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THE PUBLIC'S OPINION OF OVERTURNING ROE V WADE

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THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM IS WRONG

- If the Supreme Court overturns Roe, the conventional wisdom assumes that the issue will help Democrats in the midterms; the only question is by how much.
 - A deeper look at the data, however, suggests **the conventional wisdom is wrong.**
- The conventional wisdom is based on years of polling, showing that a solid majority of voters oppose overturning that 1973 ruling. My own polling shows the same results.
- However, any poll asking whether voters want to overturn Roe is meaningless.
 - **Seventy-seven percent (77%) of voters don't know what overturning that decision would mean.**
 - That includes forty-one percent (41%) who think it would make abortion illegal.
 - Another thirty-six percent (36%) don't know what it would mean.
 - **Just twenty-two percent (22%) have some understanding of what overturning Roe would mean.**
- If people don't understand what overturning Roe would mean, how can you possibly interpret polling data showing that people don't want it overturned?
- RMG Counterpolling shows that most voters will be okay with overturning Roe.
 - With Roe in place, the abortion laws are set by judges.
 - **Sixty-five percent (65%) of voters think abortion laws should be established by voters and their elected representatives.** That's exactly what will happen if Roe is overturned.
 - **Just eighteen percent (18%) prefer the status quo.**



DEMOCRATIC POLICY POSITIONS ON ABORTION ARE BROADLY UNPOPULAR

- Legislation being considered by the Senate this week is presented as an attempt to codify Roe v Wade. However, the legislation is loaded down with extremely unpopular provisions.
 - **The bill would make abortion legal at any point during a pregnancy up to the moment of birth. That extreme position is supported by only seventeen percent (17%) of voters.**
 - **Seventy-two percent (72%) of voters reject the Democrats' position that abortion should be legal at any point during the pregnancy up to the moment of birth.**
 - That includes 38% who believe abortion should be allowed only in cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is at risk.
 - 34% believe abortion should be legal only in the early stages of pregnancy, no later than the first trimester.



- **The legislation proposed by Democrats would also bring an end to the Hyde Amendment and calls for taxpayer funding of abortions. Just thirty percent (30%) of voters support such funding.**
- The legislation would prevent states from imposing modest restrictions on abortion, which have strong public support. Three-day waiting periods, spousal notifications, and parental notifications are each supported by sixty-two (62%) to sixty-nine (69%) percent of voters.
- It is worth noting that those who support abortion at any point until birth do not recognize where public opinion stands. A solid majority of them believe that most voters support late term abortions.



THERE ARE TWO LIVES TO CONSIDER

- Seventy-three percent (73%) of voters agree that there are two lives to consider – the woman's and the unborn child's.
 - Extreme pro-choice advocates dismiss the idea that the life of the unborn child is an issue.



ELECTORAL IMPACT

- In polling conducted after the leak of Justice Alito's draft, Republicans have a ten-point advantage among those who say they will definitely vote in November (53% to 43%).
- Among those who believe that abortion should be illegal except in cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is at risk, 47% are Very Enthusiastic about voting in the midterms.
 - Among those who believe abortion should be legal at any time, just 35% are that enthusiastic.
- A Court ruling overturning the Roe ruling will likely have only a modest impact, if any, on the midterm elections.
 - That's partly because voters are more concerned about other issues such as inflation, immigration, crime, the war in Ukraine, and other topics.
 - While modest, however, the issue could be helpful to Republicans in competitive races.

Methodology

This data is from several Counterpolling™ surveys of Registered Voters conducted online by Scott Rasmussen in 2022. Field work for the surveys was conducted by RMG Research, Inc. Certain quotas were applied, and the sample was lightly weighted by geography, gender, age, race, education, internet usage, and political party to reasonably reflect the nation's population of Registered Voters. Other variables were reviewed to ensure that the final sample is representative of that population.

The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 2.8 percentage points.

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