## May 4, 2023

To: NARAL Pro-Choice America
From: Ben Greenfield, Change Research
Re: Nationwide Survey Shows Americans Strongly Reject Abortion Restrictions
A new nationwide poll from Change Research of 1,208 registered voters shows that a broad majority of Americans believe decisions about abortion should be between patients and doctors. By large margins, Americans oppose restrictions on women's right to abortion care, and reject the argument that banning abortion at 15 weeks is a reasonable compromise.

## 70\% of voters oppose one-size-fits-all abortion bans

Seven in ten American voters reject one-size-fits-all abortion bans. This includes not only overwhelming majorities of Democratic and independent voters, but nearly half of Republicans as well as over two-thirds of every racial or ethnic group. And $58 \%$ of voters strongly agree that these bans are dangerous, highlighting the degree to which voters of all political and demographic stripes continue to be extremely unhappy about the stripping-away of abortion rights in many parts of the country.


## Americans reject the idea that 15 -week bans are a reasonable compromise

By a more than 2-to-1 margin, voters are more inclined to leave abortion care decisions up to patients and their doctors, rather than enact 15 -week bans. Democratic and independent voters overwhelmingly prefer to leave these decisions up to patients and doctors. Even among Republicans, only a slim majority - $54 \%$ - prefer 15 -week bans.

Which of the following statements do you agree with more:

|  | Total | Dem | Ind | GOP | White | Hispanic | Black | AAPI |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| When it comes to abortion care, patients and doctors should have the freedom to decide what is best for each person. | 63 | 93 | 68 | 30 | 62 | 52 | 74 | 81 |
| Banning abortion at 15 weeks is a reasonable compromise. | 26 | 3 | 15 | 54 | 30 | 32 | 10 | 15 |
| Not sure | 10 | $\mid 4$ | 16 | 16 | 18 | 16 | 16 | 4 |

## 73\% believe abortion restrictions have gone too far

When reminded of some of the recent rollbacks on access to abortion, $73 \%$ of voters agree that things have gone too far, and that politicians should stop interfering with decisions about abortion care - including $62 \%$ who strongly agree. Even a majority (51\%) of those who voted for Donald Trump in 2020 agree, as do more than 3 in 4 independents.

Additionally, majorities of every demographic and geographic group agree that things have gone too far. Over two-thirds of every racial or ethnic group believe it. Even among rural white men who tend to be less supportive of abortion care than virtually any other group - $55 \%$ believe things have gone too far.

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the statement below:
"As a result of the Supreme Court's decision to end Roe v. Wade, 18 states have eliminated or restricted access to abortion. Recently, a judge tried to ban access to medication abortion, a safe and effective method of ending an early pregnancy. Now, Republicans are trying to ban abortion before many patients know if the pregnancy is viable or if there are other serious circumstances. Things have gone too far - politicians need to stop interfering with private medical decisions between a person and their doctor."

Strongly agree Somewhat agree Not sure Somewhat disagree Strongly disagree


A full disclosure of the survey's methodology is available here.

