

# Abortion

## iPOLL, iPOLL+

1. In what years were the earliest abortion questions posed? In those first survey questions, did Americans support or oppose legal abortions if the health of the mother was in danger? Have Americans' views changed since the early data collections?

Answers and Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

The topic of abortion is known to be highly sensitive, and public opinion is also very sensitive to question wording. This can be demonstrated using the many sources in iPOLL:

2. What percentage of Americans consider themselves to be Pro-Choice and Pro-Life from surveys over the last four years? Do men and women respond differently to this question?

Source/date	Pro-Choice	Men/Women	Pro-Life	Men/Women

3. When you search the TOPIC abortion and the words legal or illegal, you find questions quite different from the pro-choice/pro-life dichotomy, but rather offer varying degrees of those options. When you look at items with 3 choices, what do you find? Are men and women different in their responses to these questions?

Source/date	Legal under any circumstances	M/W	Legal under certain circumstances	M/W	Illegal in all circumstances	M/W

Looking at exercises 3 and 4, what can you say about the differences you've found?

## RoperExplorer

Locate a recent survey asking about abortion. Using RoperExplorer, investigate the differences or similarities of those who attend religious services weekly and those who do not attend religious services. Are Catholic respondents different than Protestant respondents? What do you find?

Answers and Sources: \_\_\_\_\_