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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 Texas 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* and the current abortion ban in Texas?

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 Texas.

This report provides findings from a statewide survey among n=575 Black women\* registered voters. The survey was conducted January 22 through February 2, 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 Texas women registered voters. The margin of sampling error is  $\pm 5.5$  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.

<sup>\*</sup> 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%	575
Black or African American	100%	575
2+ races	11%	69
Hispanic / Latina/o/x	5%	33
18 to 29	18%	115
30 to 44	26%	131
45 to 64	28%	163
65+	28%	166
HS or less	30%	149
Some college	35%	230
College +	35%	196
Democrat	59%	370
Independent	32%	154
Republican	9%	51
Urban	53%	224
Suburban	40%	174
Rural	8%	27



Key findings.



# Here are 10 key findings.

1

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

Just 32% of 18-to 29-year-old respondents say they are "almost certain" to vote this fall, compared to 59% of all Texan women.

Half of 18- to 29-year-olds (50%) 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, 84% 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.

Two-thirds of 18- to 29-year-olds say recent abortion bans have made them think of their own mortality. Six in ten say the bans have made them think about not having any / any more kids. A majority also says bans made them think about moving to another state. Half has thought about the risk of arrest due to something related to pregnancy.

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

% Yes

	Total	18 to 29	18 to 44
Yes to any	56	88	70
Thought about the risk of death if you or a partner gets pregnant	38	68	49
Felt less safe	37	61	49
Thought about the risk of being arrested because of something related to pregnancy, miscarriage, or abortion care		53	42
Thought about not having any kids / any more kids	28	61	43
Thought about wanting to move to a state that allows abortion, or stay in a state that allows abortion	26	59	40



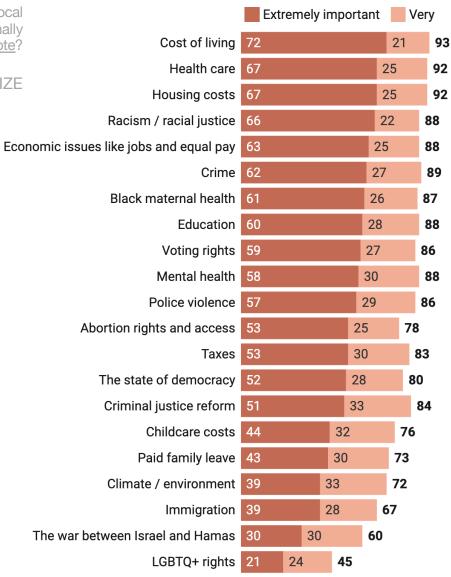
This fall there will be elections for US Congress, state, and local offices. How important is each of these issues to you personally when thinking about getting out to vote?

### **RANDOMIZE**

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

Black maternal health is an extremely important voting issue across the board.

Abortion rights and access is a top issue for 18- to 29-year-olds, right alongside cost of living (see page 35).





### 4

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

Younger respondents also prioritize getting rid of bans and restrictions on abortion care.

### **IMPORTANT POLICY POSITIONS**

- Lowering the cost of living and inflation (90% extremely or very important in thinking about voting this fall)
- Lowering taxes for the middle and lower classes (88%)
- Making sure our elections are free from political interference and manipulation (88%)
- Making sure schools teach children about American history, including the impact of slavery and racism (86%)
- Ensuring equal pay for equal work (84%)
- Raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour (82%)
- Increasing access to mental health care (82%)
- Working to end Black maternal mortality (79%)



**5** 

In a list of 11 motivations to vote, these two rise to the top.

1

People fought and died for the right to vote

26% say this is in the top 1 or 2 motivations to vote

2

People's rights and freedoms are at stake 25%



These are additional motivating factors among many respondents.

- Voting will affect who has the power in my state to make laws
- My family might be affected by the outcome of the elections
- Voting is the main way I have power in what happens
- It's a chance to exercise my right to vote



### 6

Data suggest that Black women in Texas 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.

**75**%

Say abortion should be legal in all or most cases

72% of those who attend religious services regularly

**78%** 

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

77%

88%

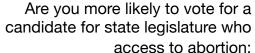
Agree: Each person should have the right to make their own decision on abortion, even if I may disagree with it 81%

Say having an abortion can be the responsible choice

78%

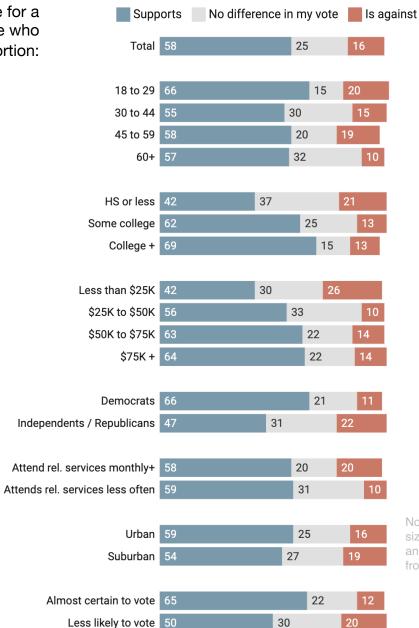
84%





Respondents are four times as likely to vote for a candidate who supports rather than opposes abortion access.

Even a majority of Black women who attend religious services regularly say they're more likely to vote for a candidate who supports abortion access.







### 8

### Close to two thirds of Black women of reproductive age are interested in getting birth control pills over the counter.

The retail price for over-the-counter birth control pills is out of reach for 77% of these women.

**62%** 

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

77%

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



# A majority of Black women (59%) 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 these experiences.

### Have you ever felt this way?

### % Yes

	Total	Women 18 to 44
Yes to any	59	71
I felt worried about the health and safety of Black women in my life during their pregnancy or childbirth because of their race	42	53
Have felt a health care provider treat you differently because of your race and/or gender	39	44
A health care provider didn't take my health concerns seriously because of my race and / or gender	36	48
A health care provider didn't understand how my race and culture affects my health		41
A health care provider didn't take my pain seriously because of my race and / or gender	34	41
A health care provider didn't give me all the available test and treatment options because of my race and / or gender	31	38
I felt worried about my health and safety during pregnancy or childbirth because of my race		43
A health care provider didn't take my pain seriously during pregnancy or childbirth because of my race and / or gender	24	37
A health care provider didn't give me all the available options for birth control because of my race and / or gender	20	28

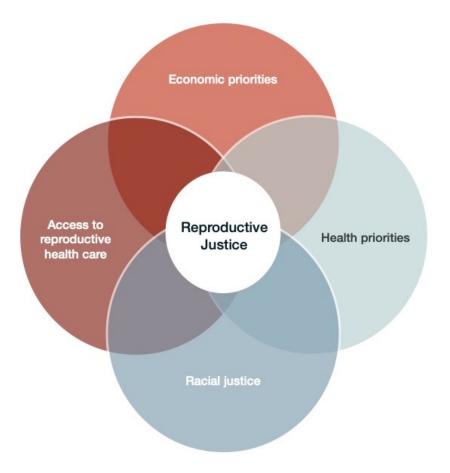


Economic issues top the list of voting priorities – including the cost of living, housing costs, and equal pay.

### 10

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

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.

Racial justice is top voting issue.

Many have experienced gender / racial bias in the medical system.



## Detailed findings.



### SECTIONS

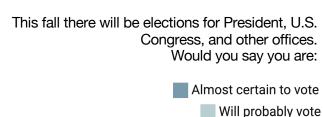
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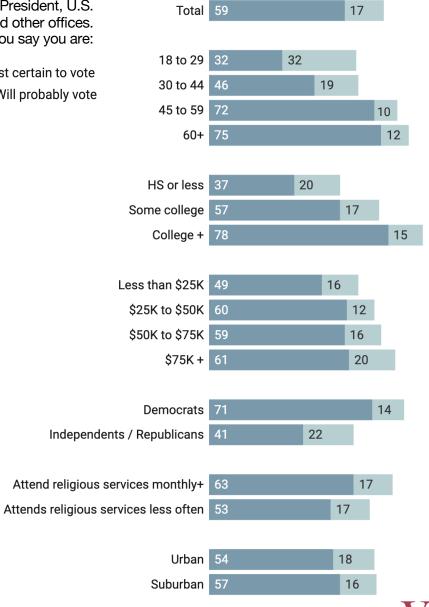




Voting in the 2024 elections







## A majority of respondents (59%) says they're "almost certain" to vote this fall.

Those who are least certain to vote include:

- 18- to 29-year-olds (32% almost certain)
- Those with a high school degree or less (37%)
- Independent / Republican women (41%)



### 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 = 283

64% 21%

58% Inds / Reps

# About two-thirds say voting in the 2024 elections is "extremely important."

That said, just half of 18- to 44-year-olds (50%) feels the same.

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Rate 7 – extremely important	Rate 5 or 6	Rate 1 to 4 – toward
50% 18 to 44 74% 45+	27% 18 to 44 17% 45+	23% 18 to 44 9% 45+
68% Democrats	21% Democrats	10% Democrats

21% Inds / Reps



21% 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 63
My voice 58
My duty 33
My power 19

Resistance / pushing back 8

No good choices 8

None of these 4



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?

82%

**18%** 

Yes

No

83% 18 to 29 79% 30 to 44 82% 45 to 59 83% 60+

75% HS or less 84% Some college 85% College+

80% Less than \$25K 81% \$25K to \$50K 76% \$50K to \$75K 85% \$75K+

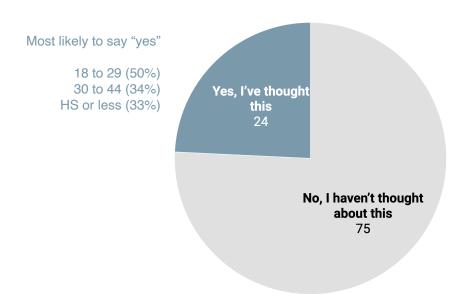


# One in four says they've thought about <u>not</u> voting as a form of protest.

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 slight majority (58%) says they'd vote for the Democratic candidate.

Among those most certain to vote, 73% say they'd vote for the Democratic candidate v. 13% for the Republican.

See the next page for results by demographic segment.

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

Base n = 527

**58%** 

13%

**6%** 

Democratic candidate

73% of adults almost certain to vote

Republican candidate 13%

Other 3%

**16%** 

6%

Not sure

Would not vote 0%



	The Democratic candidate	The Republican candidate	Another candidate	Not sure	I would not vote	
Total	58	13	6	16	6	
18 to 29	44	18	8	22	8	
30 to 44	49	12	9	21	10	
45 to 59	62	14	4	15	4	
60+	76	10	4	6	3	
HS or less	49	14	8	22	6	
Some college	62	12	6	10	10	
College +	62	15	6	16	2	
Less than \$25K	60	8	4	22	5	
\$25K to \$50K	55	11	6	23	5	
\$50K to \$75K	65	7	7	13	8	
\$75K +	55	20	7	12	6	

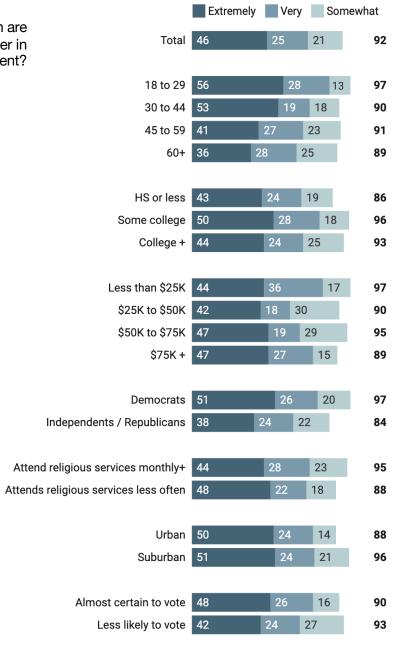
	The Democratic candidate	The Republican candidate	Another candidate	Not sure	I would not vote
Democrats	87	1	3	6	3
Independents / Republicans	18	31	11	29	11
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Attend rel. services monthly+	64	15	8	11	2
Attends rel. services less often	51	10	5	22	12
		_	•		
Urban	57	16	5	17	5
Suburban	58	12	4	14	11
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Almost certain to vote	73	13	3	11	0
Less likely to vote	39	14	10	22	15
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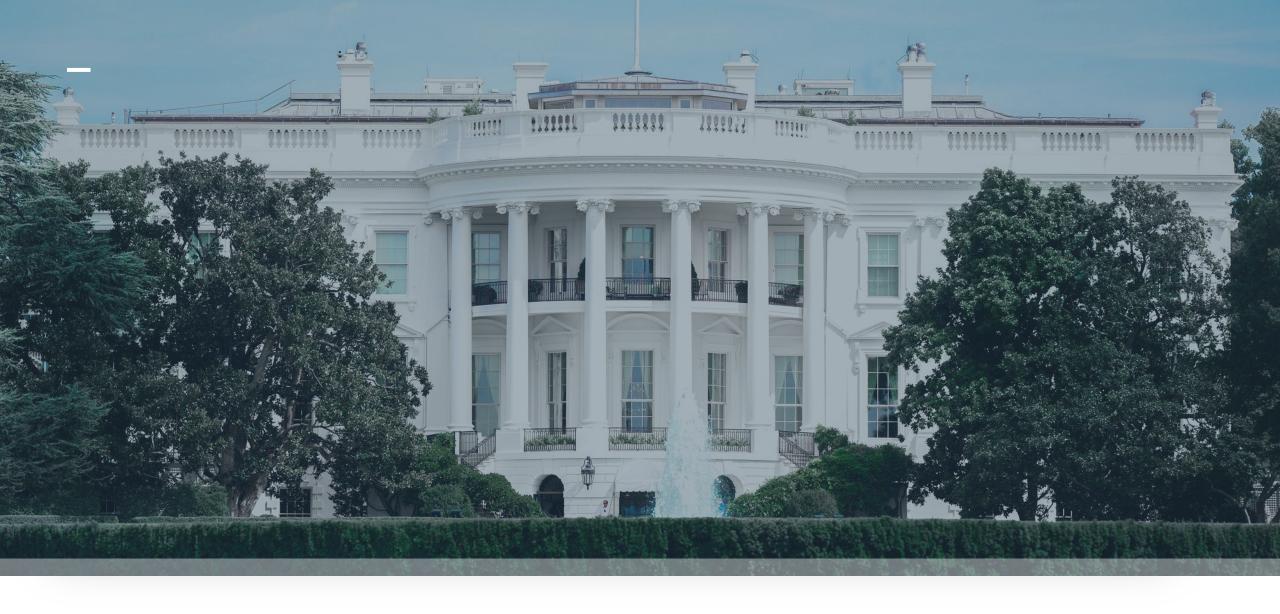


How important is it that more Black women are elected and nominated to positions of power in our government?

Nine in ten respondents (92%) say it's important that more Black women are elected and nominated to positions of power in government.

This sentiment is particularly strong among younger women and Democrats.





## Impact of the Biden administration



A plurality of respondents feels President Biden's policies have both positively and negatively affected their life.

Few see only negative effects.

In general, do you think President Biden's policies have \_\_\_\_: "Black people" (n = 283) / "your life" (n = 292)

	Black people	Your life
Positively affected	22	24
Negatively affected	17	16
Both positively and negatively affected	49	41
Not affected	13	19



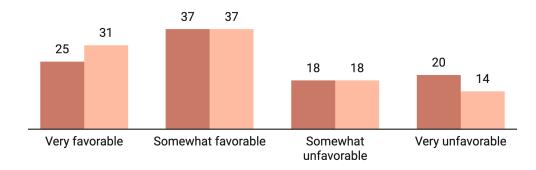
### Still, a majority has favorable impressions of President Biden and Vice President Harris.

Respondents are slightly more likely to be "very favorable" toward Harris vs. Biden.

### Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of:







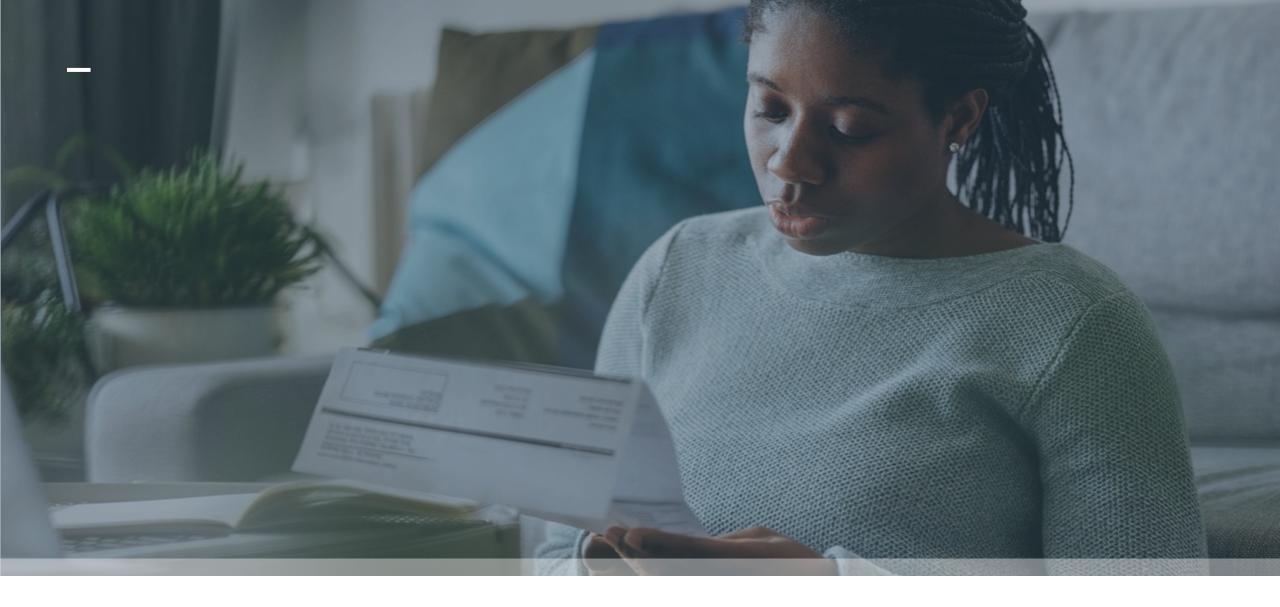
Most likely to be favorable:

- Ages 60+ (79% Biden, 77% Harris)
- Democrats (79%, 83%)

Most likely to be unfavorable:

- Independents / Reps (62%, 55%)
- 18 to 29 (52%, 41%)





**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?

Housing costs 67 Racism / racial justice 66 

Economic issues like jobs and equal pay 63 

Cost of living 72

Health care 67

Crime 62 

Extremely important Very

Black maternal health 61 Education 60 

> Voting rights 59 Mental health 58

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Climate / environment 39 

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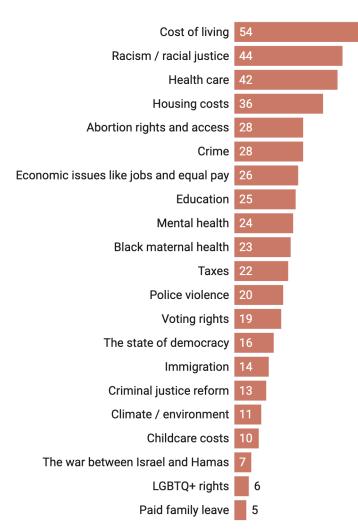
The war between Israel and Hamas 30 LGBTQ+ rights 21 

Many issues are on the minds of Black women in Texas.

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

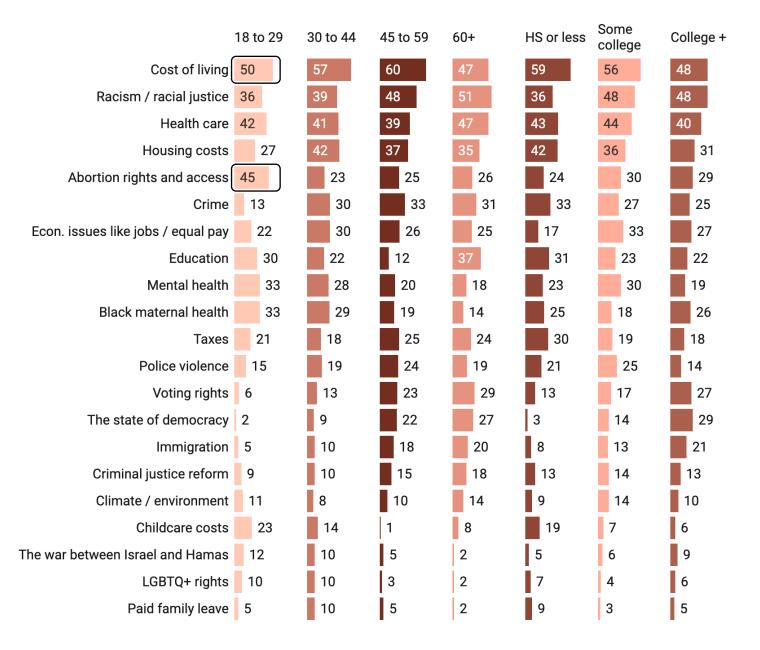




### % Chosen as a top 5 issue

Abortion access is a top issue – alongside cost of living – for 18- to 29-year-olds.

Black maternal health and mental health are also top among many.



### % Chosen as a top 5 issue

	Less \$25K				\$50K to \$75K		\$75K +		Den	emocrats Ir		Inds / Reps		an	Sub	urban
Cost of living	62		50		64		47		52		56		54		52	
Racism / racial justice	44		47		40		46		56			27	40		46	
Health care	40		37		51		41		43		42		37		48	
Housing costs	45		36		41			30	34		40		38			29
Abortion rights and access	2	.0	33			28		30	32			23	31			23
Crime	32		2	25		27		28		26	31			30		29
Econ. issues like jobs / equal pay	:	26	2	23		30		25		28		24		29		27
Education	2	23		28		23		25		23		27		23		28
Mental health		27	2	24		27		22		23		26		25		25
Black maternal health	1	8	17	7		21		28		23		23		20		29
Taxes	2	24	2	:1		22		22		18		28		26		18
Police violence	36		17	7	-	18	1	15		24	1	15		23		24
Voting rights	13	3	2	25	1	4		23		24	1	2	1	15	1	4
The state of democracy	10		1	8	8			22		21	9		1	3	9	
Immigration	9		15	5	1	3	1	16	1	0		20	7		9	
Criminal justice reform	11		12		1:	2	1	15	1	4	1	2		16	9	
Climate / environment	5		12		10	0	1	3	1	1	1	0	1	3	1	0
Childcare costs	12	2	8		10	0	10	0	7		1	15	1	15	8	
The war between Israel and Hamas	6		9		10	0	5		4		1	1	4		8	
LGBTQ+ rights	4		7		7		5		5		7		5		6	
Paid family leave	6		4		4		7		3		8		6		5	



## Do you support or oppose how Israel has responded to the events of October 7<sup>th</sup>?

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> – but nearly half is unsure.

**24%** 

**29%** 

46%

Support

Most likely

 Attends rel. services monthly+ (31%) Oppose

Most likely

- 18 to 29 (42%)
- College+ (37%)
- Urban (37%)

Not sure

Most likely

- Less than \$25K (60%)
- Attends rel. services less often (57%)



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. Younger women are among the most likely to disapprove.

36%

33%

**29%** 

#### Approve

### Most likely

- Attends rel. services monthly+ (47%)
- 60+ (52%)

#### Disapprove

### Most likely

- 18 to 29 (47%)
- Independents / Republicans (42%)

### Not sure

### Most likely

 Attends rel. services less often (38%)





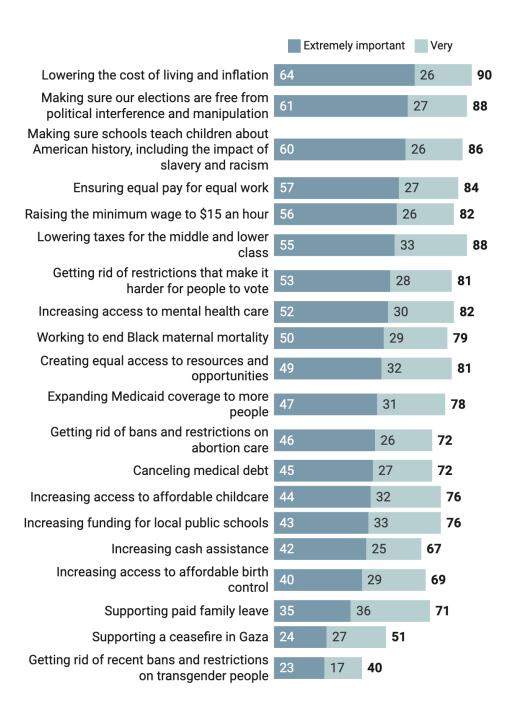
# **Policy positions**



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, health, education, and elections 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.

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

### % Chosen as a top 5 issue

Getting rid of abortion bans and restrictions is also a priority for young respondents.

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

	18 to 29	30 to 44	45 to 59	60+	HS or less	Some college	College +
Lowering the cost of living and inflation	46	50	56	47	52	51	48
Lowering taxes for the middle and lower class	26	33	60	46	34	48	45
Raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour	44	41	31	49	53	48	25
Ensuring equal pay for equal work	22	33	33	34	37	31	26
Making sure schools teach children about American history, including the impact of slavery and racism	24	30	30	35	24	34	32
Increasing access to mental health care	28	30	16	36	29	30	24
Making sure our elections are free from political interference and manipulation	14	14	30	41	9	25	41
Getting rid of restrictions that make it harder for people to vote	11	13	21	41	16	25	27
Expanding Medicaid coverage to more people	12	28	27	20	26	25	17
Canceling medical debt	29	19	21	17	22	25	15
Getting rid of bans and restrictions on abortion care	33	20	20	11	19	17	24
Working to end Black maternal mortality	22	19	20	18	12	20	24
Increasing cash assistance	15	24	16	16	29	20	6
Creating equal access to resources and opportunities	19	17	18	16	13	15	23
Increasing funding for local public schools	21	14	13	19	19	13	17
Increasing access to affordable childcare	17	18	7	12	17	12	11
Supporting paid family leave	12	15	6	3	11	9	6
Supporting a ceasefire in Gaza	15	10	5	6	11	10	4
Increasing access to affordable birth control	18	5	6	3	6	8	7
Getting rid of recent bans and restrictions on transgender people	13	10	3	1	7	5	6

### % Chosen as a top 5 issue

		\$25K to \$50K	\$50K to \$75K	\$75K +	Democrate	Inds / Reps	Urban	Suburban
Lowering the cost of living and inflation	53	59	55	44	51	50	50	50
Lowering taxes for the middle and lower class	34	44	50	42	46	38	46	40
Raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour	55	32	43	38	42	41	48	40
Ensuring equal pay for equal work	30	38	28	31	31	32	33	38
Making sure schools teach children about American history, including the impact of slavery and racism	33	33	29	29	36	22	31	29
Increasing access to mental health care	21	22	34	28	27	28	29	20
Making sure our elections are free from political interference and manipulation	21	33	18	30	27	25	24	21
Getting rid of restrictions that make it harder for people to vote	16	31	19	25	29	14	24	20
Expanding Medicaid coverage to more people	30	26	25	17	26	17	24	21
Canceling medical debt	24	20	21	19	17	26	19	19
Getting rid of bans and restrictions on abortion care	17	24	20	20	22	17	19	17
Working to end Black maternal mortality	17	19	23	19	23	14	16	23
Increasing cash assistance	31	11	24	12	19	16	19	22
Creating equal access to resources and opportunities	19	24	13	16	18	16	15	18
Increasing funding for local public schools	12	14	12	21	18	15	16	15
Increasing access to affordable childcare	11	10	12	15	11	16	13	13
Supporting paid family leave	6	8	8	10	8	11	5	13
Supporting a ceasefire in Gaza	11	10	9	7	9	6	8	9
Increasing access to affordable birth control	6	10	4	8	8	6	11	6
Getting rid of recent bans and restrictions on transgender people	8	6	6	6	6	7	7	8





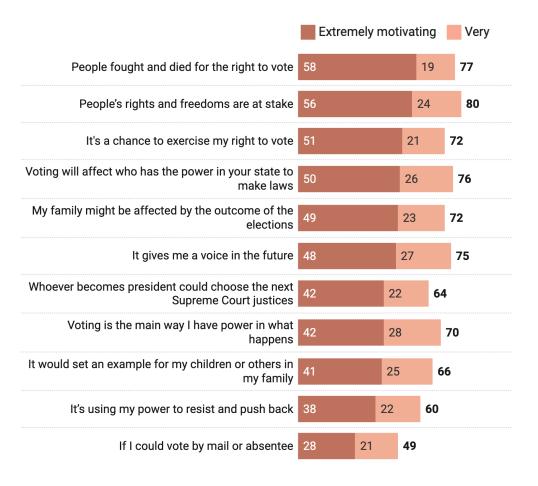
Why vote?



# 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 and feeling that people's rights and freedoms are at stake.

## 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 the top 1 or 2 motivations.

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

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

People fought and died for the right to vote	26
People's rights and freedoms are at stake	25
Voting will affect who has the power in your state to make laws	17
My family might be affected by the outcome of the elections	17
Voting is the main way I have power in what happens	17
It's a chance to exercise my right to vote	16
It gives me a voice in the future	13
It would set an example for my children or others in my family	10
Whoever becomes president could choose the next Supreme Court justices	10
It's using my power to resist and push back	6
If I could vote by mail or absentee	4



## Here are the top 5 motivations by demographic segment.

18 to 29	30 to 44	45 to 64	60+	HS or less	Some college	College +
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 fought and died for the right to vote	People fought and died for the right to vote	People fought and died for the right to vote	People's rights and freedoms are at stake
Voting will affect who has the power in your state to make laws	My family might be affected by the outcome of the elections	Voting will affect who has the power in your state to make laws	People's rights and freedoms are at stake	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 fought and died for the right to vote	People fought and died for the right to vote	Voting is the main way I have power in what happens	It's a chance to exercise my right to vote  Voting is the main	It gives me a voice in the future  My family might be affected by the	Voting is the main way I have power in what happens  My family might be	Voting will affect who has the power in your state to make laws
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the future	It gives me a voice in the future	exercise my right to vote		vote	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	People's rights	People fought	People's rights	People's rights	People fought	People's rights	My family might
and died for the right to vote	and freedoms are at stake	and died for the right to vote	and freedoms are at stake	and freedoms are at stake	and died for the right to vote	and freedoms are at stake	be affected by the outcome of the
right to vote	at Stake	right to vote	ai Siake	ai Siake	right to vote	at Stake	elections
People's rights	People fought	My family might	People fought	It's a chance to	People's rights	People fought	
and freedoms are	and died for the	be affected by the	and died for the	exercise my right	and freedoms are	and died for the	People fought
at stake	right to vote	outcome of the elections	right to vote	to vote	at stake	right to vote	and died for the right to vote
Voting is the main	Voting will affect		It's a chance to	Voting will affect	My family might	Voting is the main	
way I have power	who has the	People's rights	exercise my right	who has the	be affected by the	way I have power	People's rights
in what happens	power in your	and freedoms are	to vote	power in your	outcome of the	in what happens	and freedoms are
	state to make	at stake		state to make	elections		at stake
Voting will affect	laws		Voting will affect	laws		It's a chance to	
who has the		Voting is the main	who has the		Voting is the main	exercise my right	Voting will affect
power in your	It's a chance to	way I have power	power in your	My family might	way I have power	to vote	who has the
state to make	exercise my right	in what happens	state to make	be affected by the	in what happens		power in your
laws	to vote		laws	outcome of the		Voting will affect	state to make
		Voting will affect		elections	It's a chance to	who has the	laws
It would set an	Voting is the main	who has the	It gives me a		exercise my right	power in your	
example for my	way I have power	power in your	voice in the future	It gives me a	to vote	state to make	It gives me a
children or others	in what happens	state to make		voice in the future		laws	voice in the future
in my family		laws					





Views toward reproductive policies



Three in four respondents say abortion should be legal in all or most cases.

Which comes closest to your view.

Abortion should be:

**75%** 

**23**%

Legal in all or most cases

Illegal in all or most cases

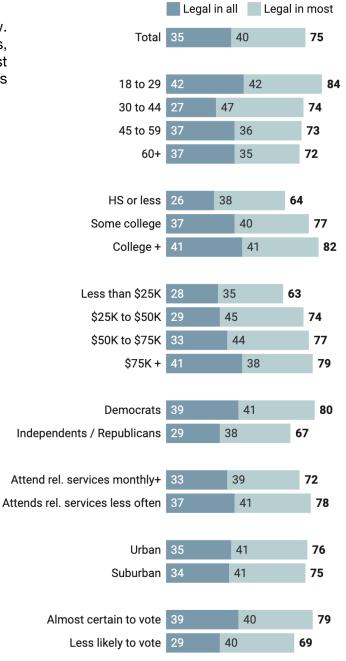
7% illegal in all cases



Which comes closest to your view.
Abortion should be: legal in all cases,
legal in most cases, illegal in most
cases, illegal in all cases

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

Roughly seven in ten women (72%) who attend religious services regularly say abortion should be legal in all or most cases.





Nearly 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

**78%** 

21%

In favor of this

Against this

78% 18 to 44 79% 45+

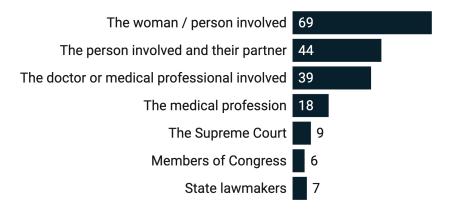


A large majority wants decisions about abortion to rest in the hands of the people involved.

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.

88%

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

> 70% Strongly agree 19% Somewhat agree

> > 89% 18 to 44 87% 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 = 292)

50% Strongly agree 30% Somewhat agree

> 75% 18 to 44 85% 45+

81%

Say having an abortion can be a responsible choice

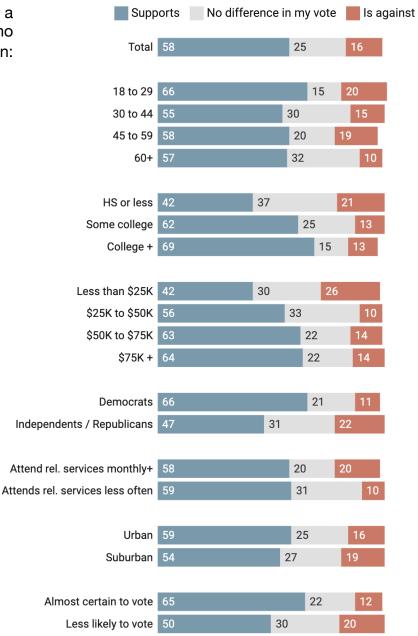
78% 18 to 44 82% 45+



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

Respondents are four times more likely to vote for a candidate who supports abortion access (58%) than one who opposes it (16%).

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



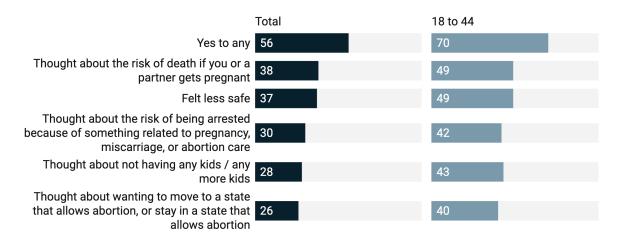


### Recent abortion bans are having a personal impact on Black women of reproductive age.

Recent bans have made half of women of reproductive age consider their own risk of death should they get pregnant. Four in ten have thought about the risk of being arrested due to something related to pregnancy.

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

% Yes





Almost one in four women 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?

**23%** 

38%

Of all women say yes

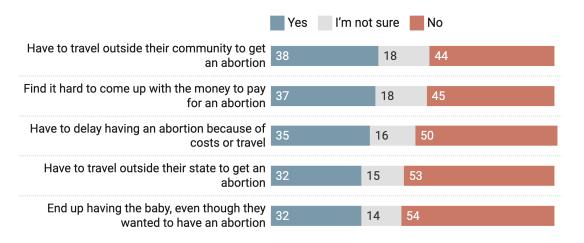
Of women 18 to 44 say yes



More than half (60%) says the person(s) they know faced at least one of these barrier to care.

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

Base n = 153 who know someone who has had an abortion or tried to have an abortion in the past two years





# A large majority of women support 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?

85%

**14%** 

Support

Oppose

85% Attends rel. services monthly+ 84% Less often



Four in five 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.

**80%** 

20%

Agree

Disagree

78% Attends rel. services monthly+





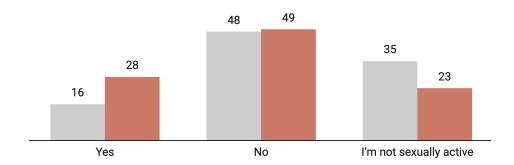
# Access to birth control



Roughly one in four women of reproductive age (28%) says they or a partner are currently using birth control.

Are you or your partner currently using birth control?



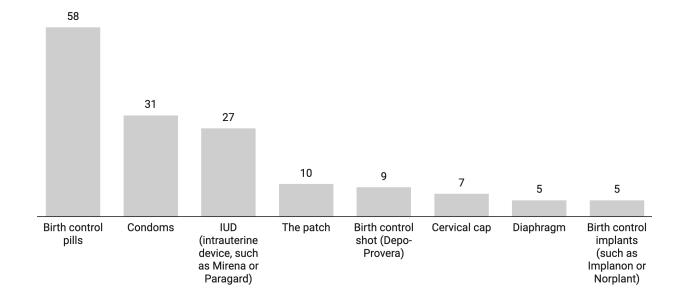




# What type(s) of birth control are you or a partner using now? Select any that apply.

Base n = 75 self or partner is currently using birth control

Pills, condoms, and IUDs are the most common birth control methods.





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

**62%** 

**73%** 

Women 18 to 44

Women 18 to 29



The most common questions about over-thecounter pills are around side effects, versions of the pill, safety, and costs. 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	47	48
How people will know if it's the right version of the pill for them	37	37
How people will know it's safe for them	36	37
What it will cost	30	39
If young girls could get it without a parent's consent	28	29
If insurance will cover it	27	31
If there will be info about how to use it properly	22	20
None of these	16	8

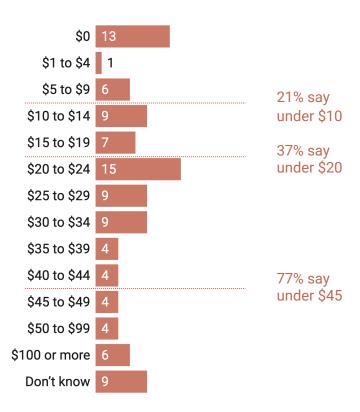


The retail price for over-thecounter birth control (\$49.00) is out of reach for 77% of these women. Let's say you or a loved one needed a 3-month supply of birth control pills. How much would you be able to pay for it, out-of-pocket, today?

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 = 246 women 18 to 44



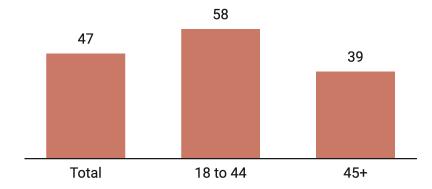


### Half of respondents (47%) says they are likely to talk with loved ones about over-thecounter access to birth control.

Women of reproductive age are most likely to say they'll have conversations about the topic.

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.

Younger respondents are more likely than their older counterparts to report these experiences.

# Here are things that can happen in the healthcare system due to racial bias or racism. Have you ever felt this way?

RANDOMIZE

	Total	18 to 44	45+
Yes to any	59	71	49
I felt worried about the health and safety of Black women in my life during their pregnancy or childbirth because of their race	42	53	32
Have felt a health care provider treat you differently because of your race and/or gender	39	44	35
A health care provider didn't take my health concerns seriously because of my race and / or gender	36	48	27
A health care provider didn't understand how my race and culture affects my health		41	32
A health care provider didn't take my pain seriously because of my race and / or gender	34	41	29
A health care provider didn't give me all the available test and treatment options because of my race and / or gender	31	38	25
I felt worried about my health and safety during pregnancy or childbirth because of my race	28	43	20
A health care provider didn't take my pain seriously during pregnancy or childbirth because of my race and / or gender	24	37	16
A health care provider didn't give me all the available options for birth control because of my race and / or gender	20	28	13



