



# SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

## PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

## Abortion and Birth Control

- STATE OF MAINE, CD2 and NATIONAL -

### Field Dates:

**State of Maine and Maine CD2:** July 21 - Aug 2, 2026

**National:** February 11-26, 2026

### Sample Sizes:

**State of Maine:** 811

**Maine CD2:** 504

**National:** 2,509

### Confidence Interval:

**State of Maine** +/- 6.9%

**Maine CD2:** +/- 5.9%

**National:** +/- 2.9%

**Samples Provided by:** Multiple online opt-in panels, including Cint, Dynata and Prodege. Sample collection and quality control was managed by QuantifyAI under the direction of the University of Maryland's Program for Public Consultation.

**Note:** Rows may not add to 100% due to rounding

[Q1-36, 40-64 withheld for future release]

We are now going to address the issue of birth control. Here are some policy proposals that affect access to birth control. Please select whether you favor or oppose each of them.

Q37. Increase the amount of funding to health care clinics so they can provide long-term birth control for free or at low cost for women who cannot afford it (mainly low-income and uninsured women)

|                          | Favor | Oppose | Ref/DK |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| <b>National</b>          | 81%   | 19%    | 0%     |
| Republicans              | 72%   | 28%    | 0%     |
| Democrats                | 91%   | 10%    | 0%     |
| Independents             | 75%   | 25%    | 1%     |
| <b>Maine (Statewide)</b> | 82%   | 16%    | 1%     |
| Republicans              | 70%   | 28%    | 2%     |
| Democrats                | 95%   | 4%     | 1%     |
| <b>Maine CD2</b>         | 81%   | 18%    | 1%     |

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|-------------|-----|-----|----|
| Republicans | 63% | 36% | 0% |
| Democrats   | 96% | 3%  | 2% |

Q38. Prohibit state governments from restricting or banning access to birth control, to ensure that everyone has legal access to birth control.

|                          | Favor | Oppose | Ref/DK |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| <b>National</b>          | 79%   | 21%    | 0%     |
| Republicans              | 73%   | 27%    | 0%     |
| Democrats                | 86%   | 13%    | 0%     |
| Independents             | 74%   | 26%    | 1%     |
| <b>Maine (Statewide)</b> | 80%   | 19%    | 1%     |
| Republicans              | 73%   | 26%    | 2%     |
| Democrats                | 94%   | 6%     | 1%     |
| <b>Maine CD2</b>         | 74%   | 25%    | 0%     |
| Republicans              | 61%   | 39%    | 1%     |
| Democrats                | 91%   | 9%     | 0%     |

Q39. Continue to require that health insurance plans cover long-term birth control (with some religious and moral exemptions for some employers).

|                          | Favor | Oppose | Ref/DK |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| <b>National</b>          | 82%   | 17%    | 1%     |
| Republicans              | 77%   | 22%    | 1%     |
| Democrats                | 90%   | 9%     | 1%     |
| Independents             | 73%   | 25%    | 2%     |
| <b>Maine (Statewide)</b> | 83%   | 15%    | 2%     |
| Republicans              | 77%   | 20%    | 3%     |
| Democrats                | 94%   | 5%     | 1%     |
| <b>Maine CD2</b>         | 79%   | 20%    | 2%     |
| Republicans              | 67%   | 30%    | 3%     |
| Democrats                | 94%   | 5%     | 1%     |

Now let's turn to the subject of abortion.

Q40. There is a debate about whether it should be a serious crime for a doctor to provide an abortion at different stages of pregnancy. Please select which option you favor the most:

|                 | Do not make abortion a crime | Make abortion a serious crime after the fetus is viable (meaning it can very likely survive outside of the womb, about 22-24 weeks), with the punishment including prison time and/or major fines | Do NOT make abortion a serious crime before fetal viability | Make abortion a serious crime at any point during the pregnancy, with the punishment including prison time and/or major fine | Ref/DK |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>National</b> | 50%                          | 34%                                                                                                                                                                                               | 84%                                                         | 16%                                                                                                                          | 0%     |
| Republicans     | 26%                          | 48%                                                                                                                                                                                               | 74%                                                         | 26%                                                                                                                          | 0%     |
| Democrats       | 69%                          | 22%                                                                                                                                                                                               | 91%                                                         | 9%                                                                                                                           | 0%     |

|                          |     |     |     |     |    |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Independents             | 56% | 30% | 86% | 13% | 0% |
| <b>Maine (Statewide)</b> | 55% | 30% | 85% | 12% | 3% |
| Republicans              | 31% | 40% | 71% | 24% | 5% |
| Democrats                | 72% | 24% | 95% | 3%  | 2% |
| <b>Maine CD2</b>         | 53% | 32% | 85% | 13% | 2% |
| Republicans              | 32% | 41% | 73% | 23% | 4% |
| Democrats                | 65% | 30% | 95% | 4%  | 1% |

## Methodology

**Fielding and Sample Size:** The surveys were fielded by the Program for Public Consultation (PPC) at the University of Maryland's Civic Innovation Center, with representative non-probability samples obtained from multiple online panels, including Cint, Dynata and Prodege.

### National

Field Dates: February 11-26, 2026      Total Sample Size: 2509      Response Rate: 7.6%  
Four-fifth Sample Sizes: 1991 to 2020

### State of Maine

Field Dates: July 21 - Aug 2, 2026      Sample Size: 811      Response Rate: 8.5%

### Maine CD2

Field Dates: July 21 - Aug 2, 2026      Sample Size: 504      Response Rate: 8.3%

**Pre-Stratification and Weighting:** The samples were pre-stratified and weighted by age, race, ethnicity, gender, educational attainment, household income, and home ownership. Benchmarks were obtained from the Census Bureau's 2024 and 2025 American Community Surveys, as well as the 2024 Current Population Survey's Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

The national sample was also weighted by Census region and partisan affiliation. In the Maine samples, the distribution of partisan affiliation was weighted to be within expectations, based on voter registration data for non-leaners and/or Cook's Partisan Voting Index for leaners.

### National

Confidence Interval of Four-fifth Samples: +/-2.9%      Min Weight: 0.25      Max Weight: 2.51      Mean Weight: 1.0

### State of Maine

Confidence Interval: +/-6.9%      Min. Weight: 0.1      Max Weight: 5      Mean Weight: 1.0

### Maine CD2

Confidence Interval: +/-5.9%      Min. Weight: 0.22      Max Weight: 5      Mean Weight: 1.0

Confidence Intervals were calculated using the sample variance of the weights using the following formula:

CI = Square root ((1+variance)/sample size)

**Sample Collection:** Sample collection was managed by Quant-E with oversight from PPC. Samples were drawn from multiple large online panels, including Cint, Prodege, and Dynata, whose members are recruited using non-probability sampling methods. The selected sample was invited to participate via email invitation, push notification, or SMS for cell phone users. Respondents were offered cash or cash-equivalent incentives to participate in the survey.

**Data Collection and Privacy:** Survey responses were collected directly on the Qualtrics platform. Only respondents with a provided link could take the survey, using their computer, laptop, tablet, or mobile phone.

Privacy and security measures were taken to ensure that data was collected in adherence to the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation policies for data privacy and security, as well as the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA).

**Quality Control:** Quality control measures in the sample collection process to disqualify duplicate respondents and survey bots included:

- checking respondents' IP addresses to determine if there are duplicate respondents
- employing an "operating system & Web browser check" to determine if there are any cross-panel duplicates
- using hCaptcha to detect and disqualify survey bots.

Quality control measures within the survey to disqualify dishonest or mischievous respondents, as well as survey bots, included:

- an attention-check question, e.g. Select the word that does not belong. [Tuesday]; [Friday]; [April]; [Wednesday]
- an honesty question, e.g. What have you done in the past week? Select all that apply. [Won a gold medal at the Olympics]; [Watched TV]; [Got a license to operate a Class SSGN submarine]; [Read a book]
- a speed limit, which disqualified respondents who moved through the first quarter of the survey at a pace roughly triple the average reading speed.

Lastly, respondents were removed from the sample who answered less than half the substantive questions, or who engaged in straight-lining.