



August 2022 Abortion and Religion Survey Topline Questionnaire

Total N=5,049 adults. | Interview dates: August 12–August 21, 2022.

Note: All results shown are percentages. An asterisk () replaces percentages greater than zero but less than 0.5 percent. Responses may not total to 100 percent due to rounding.*

ASK ALL:

Q.1 Do you feel America's culture and values are generally...

- 8 Changing in a way you agree with
- 75 Changing in a way you disagree with
- 16 Not changing much either way

ASK ALL:

Q.2 How closely, if at all, have you been following news about ...

A. The 2022 midterm elections

- 18 Very closely
- 28 Fairly closely
- 30 Not too closely
- 24 Not at all closely

B. Abortion laws and restrictions {New}

- 25 Very closely
- 35 Fairly closely
- 26 Not too closely
- 12. Not at all closely

C. Inflation and gasoline prices {New}

- 37 Very closely
- 38 Fairly closely
- 17 Not too closely
- 7 Not at all closely

ASK ALL:

Q.3 How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the 2022 midterm elections?

- 52 Absolutely certain
- 14 Fairly certain
- 11 Chances are 50-50
- 9 Less than 50-50 chance
- 12 Not sure

ASK ALL:

Q.4 If the 2022 elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district...

- 34 The Democratic candidate
- 31 The Republican candidate
- 3 Some other candidate
- 21 Not sure
- 10 Not going to vote

ASK ALL:

Q.5 Thinking about some issues that are important to people, how important are the following issues to you personally?

A. Abortion

- 36 Critical issue
- 43 One among many important issues
- 20 Not that important an issue

B. Crime

- 44 Critical issue
- 47 One among many important issues
- 7 Not that important an issue

C. Climate change

- 36 Critical issue
- 36 One among many important issues
- 27 Not that important an issue

D. Increasing costs of housing and everyday expenses

- 56 Critical issue
- 38 One among many important issues
- 5 Not that important an issue

E. Immigration

33 Critical issue
45 One among many important issues
21 Not that important an issue

F. Gun policy

45 Critical issue
38 One among many important issues
16 Not that important an issue

G. Jobs and unemployment

31 Critical issue
55 One among many important issues
13 Not that important an issue

FORM 1 ONLY:

I. Funding for public schools

26 Critical issue
55 One among many important issues
18 Not that important an issue

FORM 2 ONLY:

J. What students are being taught in public schools

39 Critical issue
42 One among many important issues
18 Not that important an issue

ASK WOMEN:

Q.6 How much do you think what happens to women in the US today affects what happens in your own life?

22 Everything
26 Most things
32 Some things
12 A few things
7 Nothing

ASK ALL:

Q.7 Do you think abortion should be...

35 Legal under any circumstances
51 Legal under certain circumstances
12 Illegal in all circumstances

ASK IF BELIEVE ABORTION SHOULD BE LEGAL ONLY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES:

Q.8 Do you think abortion should be legal in most circumstances or only in a few circumstances?

38 Legal under most circumstances
61 Legal only in a few circumstances

ASK ALL:

Q.9 In general, when making their decisions how much do you think the Supreme Court justices are influenced by the following...

A. Their own religious beliefs

48 A lot
34 A little
16 Not at all

B. Their own political views

61 A lot
25 A little
12 Not at all

C. The views of the American public

13 A lot
44 A little
41 Not at all

D. Their understanding of the Constitution and relevant cases

39 A lot
44 A little
16 Not at all

ASK FORM 1:

Q.10a Do you think churches and religious organizations...

49 Mostly bring people together
18 Mostly push people apart
31 Neither

ASK FORM 2:

Q.10b Do you think churches and religious organizations...

53 Teach people to be kind and considerate to everyone regardless of who they are
16 Encourage people to treat some people poorly, simply because of who they are
29 Neither

ASK ALL:

Q.11 How much influence should the Bible have on the laws of the United States?

- 24 A Great deal
- 24 Some
- 17 Not much
- 34 None at all

ASK ALL:

Q.12 Do you agree or disagree with the following... Churches and other religious organizations are too involved with politics

- 30 Completely agree
- 30 Mostly agree
- 28 Mostly disagree
- 10 Completely disagree

ASK FORM 1:

Q.13a Do you think that in our country today, society generally treats women better than men, both equally, or men better than women?

- 9 Women better
- 32 Both equally
- 57 Men better

ASK FORM 2:

Q.13b Thinking about your own experiences, do you generally feel people treat you better because of your gender, treat you worse, or are not been treated any differently due to your gender?

- 8 Better
- 74 No different
- 16 Worse

ASK ALL:

Q.14 Regardless of whether you think it should be legal or illegal, do you personally believe the following are...

A. Pornography

- 4 Always morally acceptable
- 20 Morally acceptable most of the time
- 19 Morally wrong most of the time
- 34 Always morally wrong
- 21 Not a moral issue

B. The death penalty

- 11 Always morally acceptable
- 34 Morally acceptable most of the time
- 25 Morally wrong most of the time
- 14 Always morally wrong
- 13 Not a moral issue

C. Abortion

- 15 Always morally acceptable
- 25 Morally acceptable most of the time
- 29 Morally wrong most of the time
- 15 Always morally wrong
- 14 Not a moral issue

FORM 1 ONLY:

D. A married man having an affair

- 1 Always morally acceptable
- 2 Morally acceptable most of the time
- 22 Morally wrong most of the time
- 66 Always morally wrong
- 7 Not a moral issue

E. A young woman having sex without being married

- 15 Always morally acceptable
- 23 Morally acceptable most of the time
- 14 Morally wrong most of the time
- 19 Always morally wrong
- 26 Not a moral issue

FORM 2 ONLY:

F. A married woman having an affair

- 2 Always morally acceptable
- 4 Morally acceptable most of the time
- 26 Morally wrong most of the time
- 55 Always morally wrong
- 11 Not a moral issue

G. A young man having sex without being married

- 14 Always morally acceptable
- 23 Morally acceptable most of the time
- 14 Morally wrong most of the time
- 21 Always morally wrong
- 27 Not a moral issue

ASK ALL:

Q.15 Do you personally believe that abortion is a complicated issue or would you say the issue is simple and straightforward?

- 45 Simple and straightforward
- 53 Complicated issue

ASK RANDOM SUBSAMPLE:

Q.16a In just a few words, why would you say abortion is a [complicated/simple] issue?

OPEN-END

ASK ALL:

Q.16 Do you think it is possible to find common ground to compromise on the issue of abortion or is this not possible?

- 58 Possible to compromise
- 40 Not possible to compromise

ASK ALL

Q.17 How well do the following terms describe you...

A. Pro-choice

- 41 Very well
- 25 Somewhat well
- 14 Not too well
- 18 Not at all well

B. Pro-life

- 29 Very well
- 30 Somewhat well
- 17 Not too well
- 22 Not at all well

C. A religious person

- 22 Very well
- 30 Somewhat well
- 21 Not too well
- 25 Not at all well

D. A spiritual person

- 32 Very well
- 34 Somewhat well
- 18 Not too well

14 Not at all well

ASK ALL:

Q.18 What do you personally think is the best thing to do when someone disagrees with you about abortion?

- 7 Try to persuade the person to change their mind
- 53 Try to understand the person's beliefs and agree to disagree
- 38 Avoid discussing the issue of abortion with the person

ASK ALL:

Q.19 Thinking about how the abortion issue might affect your vote for major offices, would you...

- 26 Only vote for a candidate who shares your views on abortion
- 53 A candidate's position on abortion as just one of many important factors
- 18 Not see abortion as a major issue

ASK ALL:

Q.20 If a state bans abortion, would you support or oppose employers providing assistance to their workers to travel to other states to obtain abortions?

- 61 Support
- 34 Oppose

ASK ALL:

Q.21 If you personally believe a law is immoral do you think you would be right in refusing to follow it OR would it always be wrong not to follow the law regardless of how you personally feel about it?

- 52 Right not to follow law if believe it is immoral
- 43 Always wrong not to follow the law

ASK FORM 1:

Q.22a Thinking about issues that are important to some people, do you think churches and places of worship should speak out publicly on the following issues or should they avoid getting involved?

A. Abortion

- 48 Yes, should speak out publicly
- 50 No, should not get involved

B. Racism and racial inequality

- 66 Yes, should speak out publicly
- 31 No, should not get involved

C. Poverty

77 Yes, should speak out publicly

21 No, should not get involved

D. Gun policy

50 Yes, should speak out publicly

48 No, should not get involved

E. Climate change

49 Yes, should speak out publicly

48 No, should not get involved

F. LGBTQ Issues

45 Yes, should speak out publicly

52 No, should not get involved

ASK FORM 2:

Q.22b Thinking about issues that are important to some people... do you think businesses and corporations should speak out publicly on the following issues or should they avoid getting involved?

A. Abortion

39 Yes, should speak out publicly

58 No, should not get involved

B. Racism and racial inequality

63 Yes, should speak out publicly

34 No, should not get involved

C. Poverty

69 Yes, should speak out publicly

28 No, should not get involved

D. Gun policy

52 Yes, should speak out publicly

45 No, should not get involved

E. Climate change

63 Yes, should speak out publicly

35 No, should not get involved

F. LGBTQ Issues

45 Yes, should speak out publicly

51 No, should not get involved

Survey Methodology

This survey was designed and conducted by the Survey Center on American Life. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 5,049 adults (age 18 and up) living in the United States, including all 50 states and the District of Columbia. All interviews were conducted among participants of the Ipsos KnowledgePanel, a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the US general population, not just the online population. Interviews were conducted between August 12 and August 21, 2022 in Spanish and English.

Initially, participants are chosen scientifically by a random selection of telephone numbers and residential addresses. Persons in selected households are then invited by telephone or mail to participate in the Ipsos KnowledgePanel. For those who agree to participate but do not already have internet access, Ipsos provides a laptop and internet service provider connection at no cost. People who already have computers and internet service are permitted to participate using their own equipment. Panelists then receive unique log-in information for accessing surveys online and then are sent emails throughout each month inviting them to participate in research.

The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race, education, Census region by metropolitan status, and household income. The sample weighting was accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting (IFP) process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables.

The use of survey weights in statistical analyses ensures that the demographic characteristics of the sample closely approximate the demographic characteristics of the target population. The margin of error for the qualified survey sample is ± 1.5 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level. The design effect for the survey is 1.21.