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Reuters/Ipsos Poll: Medication Abortion

Topline Findings

These are the results of a Reuters/Ipsos poll conducted between April 11-12, 2023. For this survey, a sample of 995 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The sample includes 433 Democrats, 379 Republicans, and 108 independents. The poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.8 percentage points for all respondents.

For complete results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire:

Full Annotated Questionnaire

TM3086Y23. Are you registered to vote at your current address?

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Yes, registered to vote at my current address	79%	88%	87%	64%
No, not registered to vote at my current address	18%	11%	10%	28%
Not sure	4%	1%	2%	8%

TM3106Y23. Please indicate how much you support or oppose the following:

- a. State-level efforts to restrict access to the pills needed for a medication abortion

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Strongly support	13%	9%	19%	12%
Somewhat support	15%	11%	19%	17%
Somewhat oppose	14%	10%	16%	15%
Strongly oppose	47%	63%	35%	42%
Not sure	11%	7%	11%	13%
Total Support	29%	20%	38%	30%
Total Oppose	61%	73%	51%	57%



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TM3106Y23. Please indicate how much you support or oppose the following: (Continued)

b. National abortion ban after 15 weeks of gestation

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Strongly support	24%	15%	35%	28%
Somewhat support	18%	15%	21%	21%
Somewhat oppose	17%	19%	13%	16%
Strongly oppose	24%	39%	16%	14%
Not sure	16%	11%	14%	21%
Total Support	43%	30%	56%	49%
Total Oppose	41%	58%	29%	31%

c. Women obtaining abortion pills through the mail

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Strongly support	30%	44%	19%	26%
Somewhat support	18%	25%	15%	12%
Somewhat oppose	15%	12%	17%	18%
Strongly oppose	26%	11%	37%	28%
Not sure	12%	8%	11%	15%
Total Support	47%	69%	34%	38%
Total Oppose	41%	24%	54%	46%

d. Women obtaining abortion pills at their doctor's office/clinic

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Strongly support	45%	65%	32%	41%
Somewhat support	22%	21%	23%	24%
Somewhat oppose	11%	5%	15%	14%
Strongly oppose	14%	6%	22%	12%
Not sure	7%	3%	8%	9%
Total Support	68%	86%	54%	65%
Total Oppose	25%	11%	38%	26%



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TM3106Y23. Please indicate how much you support or oppose the following: (Continued)

e. Women obtaining abortion pills at a pharmacy

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Strongly support	37%	58%	24%	30%
Somewhat support	24%	23%	27%	25%
Somewhat oppose	10%	6%	13%	13%
Strongly oppose	19%	8%	27%	21%
Not sure	9%	5%	9%	11%
Total Support	62%	81%	51%	55%
Total Oppose	29%	13%	40%	34%

f. National abortion ban after 6 weeks of gestation

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Strongly support	18%	11%	28%	14%
Somewhat support	17%	13%	17%	26%
Somewhat oppose	14%	13%	15%	16%
Strongly oppose	35%	51%	29%	24%
Not sure	15%	12%	11%	20%
Total Support	35%	25%	45%	41%
Total Oppose	50%	64%	44%	39%

g. National abortion ban without any exceptions (for rape, incest, birth defects, or threat of life to the mother, etc.)

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Strongly support	11%	9%	14%	11%
Somewhat support	10%	9%	13%	8%
Somewhat oppose	15%	9%	19%	17%
Strongly oppose	57%	70%	47%	57%
Not sure	7%	4%	7%	8%
Total Support	21%	17%	27%	18%
Total Oppose	72%	79%	66%	74%



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TM3042Y23. To the best of your knowledge, are the following statements true, false, or you don't know?*

*Correct responses are marked in bolded brackets for each statement below

- a. Medication abortion is the most common type of abortion provided annually in the U.S. **[TRUE]**

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
True	40%	56%	33%	32%
False	11%	10%	11%	14%
Don't know	49%	34%	56%	54%

- b. Medication abortion is only 75% effective at terminating pregnancy **[FALSE]**

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
True	17%	23%	13%	16%
False	18%	25%	15%	15%
Don't know	65%	52%	72%	69%

- c. Medication abortion is approved for use up to 23 weeks of pregnancy **[FALSE]**

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
True	19%	29%	15%	13%
False	16%	19%	15%	13%
Don't know	65%	52%	70%	75%

- d. Banning medication abortion nationwide has no impact on miscarriage care in the U.S. **[FALSE]**

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
True	21%	20%	23%	27%
False	33%	51%	21%	26%
Don't know	45%	29%	55%	46%

- e. The abortion pill is less risky to a person's health than other common low-risk prescription drugs, such as penicillin **[TRUE]**

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
True	31%	53%	24%	12%
False	15%	11%	18%	17%
Don't know	54%	37%	58%	71%





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TM3042Y23. To the best of your knowledge, are the following statements true, false, or you don't know?
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- f. Without access to medical records, healthcare professionals cannot tell the difference between a miscarriage and medication abortion (given orally) **[TRUE]**

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
True	23%	30%	20%	19%
False	17%	18%	16%	20%
Don't know	59%	52%	63%	61%

TM3043Y23. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

- a. I am less likely to vote for a politician who supports legislation limiting access to abortion

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Strongly agree	35%	60%	20%	25%
Somewhat agree	21%	18%	23%	24%
Somewhat disagree	13%	10%	12%	19%
Strongly disagree	15%	5%	28%	12%
Not sure	16%	7%	17%	20%
Total Agree	56%	77%	43%	49%
Total Disagree	28%	16%	40%	31%

- b. I am less likely to vote for a politician who supports appointing/confirming judges who oppose access to abortion

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Strongly agree	33%	57%	16%	28%
Somewhat agree	23%	20%	23%	29%
Somewhat disagree	14%	9%	14%	20%
Strongly disagree	14%	5%	27%	11%
Not sure	15%	8%	21%	13%
Total Agree	57%	77%	38%	57%
Total Disagree	28%	15%	41%	31%



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TM3043Y23. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Continued)

- c. I trust the Supreme Court to remain neutral and impartial in future cases surrounding abortion

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Strongly agree	15%	12%	21%	12%
Somewhat agree	22%	21%	27%	19%
Somewhat disagree	19%	20%	18%	19%
Strongly disagree	28%	40%	20%	23%
Not sure	17%	7%	13%	27%
Total Agree	37%	33%	49%	31%
Total Disagree	46%	60%	38%	42%

- d. The Supreme Court is politically motivated when it comes to banning abortion in the United States

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Strongly agree	28%	48%	15%	18%
Somewhat agree	29%	29%	26%	36%
Somewhat disagree	11%	7%	13%	12%
Strongly disagree	14%	7%	26%	8%
Not sure	19%	9%	21%	26%
Total Agree	57%	77%	40%	54%
Total Disagree	24%	14%	39%	20%

- e. The federal ruling to suspend the FDA's approval of mifepristone, a medication used for abortion, is the result of an impartial decision from the courts

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Strongly agree	13%	21%	12%	6%
Somewhat agree	18%	16%	21%	19%
Somewhat disagree	16%	14%	17%	19%
Strongly disagree	17%	26%	13%	9%
Not sure	35%	23%	37%	47%
Total Agree	32%	37%	33%	25%
Total Disagree	33%	40%	30%	28%





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TM3043Y23. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Continued)

- f. The federal ruling to suspend the FDA’s approval of mifepristone, a medication used for abortion, is politically motivated

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Strongly agree	29%	45%	20%	20%
Somewhat agree	27%	22%	31%	33%
Somewhat disagree	9%	10%	9%	6%
Strongly disagree	11%	6%	19%	6%
Not sure	24%	16%	20%	35%
Total Agree	56%	67%	51%	52%
Total Disagree	20%	17%	28%	13%

TM1978Y20. In the 2020 presidential election, did you vote for Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Donald Trump	36%	8%	73%	30%
Joe Biden	38%	76%	12%	25%
Some other candidate	4%	2%	2%	13%
I did not vote in the 2020 presidential election	21%	13%	13%	31%
Not sure	1%	1%	0%	1%



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About the Study

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The sample was randomly drawn from [Ipsos' online panel](#), partner online panel sources, and ["river" sampling](#) and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2022 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Posthoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, and education.

Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online non-probability polls. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.8 percentage points for all respondents. Ipsos calculates a design effect (DEFF) for each study based on the variation of the weights, following the formula of Kish (1965). This study had a credibility interval adjusted for design effect of the following (n=995, DEFF=1.5, adjusted Confidence Interval=+/-5.3 percentage points).

The poll also has a credibility interval of plus or minus 5.8 percentage points for Democrats, plus or minus 6.2 percentage points for Republicans, and plus or minus 11.5 percentage points for independents.

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