

YouGov Survey: Abortion opinions among U.S. adults ages 18-25 for Cosmopolitan

June 14 - 16, 2022 - 265 U.S. adults ages 18-25



1. Abortion Legality

Do you think abortion should be . . .

	Total	Gender		Pro-Choice	
		Male	Female	Pro-choice	Pro-life or not sure
1) Illegal in all cases	10%	9%	10%	3%	*
2) Illegal in most cases	12%	11%	13%	3%	*
3) Legal in most cases	26%	30%	23%	36%	*
4) Legal in all cases	41%	34%	47%	55%	*
5) Not sure	12%	15%	8%	4%	*
Totals	101%	99%	101%	101%	*
Unweighted N	(265)	(111)	(154)	(178)	(87)

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2. Pro-Life or Pro-Choice

Thinking about abortion, would you consider yourself more pro-life or more pro-choice?

	Total	Gender		Pro-Choice	
		Male	Female	Pro-choice	Pro-life or not sure
1) Strongly pro-life	15%	18%	11%	0%	*
2) Somewhat pro-life	6%	3%	9%	0%	*
3) Somewhat pro-choice	18%	23%	13%	27%	*
4) Strongly pro-choice	48%	43%	53%	73%	*
5) Not sure	14%	13%	14%	0%	*
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(265)	(111)	(154)	(178)	(87)

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3. Response if Roe v. Wade Overturned

Imagine that, as suggested in a leaked decision a few weeks ago, the Supreme Court does overturn Roe v. Wade and access to abortion becomes limited or banned entirely in some states. Which of the following would you consider doing in response to this decision? Please select all that apply.

Asked of people who said that they are somewhat or very pro-choice

	Total	Gender		Pro-Choice	
		Male	Female	Pro-choice	Pro-life or not sure
1) Run for elected office	8%	*	4%	8%	*
2) Vote for representatives whose views on abortion align with mine	53%	*	57%	53%	*
3) Get involved in a political campaign to support a candidate whose views on abortion align with mine	25%	*	31%	25%	*
4) Volunteer at an abortion clinic	15%	*	26%	15%	*
5) Volunteer at another organization related to reproductive rights	17%	*	20%	17%	*
6) Donate to abortion funds	32%	*	42%	32%	*
7) Donate to other organizations related to reproductive rights	21%	*	28%	21%	*
8) Organize protests to fight the decision	9%	*	12%	9%	*
9) Attend protests to fight the decision	34%	*	37%	34%	*

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	Total	Gender		Pro-Choice	
		Male	Female	Pro-choice	Pro-life or not sure
10) Post on social media about my views on abortion	29%	*	34%	29%	*
11) Move to a different state	12%	*	17%	12%	*
12) Move to a different country	11%	*	13%	11%	*
13) Change my birth control method/ask my partner to consider changing their method(s)	16%	*	15%	16%	*
14) Get my tubes tied or have a vasectomy	16%	*	18%	16%	*
15) Abstain from penetrative sex	10%	*	11%	10%	*
16) Proactively discuss abortion with friends/family whose views are different from mine	34%	*	37%	34%	*
17) Something else	9%	*	7%	9%	*
18) None of the above	14%	*	8%	14%	*
Unweighted N	(178)	(70)	(108)	(178)	(0)

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4. Future of Abortion Accessibility

Imagine that, as suggested in a leaked decision a few weeks ago, the Supreme Court does overturn Roe v. Wade and access to abortion becomes limited or banned in some states. Thinking about your lifetime, do you think that abortion in the U.S. will. . .

Asked of people who said that they are somewhat or very pro-choice, or are not sure

	Total	Gender		Pro-Choice	
		Male	Female	Pro-choice	Pro-life or not sure
1) Become more accessible. People will eventually regain safe and legal abortion access.	17%	*	17%	18%	*
2) Stay at the same level of limited accessibility post-Roe	13%	*	14%	14%	*
3) Become even less accessible. I believe I will see further successful attacks on abortion access in the future	36%	*	40%	42%	*
4) Not sure	34%	*	30%	27%	*
Totals	100%	*	101%	101%	*
Unweighted N	(207)	(83)	(124)	(178)	(29)

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5. Abortion Access

In regard to abortion access, which of the following statements best reflects your views?

	Total	Gender		Pro-Choice	
		Male	Female	Pro-choice	Pro-life or not sure
1) My generation is willing to fight for change and can make a significant impact	81%	83%	80%	89%	*
2) My generation is not willing to fight for change and won't make a significant impact	19%	17%	20%	11%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(265)	(111)	(154)	(178)	(87)

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6. Voting and Abortion

Thinking about abortion, do you believe that voting for politicians who share your views on abortion. . .

	Total	Gender		Pro-Choice	
		Male	Female	Pro-choice	Pro-life or not sure
1) Is a very effective way to bring about change	25%	21%	29%	29%	*
2) Is a somewhat effective way to bring about change	42%	46%	38%	44%	*
3) Is not a very effective way to bring about change	12%	12%	12%	13%	*
4) Will not bring about change at all	5%	6%	4%	7%	*
5) Not sure	16%	15%	17%	6%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	*
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Interviewing Dates	June 14 - 16, 2022
Target population	U.S. adults ages 18-25
Sampling method	The survey was carried out through YouGov Direct.
Weighting	Data is weighted on gender, education level, and ethnicity to be nationally representative of U.S. adults ages 18-25 in the United States. The weights range from 0.347 to 5.893, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.758.
Number of respondents	265
Margin of error	± 7.6% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews