

AMERICANS SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

91% believe that “every woman on the planet deserves access to quality maternal and reproductive health care.” This includes 98% of Democrats, 84% of Republicans, 90% of Independents and 94% of people living in the Northeast, 90% of people living in the South, 90% of people living in the West, 89% of people living in the Midwest, and 87% of men. (Harris Interactive, Sept. 2010)

89% favor “health care services, including access to basic health care and family planning services” as a way to achieve progress and overcome barriers of discrimination against women and girls. (Hart, April/May 2010)

68% of Americans, including 58% of Republicans, 58% of Independents, and 79% of Democrats, favor programs for “helping poor countries provide family planning and reproductive health services to their citizens.” (World Public Opinion, May 2009)

75% of Americans, including 83% of Democrats, 69% of Independents, and 69% of Republicans, believe focusing on reproductive health and family planning is absolutely essential or very important. (Hart/ViaNovo, March-May 2009)

81% say “providing access to family planning services” is important for the U.S. to spend money on to improve health for people in developing countries. (Kaiser, May 2009)

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AMERICANS SUPPORT DOMESTIC FAMILY PLANNING AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

70% of adults believe that health insurance companies should cover the full cost of birth control for women, just as they cover other preventative health services. (National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, October 2012)

58% of voters, including 56% of independents, say they oppose Republicans in Congress trying to take away the birth control benefit that saves women hundreds of dollars per year. (Public Policy Polling, February 2012)

81% of Americans think the government should continue to help women who cannot afford birth control. 79% of adults agree that during tough economic times, it is important to reduce unplanned pregnancy by increasing women's access to birth control. Majorities of Democrats (92%), Independents (80%) and Republications (59%) agree this is important. (National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, October 2012)

84% of Americans, including 93% of Democrats, 88% of Independents, and 73% of Republicans, believe "family planning services, including birth control and contraception, are important to basic preventative health care." (Lake Research, May 2011)

8 in 10 adults agree that policymakers who oppose abortion should be strong supporters of birth control. Majorities of Democrats (85%), Independents (80%) and Republications (59%) agree this is important. (National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, October 2012)

89% of American voters say they "may have an opinion on abortion that differs from others, but we can all find common ground on providing access to contraception". (Hart/Breglio, May 2011)

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AMERICANS SUPPORT ACCESS TO ABORTION SERVICES

7 in 10 voters agree that abortion should be allowed where the pregnancy is a result of rape, including nearly two thirds in strong agreement (71 percent agree, 63 percent strongly agree). (Center for Health and Gender Equity/Lake Research Partners, January 2014)

74% of U.S. Catholics support abortion under at least some circumstances. (New York Times/CBS, February 2013)

70% of Americans oppose overturning the Roe v. Wade decision. 54% believe that abortion should be legal either always or most of the time. (NBC News/Wall Street Journal, January 2013)

57% of Americans oppose laws prohibiting health clinics that provide abortion services from receiving any federal funds. (Gallup, July 2011)

More than half of Americans (56%) think abortion should be legal in most or all cases. Nearly 6 in 10 Americans say that at least some health care professionals in their communities should provide legal abortions. (Public Religion Research Institute, June 2011)

68% of millennials strongly support the availability of abortions in their local community. (Public Religion Research Institute, June 2011)

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AMERICANS OPPOSE DENYING ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS

79% of U.S. Catholics are in favor of artificial methods of birth control. Additionally, 71% believe the next Pope should support the use of artificial methods of birth control. 91% believe the next Pope should support the use of condoms to prevent the spread of HIV and other diseases. (New York Times/CBS, February 2013)

81% of Americans think “the law should not allow companies or other institutions to use religious beliefs to decide whether to offer a service to some people and not others.” 69% of Americans, including 68% of Catholics, think it is wrong for a university to deny birth control coverage. (Catholics for Choice/ACLU, October 2012)

77% of Americans, and an equal proportion of Catholics, object to pharmacies refusing to fill birth control prescriptions. (Catholics for Choice/ACLU, October 2012)

82% of U.S. Catholics say birth control is morally acceptable. 89% of all Americans overall and 90% of non-Catholics share this view. (Gallup, May 2012)

Major religious groups in the U.S. oppose overturning the Roe v. Wade decision, including 58% of Protestants and 55% of Catholics. 82% of the religiously unaffiliated were also against overturning it. (Pew Research Center, January 2013)

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AMERICAN PRIORITIES FOR U.S. FOREIGN AID

89% of American voters believe the U.S. should be supportive of UN programs that improve the health care, education, livelihood, and rights for women and girls. (Public Opinion Strategies/Hart Research Associates, May 2012)

60% of Americans want the U.S. to play at least a “major” role in world affairs. 32% of the public believes the U.S. currently spends “too little” on efforts to improve health in developing countries. (Kaiser, May 2012)

A large majority of the public overestimates the size of the federal budget spent on foreign aid. Just 5% know that foreign aid makes up 1% or less of the federal budget. 57% of Americans think foreign aid makes up more than 10% of the budget, including 28% who think that the foreign aid is more than 30%. (Kaiser, May 2012)

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