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Introduction.

Black women represent decisive forces in elections, yet surveys among them are rare. Even rarer are state-level surveys among Black women.

For the past few elections, National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda: In Our Own Voice has invested in rigorous and robust national and state-level surveys to better understand the voting and policy priorities, needs, and views among Black adults and women.

In 2017, early in the Trump administration, we explored the attitudinal landscape among Black adults related to race, policy, and reproductive justice. In December 2020, prior to Biden taking office, we went back in the field to listen to Black adults' experiences and views over the past few years. Prior to the 2022 midterm elections, we conducted a national survey and several state surveys to better understand Black women voters' issue priorities, values, and reactions to news dominating the headlines at the time.



Here we are in 2024, near the end of the Biden administration, with the country heading into another consequential election. How are Black women in Pennsylvania feeling about the upcoming election? What voting issues are on their minds? What is motivating them to vote? What are their views on abortion and reproductive issues, given the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*?

These are the questions we set out to answer, with the goal of providing data as a resource for policymakers, the media, and other parties who want to understand the views and lives of Black women in Pennsylvania.

This report provides findings from a statewide survey among n=528 Black women* registered voters. The survey was conducted January 22 through February 14, 2024 via Ipsos' KnowledgePanel, an online panel constructed from address-based probability sampling. The sample was supplemented by off-panel, opt-in sample. The data are weighted to reflect a representative sample of Black women registered voters in Pennsylvania. The margin of sampling error is ± 5.8 percentage points. Many other types of errors can contribute to overall survey error.

This survey is part of a larger project that includes <u>national</u> <u>data</u> among all Black adults.

^{*} Our future surveys will use expansive questions around gender identity. This survey used a standard binary variable. Transgender individuals who identify as women and chose it in a binary question are included in the survey. Typically, surveys tend to find about < 1% to 2% of respondents identifying outside of the binary.



Here is the demographic composition of the survey respondents.

	Weighted %	Unweighted N
Total	100%	528
Black or African American	100%	528
2+ races	19%	90
Hispanic / Latina/o/x	8%	52
18 to 29	19%	134
30 to 44	27%	148
45 to 59	26%	131
60+	27%	115
HS or less	39%	171
Some college	35%	201
College +	27%	156
Democrat	59%	370
Independent	32%	154
Republican	9%	51
Urban	59%	291
Suburban	39%	162
Rural	2%	8



Key findings.



Here are 10 key findings.

1

Young Black women may feel particularly unmotivated to vote in the fall elections.

Just 40% of 18-to 29-year-old respondents say they are "almost certain" to vote this fall, compared to 62% of all respondents.

The same proportion (40%) of 18- to 29-year-olds says they've thought about not voting in 2024 as a form of protest. Insights from our national data suggest that young people are discouraged by the choice of candidates. In this survey, 79% of 18- to 29-year-olds say it's extremely or very important that more Black women are elected and nominated to political offices.



2

Abortion bans have affected young people's sense of safety and their thinking about profound life decisions.

More than half of 18- to 29-year-olds says recent abortion bans have made them think about the risk of death if they or a partner were to get pregnant. As a result of recent abortion bans and restrictions, have you...

% Yes

	Total	18 to 29	18 to 44
Yes to any	63	85	77
Felt less safe	41	55	50
Thought about the risk of death if you or a partner gets pregnant		55	44
Thought about not having any kids / any more kids		54	45
Thought about the risk of being arrested because of something related to pregnancy, miscarriage, or abortion care	32	48	45
Thought about wanting to move to a state that allows abortion, or stay in a state that allows abortion	30	57	42

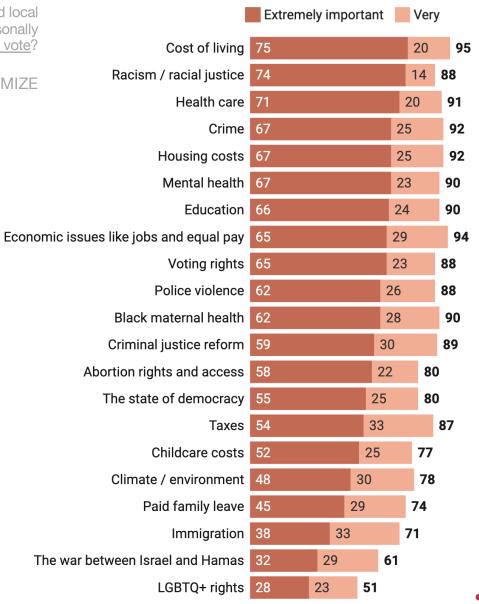


This fall there will be elections for US Congress, state, and local offices. How important is each of these issues to you personally when thinking about getting out to vote?

RANDOMIZE

Many issues are on the minds of Black women. Cost of living, racism / racial justice, and health care are among the top.

Abortion access and mental health are high on the list for 18- to 29-year-olds.





4

When asked about 20 discrete policy positions, economic policies are among the most salient.

Mental health, getting rid of abortion bans, and getting rid of restrictions transgender people are also motivating priorities for young respondents.

IMPORTANT POLICY POSITIONS

- Lowering the cost of living and inflation (90% extremely or very important when thinking about getting out to vote this fall)
- Ensuring equal pay for equal work (89%)
- Making sure schools teach children about American history, including the impact of slavery and racism (88%)
- Raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour (88%)
- Lowering taxes for the middle and lower classes (86%)
- Increasing access to mental health care (86%)



In a list of 12 motivations to vote, these three rise to the top.

Pennsylvania is one of the few states that will decide who becomes president and whether the US Congress becomes Democratic or Republican. That means my vote will matter more than in most other states.

29% say this is in the top 1 or 2 motivations to vote

People's rights and freedoms are at stake 24%

 ${\bf 3}$ People fought and died for the right to vote 22%



These are additional motivating factors among many respondents.

- My family might be affected by the outcome of the elections
- It's a chance to exercise my right to vote
- It gives me a voice in the future
- Voting is the main way I have power in what happens



6

Black women in Pennsylvania are strongly supportive of abortion rights and access.

Large majorities of respondents support abortion rights and access, including those who attend religious services regularly. This tracks with Black women nationally.

82%

Say abortion should be legal in all or most cases

78% of those who attend religious services regularly

87%

Agree: Each person should have the right to make their own decision on abortion, even if I may disagree with it

86%

80%

Say they'd vote in favor of a state amendment that protects pregnancy and abortion decisions

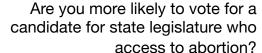
76%

83%

Say having an abortion can be the responsible choice

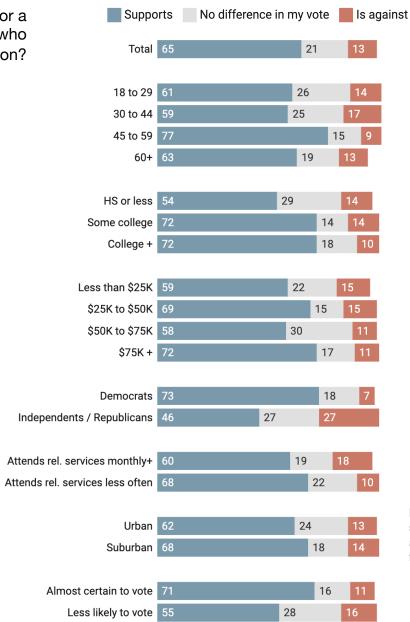
77%





Respondents are five times more likely to vote for a candidate who supports abortion access (65%) than one who opposes it (13%).

A majority of Black women who attend religious services regularly is more mobilized by a candidate who supports abortion access.



Note: The sample size is too small to analyze respondents from rural areas.



8

A majority of Black women of reproductive age is interested in getting birth control pills over the counter.

The retail price, however, is out of reach for 78% of these women.

60%

Of women 18 to 44 say they are interested in accessing birth control pills overthe-counter

78%

Of women 18 to 44 could not afford to pay \$45 or more for a three-month supply

Note: A three-month supply will retail at \$49.99



Have you ever felt this way?

% Yes

Total 18 to 44 45+ Yes to any 56 I felt worried about the health and safety of Black women in my life during their pregnancy 39 or childbirth because of their race Have felt a health care provider treat you differently because of your race and/or gender A health care provider didn't take my health concerns seriously because of my race and / or 36 gender A health care provider didn't understand how my race and culture affects my health A health care provider didn't take my pain seriously because of my race and / or gender I felt worried about my health and safety during pregnancy or childbirth because of my race A health care provider didn't give me all the available test and treatment options because of 25 my race and / or gender A health care provider didn't take my pain seriously during pregnancy or childbirth 25 23 because of my race and / or gender A health care provider didn't give me all the available options for birth control because of 20 16 my race and / or gender

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A majority of Black women (56%) says they have felt the effects of racial / gender bias in the health care system.

Younger respondents are more likely than older respondents to cite some of these experiences.

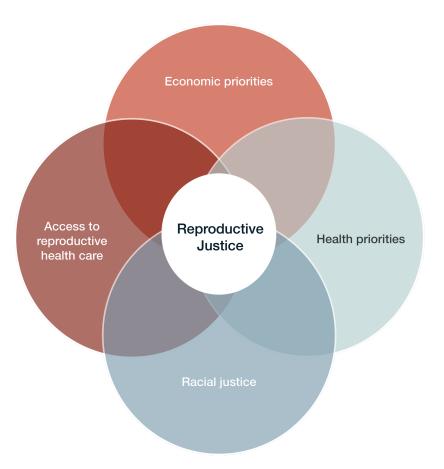


Economic issues top the list of voting priorities – including the cost of living, housing costs, and equal pay.

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Reproductive Justice is at the intersection of top priorities and policy preferences among Black women in Pennsylvania.

Many women of reproductive age are profoundly impacted by abortion bans. Getting rid of abortion restrictions and bans is a top voting issue for 18- to 29-year-olds. A majority of women of reproductive age can't afford the price of over-thecounter birth control pills. Large majorities support access to abortion. comprehensive sex ed, and sex-positive communication with health care providers.



Health care is also a top voting issue. Majorities are mobilized by policies to end Black maternal mortality, to increase access to mental health care, and to expand Medicaid. Mental health is a top issue for 18- to 29year-olds.

Racial justice is top voting issue.
A majority has experienced gender / racial bias in the medical system.



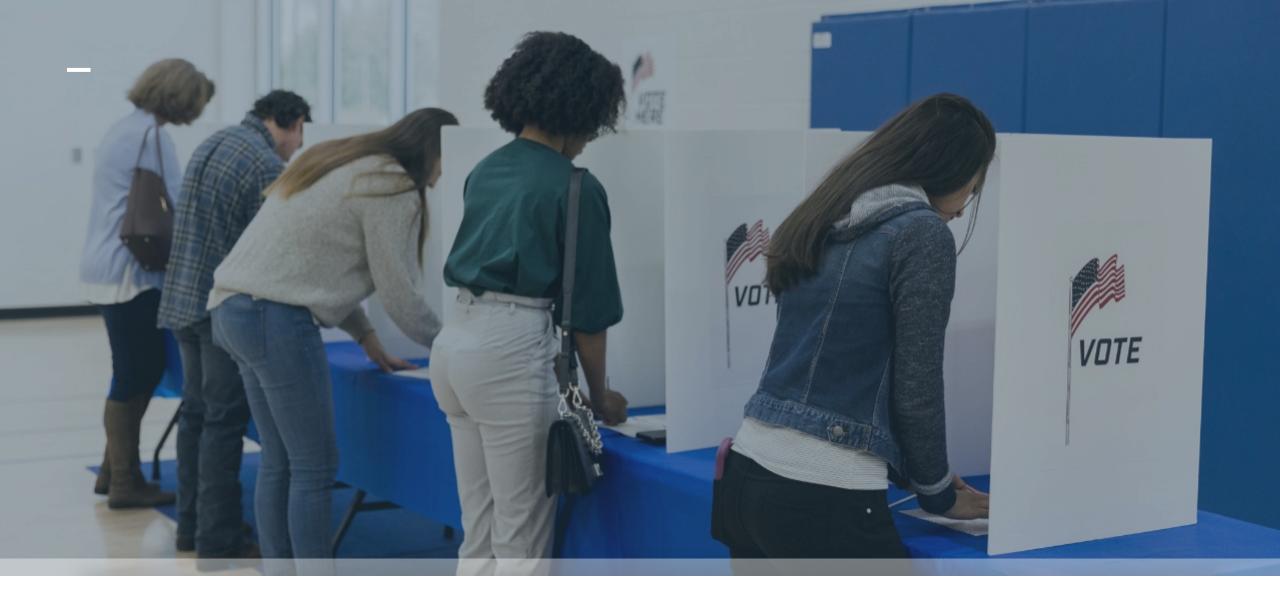
Detailed findings.



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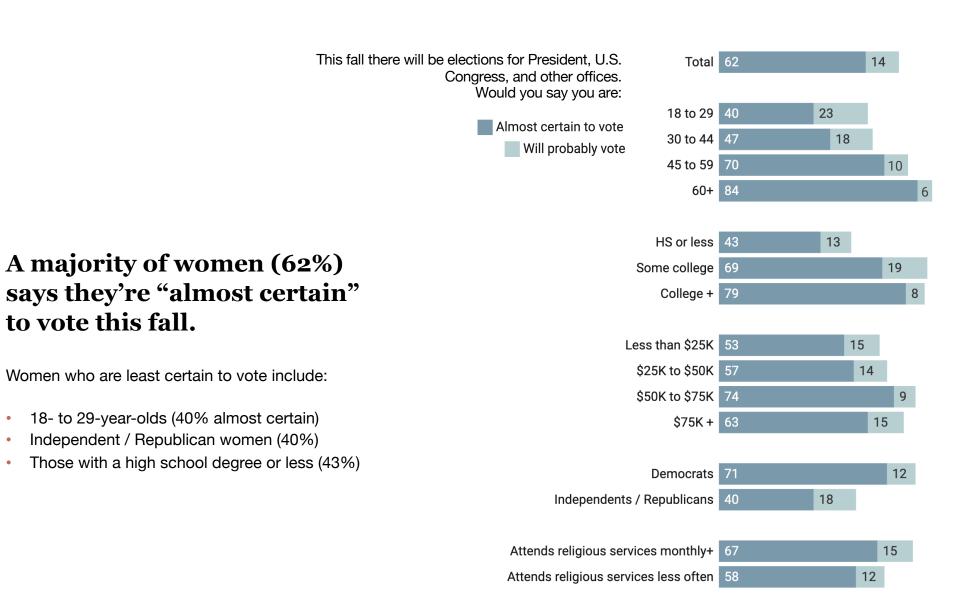
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Voting in the 2024 elections





Urban 59

Suburban 59



17

13

to vote this fall.

For you personally, how important is voting in the 2024 elections this fall?

1 to 7 scale Not at all important to extremely important Base n = 285

A majority of women says voting in the 2024 elections is "extremely important."

That said, just half of 18- to 44-year-olds (48%) feels the same.

59%

23%

18%

Rate 7 – extremely important	,
190/ 19 to 11	

48% 18 to 44 68% 45+

70% Democrats 32% Inds / Reps Rate 5 or 6

25% 18 to 44 22% 45+

19% Democrats 34% Inds / Reps Rate 1 to 4 – toward not important

27% 18 to 44 10% 45+

11% Democrats 34% Inds / Reps



Respondents are most likely to say voting in the 2024 elections is about "my right" and "my voice." Finish this sentence. For me, voting in this year's election is about: ______.

Select up to 3

RANDOMIZE UP TO NO GOOD CHOICES

My right 55

My voice 53

My duty 31

My power 21

Resistance / pushing back 10

No good choices 5

None of these 7



Nearly eight in ten respondents feel the Black community has the power to change the outcomes of elections. Do you feel the Black community has the power to change the outcomes of elections, or not?

81%

19%

Yes

No

74% 18 to 29 83% 30 to 44 78% 45 to 59 86% 60+

71% HS or less 84% Some college 91% College+

78% Less than \$25K 72% \$25K to \$50K 86% \$50K to \$75K 84% \$75K+

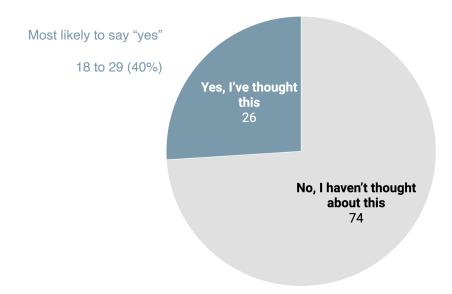


One in four says they've thought about <u>not</u> voting as a form of protest.

What might they be protesting? In our companion national survey, we asked a random subset of respondents to explain in an openended question. Here are the main themes:

- Bad candidates, candidates who don't represent their views, Biden / Trump being old white men
- Feeling their vote doesn't count
- Protecting Palestine / protesting what's happening in Gaza

Have you thought about <u>not voting</u> in the 2024 elections as a form of protest?





If the presidential election were held today, a majority (63%) says they'd vote for the Democratic candidate.

Among those most certain to vote, 77% say they'd vote for the Democratic candidate v. 10% for the Republican.

See the next page for breakouts by demographic segments.

If the 2024 presidential election were held today, would you vote for:

Base n = 517

63%

12%

6%

Democratic candidate

77% of women almos certain to vote

Republican candidate

6%

Other

13%

6%

Not sure

Would not vote

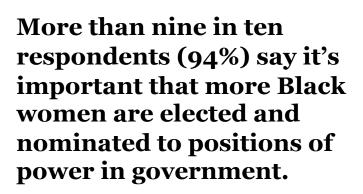


	The Democratic candidate	The Republican candidate	Another candidate	Not sure	I would not vote	
Total	63	12	6	13	6	
18 to 29	48	6	9	22	15	
30 to 44	48	20	7	19	7	
45 to 59	71	10	4	11	4	
60+	83	8	4	2	2	
HS or less	58	7	4	17	14	
Some college	70	9	6	13	1	
College +	63	21	9	6	1	
Less than \$25K	64	10	5	12	10	
\$25K to \$50K	67	11	7	8	6	
\$50K to \$75K	58	11	7	24	0	
\$75K +	65	14	6	8	8	

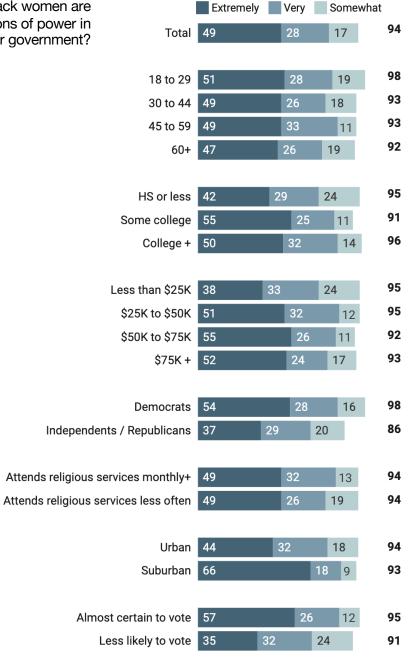
	The Democratic candidate	The Republican candidate	Another candidate	Not sure	I would not vote
Democrats	86	2	3	5	3
Independents / Republicans	12	33	12	29	13
Attends rel. services monthly+	66	15	7	11	2
Attends rel. services less often	62	9	6	14	9
Urban	63	12	5	15	5
Suburban	66	9	9	10	7
Almost certain to vote	77	10	6	7	0
Less likely to vote	43	14	7	21	15



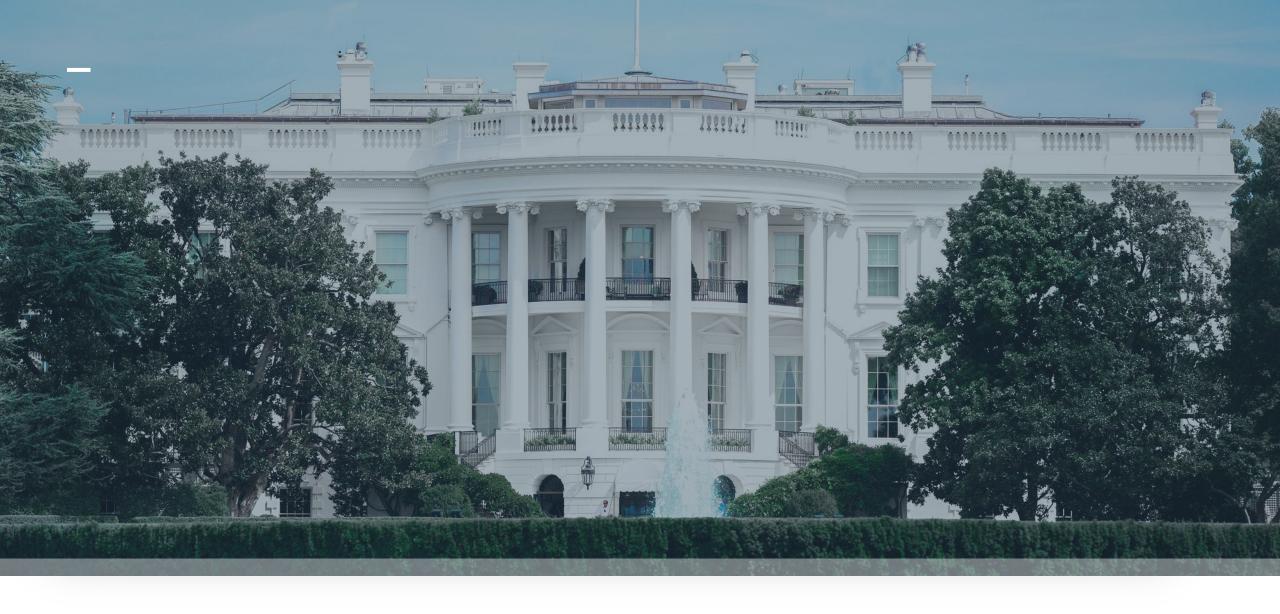
How important is it that more Black women are elected and nominated to positions of power in our government?



This sentiment is particularly strong among suburban women, likely voters, and Democrats.







Impact of the Biden administration



A plurality of respondents feels President Biden's policies have both positively and negatively affected their life. In general, do you think President Biden's policies have ____: "Black people" (n = 285) / "your life" (n = 243)

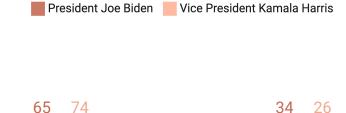
	Black people	Your life
Positively affected	32	25
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Negatively affected	17	16
Both positively and negatively affected	40	35
Not affected	9	23

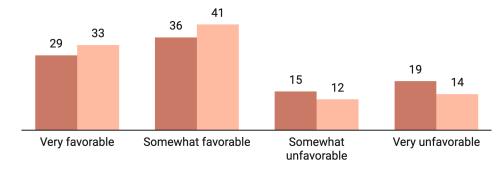


That said, most have favorable impressions of President Biden and Vice President Harris.

Younger respondents and independents / Republicans are more unfavorable toward Biden than Harris.

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of:





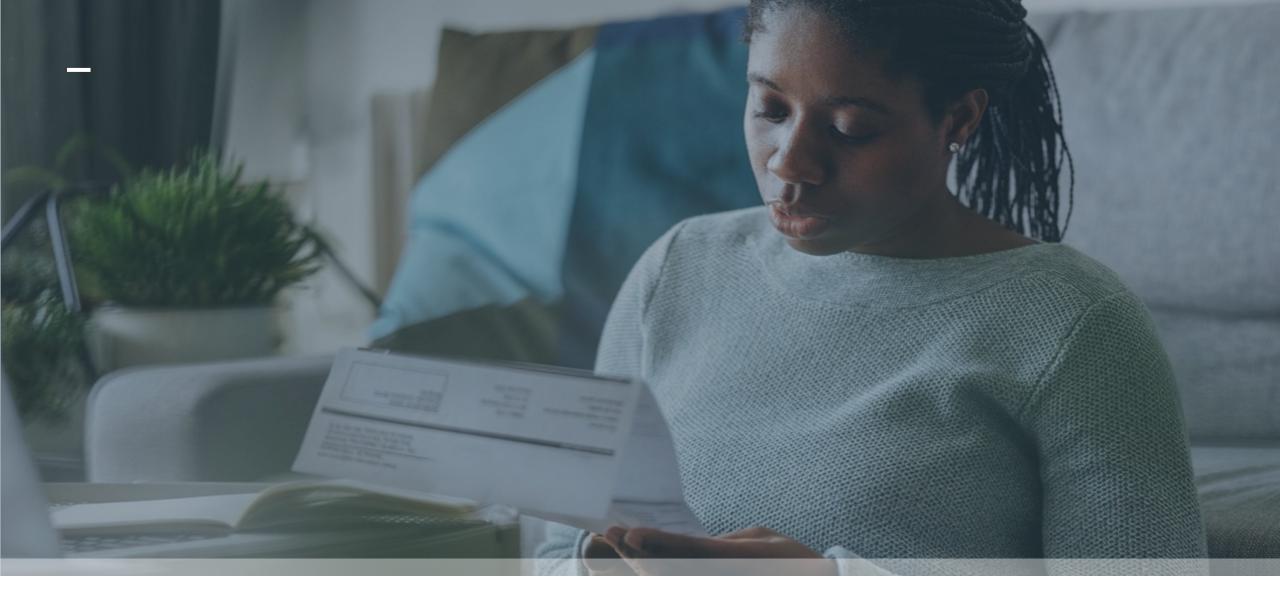
Most likely to be favorable:

- Ages 45+ (79% Biden, 80% Harris)
- Democrats (77%, 83%)

Most likely to be unfavorable:

- Independents / Reps (60%, 46%)
- 18 to 44 (50%, 34%)





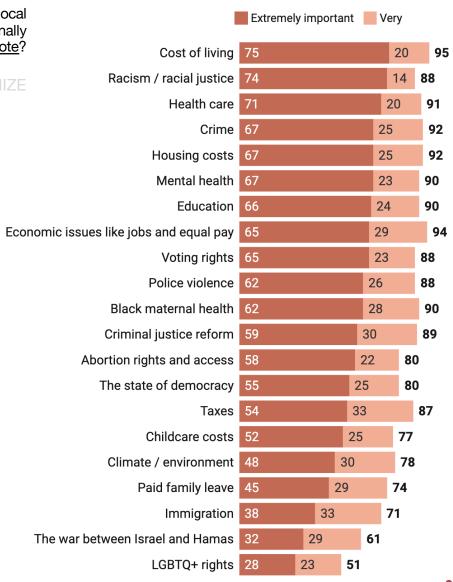
Issue priorities



This fall there will be elections for US Congress, state, and local offices. How important is each of these issues to you personally when thinking about getting out to vote?

RANDOMIZE



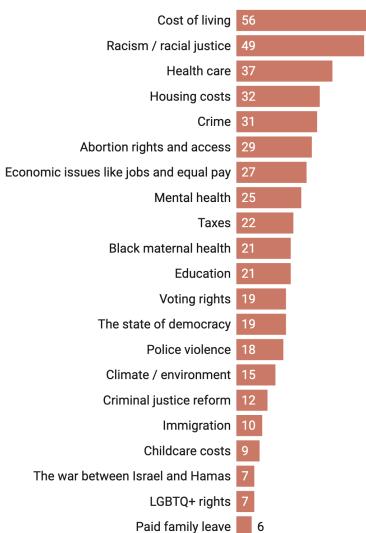




When asked to prioritize their issues, cost of living tops the list.

Choose the top 5 issues that matter <u>most to you</u> when voting in elections.

% In top 5



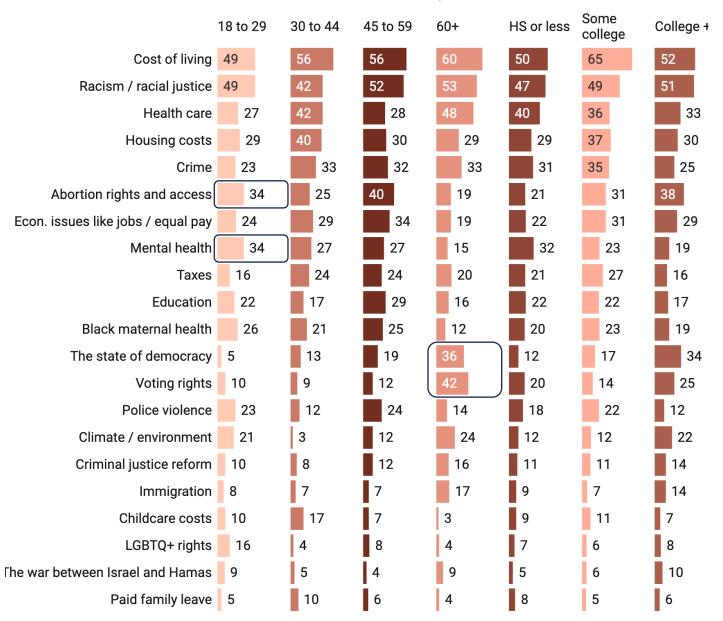


% Chosen as a top 5 issue

Among 18- to 29-year-olds, abortion access and mental health are top issues after cost of living and racism / racial justice.

Voting rights and the state of democracy are higher priorities for older v. younger respondents.

Health care and housing are particularly important among respondents with the lowest incomes.



% Chosen as a top 5 issue

	Less than \$25K		\$50K to \$75K	\$75K +	Democrats	Inds / Reps	Urban	Suburban
Cost of living	52	63	64	50	58	52	53	61
Racism / racial justice	42	43	44	61	52	41	42	52
Health care	47	34	47	25	38	34	38	31
Housing costs	40	30	32	28	31	35	31	36
Crime	38	38	20	28	33	25	37	25
Abortion rights and access	17	32	22	41	33	20	24	32
Econ. issues like jobs / equal pay	21	26	30	30	27	27	28	29
Mental health	34	27	28	16	24	28	32	22
Taxes	19	20	22	24	21	24	22	15
Education	19	27	19	20	21	21	25	23
Black maternal health	16	23	29	18	18	26	17	30
The state of democracy	11	19	21	25	24	8	14	20
Voting rights	22	20	13	21	22	12	15	15
Police violence	23	18	17	14	16	22	21	17
Climate / environment	17	21	10	12	17	10	15	11
Criminal justice reform	15	12	7	12	11	13	14	10
Immigration	13	5	11	10	9	12	9	7
Childcare costs	11	7	7	10	7	14	11	10
LGBTQ+ rights	3	6	8	11	7	7	8	7
The war between Israel and Hamas	5	11	9	4	7	7	8	5
Paid family leave	9	6	5	5	5	11	7	7



Do you support or oppose how Israel has responded to the events of October 7th?

We also explored views toward the war between Hamas and Israel.

Respondents are split in their support and opposition of the way Israel has responded to events of October 7th – but nearly half is unsure.

24%

30%

45%

Support

Oppose

Not sure

Most likely

- 60+ (35%)
- Attends rel. services monthly+ (34%)

Most likely

College+ (49%)

Most likely

<College (54%)



Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Biden has dealt with the war between Israel and Hamas?

Respondents are split on how Biden has dealt with the war.

Older women are among the most likely to approve.

31%

35%

33%

Approve

Most likely
• 60+ (44%)

Disapprove

Not sure

Most likely

- 30 to 44 (51%)
- Independents / Republicans (51%)





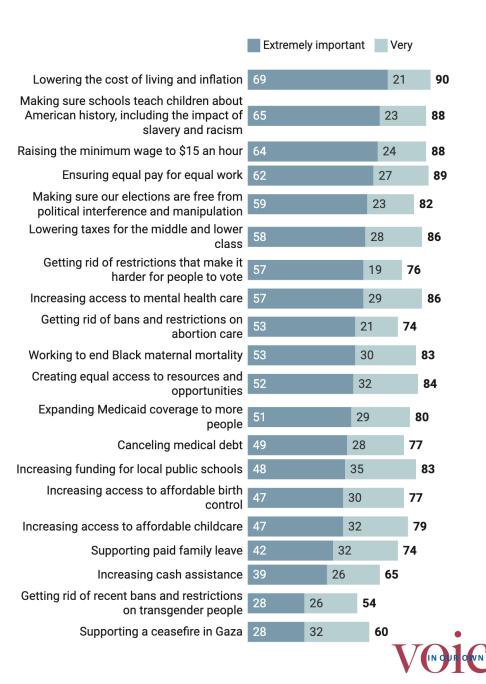
Policy positions



Here are positions some candidates will take in the November elections. How important would each of these issues be to you personally when thinking about getting out to vote?

RANDOMIZE

Majorities say candidate policy positions relating to economic factors, education, elections, and health are extremely important.



% Chosen as a top 5 policy position

When asked to narrow down to the most important policy positions, economic policies rise to the top.

Lowering the cost of living and inflation	53
Raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour	48
Lowering taxes for the middle and lower class	40
Making sure schools teach children about American history, including the impact of slavery and racism	30
Ensuring equal pay for equal work	28
Making sure our elections are free from political interference and manipulation	25
Getting rid of bans and restrictions on abortion care	25
Working to end Black maternal mortality	24
Increasing access to mental health care	23
Expanding Medicaid coverage to more people	23
Getting rid of restrictions that make it harder for people to vote	22
Increasing funding for local public schools	17
Creating equal access to resources and opportunities	16
Increasing cash assistance	15
Increasing access to affordable childcare	14
Canceling medical debt	13
Getting rid of recent bans and restrictions on transgender people	11
Supporting paid family leave	8
Supporting a ceasefire in Gaza	6
Increasing access to affordable birth control	5



% Chosen as a top 5 issue

For 18- to 29-year-olds, access to mental health care, getting rid of abortion bans, and getting rid of restrictions on transgender people are among the top policy priorities – after economic policies.

Policies relating to free and fair elections are higher priorities for older v. younger respondents.

Raising the minimum wage is top among those with the lowest incomes.

	18 to 29	30 to 44	45 to 59	60+	HS or less	Some college	College +
Lowering the cost of living and inflation	41	57	63	47	52	60	45
Raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour	47	42	55	48	50	52	40
Lowering taxes for the middle and lower class	18	41	53	43	33	45	45
Making sure schools teach children about American history, including the impact of slavery and racism	32	19	34	35	21	37	34
Ensuring equal pay for equal work	22	27	33	30	32	29	22
Making sure our elections are free from political interference and manipulation	10	11	24	51	20	26	31
Getting rid of bans and restrictions on abortion care	29	25	28	18	19	23	35
Working to end Black maternal mortality	24	30	25	17	21	32	19
Increasing access to mental health care	33	23	21	19	25	23	22
Expanding Medicaid coverage to more people	12	24	28	22	26	23	17
Getting rid of restrictions that make it harder for people to vote	6	12	16	49	15	23	32
Increasing funding for local public schools	12	23	18	15	18	11	25
Creating equal access to resources and opportunities	12	24	13	13	15	16	16
Increasing cash assistance	15	16	12	15	21	13	8
Increasing access to affordable childcare	17	17	11	10	12	15	14
Canceling medical debt	19	9	13	14	13	18	7
Getting rid of recent bans and restrictions on transgender people	28	5	8	6	15	8	8
Supporting paid family leave	10	9	8	6	8	6	11
Supporting a ceasefire in Gaza	11	6	4	6	2	5	16
Increasing access to affordable birth control	13	4	2	4	5	3	9

% Chosen as a top 5 issue

			\$50K to \$75K	\$75K +	Democrate	Inds / Reps	Urban	Suburban
Lowering the cost of living and inflation	45	70	57	46	56	46	53	55
Raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour	52	56	41	45	50	43	52	48
Lowering taxes for the middle and lower class	35	37	49	40	42	36	39	37
Making sure schools teach children about American history, including the impact of slavery and racism	21	35	29	34	31	28	28	33
Ensuring equal pay for equal work	31	29	26	27	29	27	29	27
Making sure our elections are free from political interference and manipulation	23	22	26	27	31	12	19	24
Getting rid of bans and restrictions on abortion care	19	25	23	31	27	20	21	27
Working to end Black maternal mortality	21	22	21	30	21	32	26	28
Increasing access to mental health care	29	18	28	19	23	23	27	22
Expanding Medicaid coverage to more people	32	23	28	11	23	22	23	22
Getting rid of restrictions that make it harder for people to vote	18	21	21	27	28	10	15	20
Increasing funding for local public schools	16	22	18	15	18	16	23	14
Creating equal access to resources and opportunities	15	18	13	17	15	17	16	15
Increasing cash assistance	24	17	7	12	13	17	20	13
Increasing access to affordable childcare	12	10	15	16	13	16	13	16
Canceling medical debt	12	18	14	11	13	14	15	13
Getting rid of recent bans and restrictions on transgender people	8	5	12	15	9	14	11	13
Supporting paid family leave	9	5	11	7	7	10	9	8
Supporting a ceasefire in Gaza	3	8	10	6	6	8	7	7
Increasing access to affordable birth control	4	7	5	5	5	5	6	3





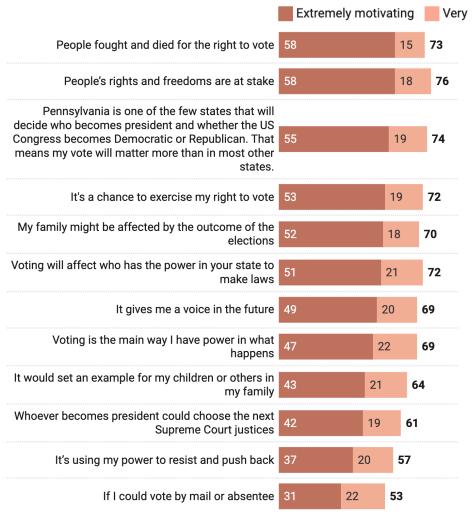
Why vote?



We explored several motivations to vote in the elections this fall.

There are many motivations. At the top are people having fought and died for the right to vote, feeling that people's rights and freedoms are at stake, and Pennsylvania being a swing state.

For you personally, how motivating is each of these to get out and vote in the elections this fall?





Here's what they say when forced to choose their top 1 or 2 motivations.

The table on the following page shows the top motivations by demographic group.

Of these, which might be most motivating <u>for</u> you personally to vote this fall? Choose 1 or 2.

Pennsylvania is one of the few states that will decide who becomes president and whether the US Congress becomes Democratic or Republican. That means my vote will matter more than in most other states.	29
People's rights and freedoms are at stake	24
People fought and died for the right to vote	22
My family might be affected by the outcome of the elections	15
It's a chance to exercise my right to vote	13
It gives me a voice in the future	11
Voting is the main way I have power in what happens	11
Voting will affect who has the power in your state to make laws	9
If I could vote by mail or absentee	7
It would set an example for my children or others in my family	6
Whoever becomes president could choose the next Supreme Court justices	5
It's using my power to resist and push back	3



Here are the top 5 motivations by demographic segment.

18 to 29	30 to 44	45 to 59	60+	HS or less	Some college	College +
People fought and died for the right to vote	Pennsylvania is one of the few states that will decide	Pennsylvania is one of the few states that will decide	Pennsylvania is one of the few states that will decide	People fought and died for the right to vote	Pennsylvania is one of the few states that will decide	Pennsylvania is one of the few states that will decide
People's rights and freedoms are at stake	People's rights and freedoms are at stake	People fought and died for the right to vote	People's rights and freedoms are at stake	Pennsylvania is one of the few states that will decide	People's rights and freedoms are at stake	People's rights and freedoms are at stake
Pennsylvania is one of the few states that will decide	My family might be affected by the outcome of the elections	People's rights and freedoms are at stake	People fought and died for the right to vote	People's rights and freedoms are at stake	People fought and died for the right to vote	My family might be affected by the outcome of the elections
Voting will affect who has the power in your state to make laws	It gives me a voice in the future People fought and	My family might be affected by the outcome of the elections	It's a chance to exercise my right to vote My family might be	It's a chance to exercise my right to vote It gives me a voice in	My family might be affected by the outcome of the elections	People fought and died for the right to vote
My family might be affected by the outcome of the elections	died for the right to vote	It's a chance to exercise my right to vote	affected by the outcome of the elections	the future	It's a chance to exercise my right to vote	Voting is the main way I have power in what happens



Here are the top 5 motivations by demographic segment.

Less than \$25K	\$25K to \$50K	\$50K to \$75K	\$75K+	Urban	Suburban	Almost certain to vote	Less likely to vote
People fought	Pennsylvania is	Pennsylvania is	Pennsylvania is	People fought	Pennsylvania is	Pennsylvania is	People fought
and died for the right to vote	one of the few states that will	one of the few states that will	one of the few states that will	and died for the right to vote	one of the few states that will	one of the few states that will	and died for the right to vote
right to vote	decide	decide	decide	right to vote	decide	decide	right to vote
People's rights				Pennsylvania is			People's rights
and freedoms are	People fought	People fought	People's rights and freedoms are	one of the few	People's rights	People's rights and freedoms are	and freedoms are
at stake	and died for the right to vote	and died for the right to vote	and freedoms are	states that will decide	and freedoms are at stake	and freedoms are	at stake
It's a chance to							Pennsylvania is
exercise my right	People's rights	Voting is the main	My family might	People's rights	People fought	People fought	one of the few
to vote	and freedoms are at stake	way I have power in what happens	be affected by the outcome of the	and freedoms are at stake	and died for the right to vote	and died for the right to vote	states that will decide
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one of the few	It gives me a	People's rights		It's a chance to	My family might	It's a chance to	My family might
states that will decide	voice in the future	and freedoms are at stake	It's a chance to exercise my right	exercise my right to vote	be affected by the outcome of the	exercise my right to vote	be affected by the outcome of the
300.30	My family might		to vote		elections		elections
It gives me a	be affected by the			My family might		My family might	
voice in the future	outcome of the elections	exercise my right to vote	Voting will affect who has the	be affected by the outcome of the	It would set an example for my	be affected by the outcome of the	Voting will affect who has the
	EIECTIONS	io voie	power in your	elections	children or others	elections	power in your
			state to make		in my family		state to make
			laws				laws



Views toward reproductive policies



Four in five respondents say abortion should be legal in all or most cases.

Which comes closest to your view.

Abortion should be:

82%

18%

Legal in all or most cases

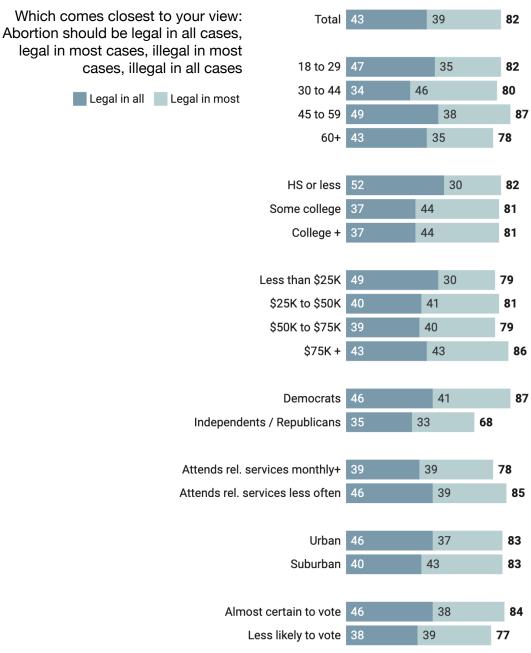
Illegal in all or most cases

7% illegal in all cases



Majorities across every demographic group think abortion should be legal in all or most cases.

Nearly four in five women (78%) who attend religious services regularly say abortion should be legal in all or most cases.





Eight in ten say they'd vote in favor of a state amendment to guarantee the right to make decisions about pregnancy, including abortion. Let's say there was a proposed amendment to your state constitution. You could vote on it. The amendment would guarantee the right to make all decisions about pregnancy and abortion care, without the state interfering. Would you vote:

ROTATE

80%

20%

In favor of this

Against this

73% 18 to 44 87% 45+

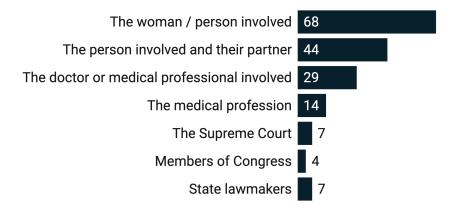


A large majority wants decisions about abortion to rest in the hands of the people involved.

In your view, who should make decisions about when and how someone can get abortion care in your state?

Select any that apply:

RANDOMIZE





Large majorities value each person and circumstance driving decisions, including later in pregnancy.

87%

Agree: Each person should have the right to make their own decision on abortion, even if I may disagree with it

> 72% Strongly agree 15% Somewhat agree

> > 81% 18 to 44 92% 45+

80%

Agree: People should be able to get abortion care as early as possible and as late as necessary. Abortion care provided later in pregnancy occurs under complex and unpredictable circumstances. Medical professionals should be able to care for patients without government interference or fear of punishment

(Base n = 243)

56% Strongly agree 24% Somewhat agree

79% 18 to 44 82% 45+ 83%

Say having an abortion can be a responsible choice

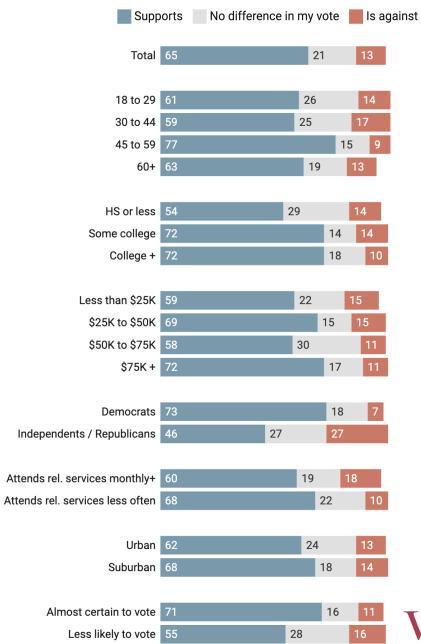
86% 18 to 44 81% 45+



Are you more likely to vote for a candidate for state legislature who access to abortion:

Respondents are five times more likely to vote for a candidate who supports abortion access (65%) than one who opposes it (13%).

Those most likely to vote are also among the most likely to support a candidate who supports abortion access.





Recent abortion bans are having a personal impact on Black women of reproductive age.

More than half of 18- to 29-year-olds says recent abortion bans have made them think about the risk of death if they or a partner were to get pregnant. A majority also says recent bans made them think about wanting to live in a state that allows abortion.

As a result of recent abortion bans and restrictions, have you...

% Yes

	Total	18 to 29	18 to 44
Yes to any	63	85	77
Felt less safe	41	55	50
Thought about the risk of death if you or a partner gets pregnant	33	55	44
Thought about not having any kids / any more kids	33	54	45
Thought about the risk of being arrested because of something related to pregnancy, miscarriage, or abortion care	32	48	45
Thought about wanting to move to a state that allows abortion, or stay in a state that allows abortion	30	57	42



Half of women of reproductive age knows someone who has tried to have an abortion in the past year or two.

Do you know anyone who has had an abortion or tried to have an abortion in the past year or two?

32%

53%

Of all women say yes

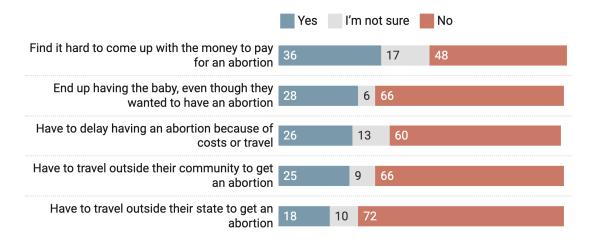
Of women 18 to 44 say yes



More than half (56%) says the person(s) they know faced at least one of these barriers to care.

Did [ONE PERSON: that person / MORE THAN ONE: any of the people you know]:

Base n = 204 who know someone who has had an abortion or tried to have an abortion in the past two years





A large majority of women supports comprehensive sex ed in high school.

Majorities of women who regularly attend religious services also support comprehensive sex ed. Do you support or oppose comprehensive sex ed in high school that covers topics such as abstinence, birth control, abortion, preventing HIV and other sexual transmitted diseases, different sexual orientations, gender identity, sexual violence, consent, and healthy relationships?

88%

12%

Support

Oppose

85% Attends rel. services monthly+



Close to nine in ten women agree that health care providers should create space for conversations about sexuality, including sexual pleasure. Do you agree or disagree: Our health care providers should create space for education and non-judgmental conversations about sexuality, including how we can experience pleasure.

86%

13%

Agree

Disagree

85% Attends rel. services monthly+



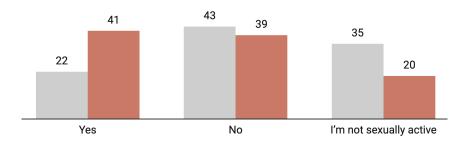


Access to birth control



Roughly four in ten women of reproductive age (41%) say they or a partner are currently using birth control. Are you or your partner currently using birth control?



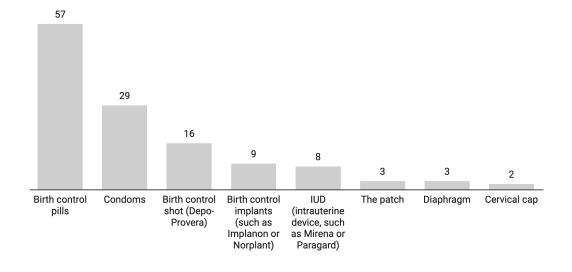




Birth control pills are the most common birth control method.

What type(s) of birth control are you or a partner using now? Select any that apply.

Base n = 124 self or partner is currently using birth control





A majority of women of reproductive age expresses interest in getting birth control over the counter. Soon people will be able to get birth control pills over-the-counter. They will be available at the drugstore, like condoms and other birth control methods. How interested are you in getting birth control pills over-the-counter for you or a loved one?

% Very or somewhat interested

60%

65%

Women 18 to 44

Women 18 to 29



The most common question about over-the-counter pills is around side effects.

What would you want to know about birth control pills being over-the-counter?
Select the top 3 things you'd want to know.

RANDOMIZE

	Total	18 to 44
What the side effects are	40	40
How people will know if it's the right version of the pill for them	34	34
How people will know it's safe for them	33	29
If insurance will cover it	31	32
What it will cost	30	32
If young girls could get it without a parent's consent	28	26
If there will be info about how to use it properly	19	20
None of these	18	15

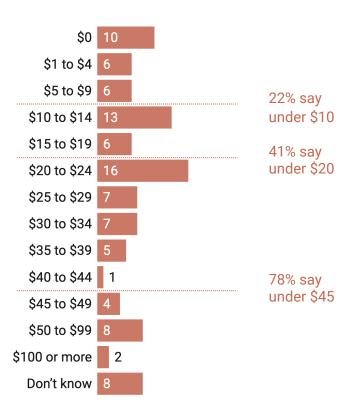


The retail price for over-thecounter birth control (\$49.00) is out of reach for 78% of respondents of reproductive age. Let's say you or a loved one needed a 3-month supply of birth control pills. How much would you be able to pay for it, out-of-pocket, today?

Even if you don't need birth control pills, please imagine a situation in which you or a loved one does.

Your best guess is fine.

Base n = 282 women 18 to 44

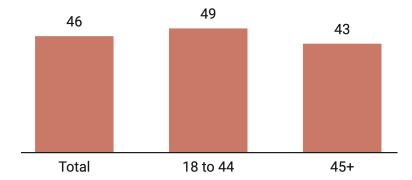




Close to half of respondents (46%) say they are likely to talk with loved ones about over-the-counter access to birth control.

Soon people will be able to get birth control pills over-the-counter. They will be available at the drugstore, like condoms and other birth control methods. Is this something you'd talk about with partners, family, or friends?

% Yes







Experiences with medical bias



A majority of Black women says they have felt the effects of racial / gender bias in the health care system. Here are things that can happen in the healthcare system due to racial bias or racism. Have you ever felt this way?

RANDOMIZE

% Yes

	Total	18 to 44	45+
Yes to any	56	62	51
I felt worried about the health and safety of Black women in my life during their pregnancy or childbirth because of their race		44	35
Have felt a health care provider treat you differently because of your race and/or gender	37	37	36
A health care provider didn't take my health concerns seriously because of my race and / or gender	36	38	34
A health care provider didn't understand how my race and culture affects my health	32	34	30
A health care provider didn't take my pain seriously because of my race and / or gender	29	32	27
I felt worried about my health and safety during pregnancy or childbirth because of my race		38	21
A health care provider didn't give me all the available test and treatment options because of my race and / or gender	25	27	24
A health care provider didn't take my pain seriously during pregnancy or childbirth because of my race and / or gender	25	29	23
A health care provider didn't give me all the available options for birth control because of my race and / or gender	20	26	16



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