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New Poll: One Year After SCOTUS Decision, Voters More Supportive of Abortion Access

BOSTON — As the one-year anniversary of the US Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe v. Wade* and the constitutional right to abortion approaches, a new Suffolk University/*USA Today* national poll shows nearly a quarter of voters have become more supportive of abortion access than before the ruling.

The new poll also shows a wide majority of American voters disagree with the SCOTUS ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. Fifty-eight percent of respondents opposed the overturning of *Roe*, with 30% supporting the decision. Key voting demographics, including women (64% oppose, 26% support) and independents (57% oppose, 26% support), also disagree with the decision.

This finding tracks with overall support of abortion rights, with 63% of voters saying they believe abortion should be legal in either most or all cases. Twenty-three percent of voters say that the decision has prompted them to become more supportive of abortion rights overall. While only a slight majority (53%) of voters say that Congress should pass a law legalizing abortion on a national level, an overwhelming 80% say they are against a nationwide ban on the procedure.

“These numbers could mean trouble for Republican presidential candidates in 2024, almost all of whom are far to the right of most voters on this issue,” said David Paleologos, director the Suffolk University Political Research Center. “But these feelings could be mitigated as long as voters rank other issues as higher priorities.”

The new poll shows that only 7% of respondents rank abortion as their most important issue when deciding on their vote for president, with inflation (22%), immigration (11%), and threats to democracy (10%) ranking higher. However, in considering the 2024 presidential election, 20% of respondents agreed that abortion is the most important issue to their vote, with 56% saying that while abortion is an important issue, it is not the most important issue to their vote.

Methodology

This survey of 1,000 registered voters was conducted June 5-9, and is based on live telephone interviews of adults 18 years of age or older, residing in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Quota and demographic information—including region, race, and age—were determined from 2020 national census data. Samples of both cell phones and standard landlines were called using a probability-proportionate-to-size method, which means that the phone numbers assigned to each state were proportional to the number of registered voters in each state. States were grouped into four general regions. Surveys were administered in English and Spanish. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is +/-3.1 percentage points. Results are posted on the [Suffolk University Political Research Center](#) website. For more information, contact David Paleologos at 781-290-9310, dpaleologos@suffolk.edu.

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