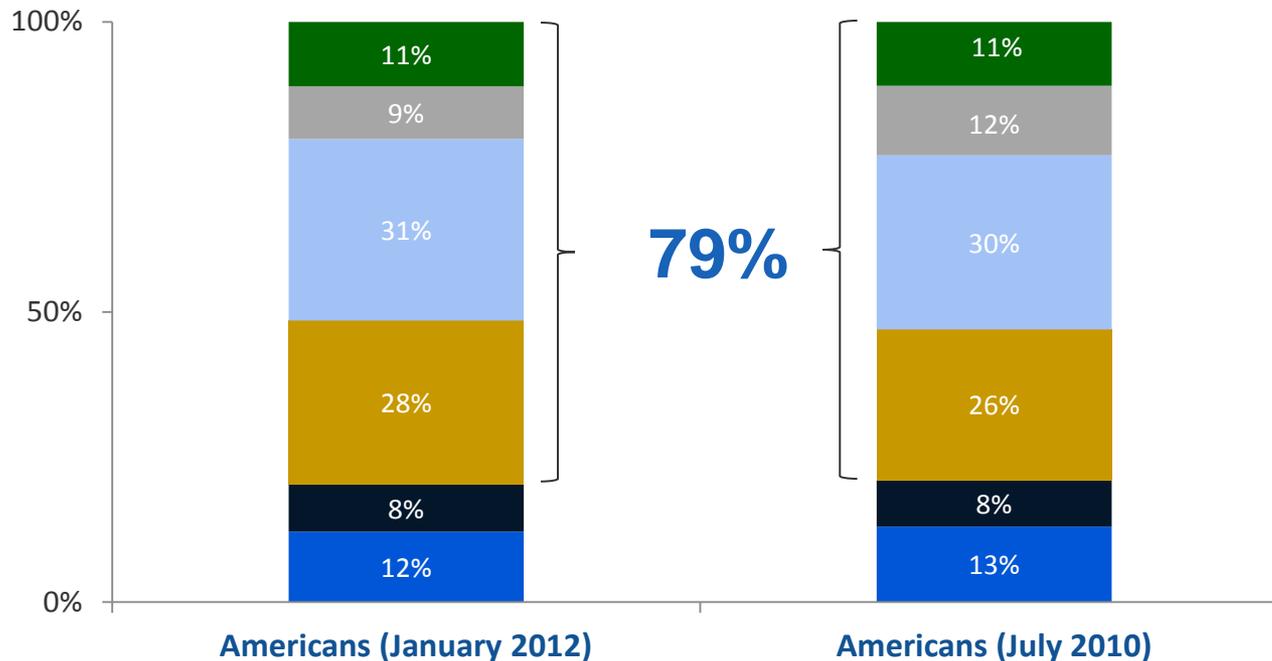


# Abortion in America

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# Position on Abortion

Many Americans (79%) continue to believe abortion should be significantly restricted. This includes 51% who want, at most, to allow abortion only in cases of rape, incest, to save the life of the mother, or who think abortion should never be permitted.



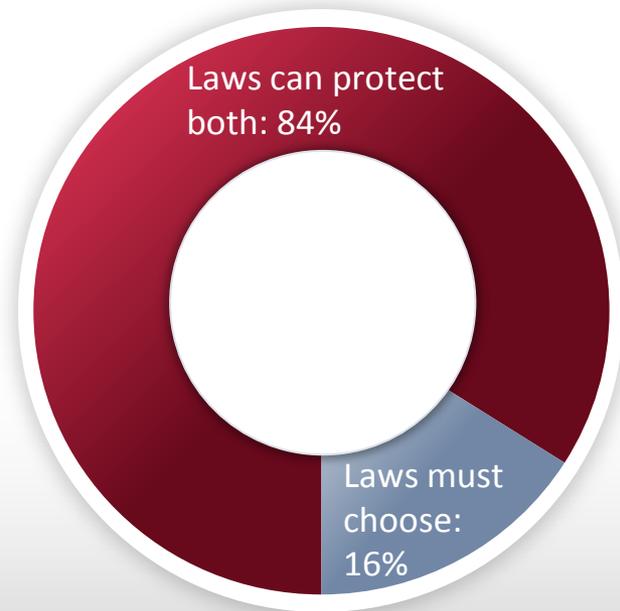
### Scale:

- 6, abortion should never be permitted under any circumstance
- 5, abortion should be allowed only to save the life of the mother
- 4, abortion should be allowed only in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother
- 3, abortion should be allowed only during the first three months of a pregnancy
- 2, abortion should be allowed only during the first six months of a pregnancy
- 1, abortion should be available to a woman any time she wants one during her entire pregnancy

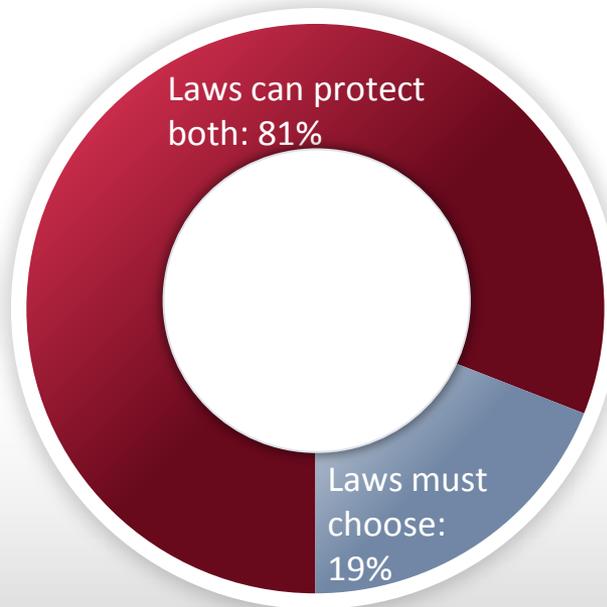
*Which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion on abortion?*

# Protection for All

*Which statement comes closer to your view? One, it is possible to have laws that 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?*



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Most Americans (84%) continue to believe that it is possible to create legislation that is able to protect both the health and well-being of a woman as well as the life of the unborn. Even 80% of pro-choice supporters believe laws can protect both.

# How the Survey was Conducted

- This survey was done in partnership with The Knights of Columbus and conducted by The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion.
- This report details the findings from a telephone survey of 1,053 adults residing in the continental United States. Data were collected from December 15, 2011 through December 27, 2011 using an online, probability-based panel from Knowledge Networks, Inc.
- Reports for adults have a margin of error within +/- 3 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Please note that totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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