

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll of 2,729 National Adults

This survey of 2,729 adults was conducted December 12th through December 19th, 2016 by The Marist Poll, sponsored and funded in partnership with The Knights of Columbus. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the contiguous United States were contacted on landline or mobile numbers and interviewed in English or Spanish by telephone using live interviewers. Landline telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation from ASDE Survey Sampler, Inc. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. Respondents in the household were randomly selected by first asking for the youngest male. This landline sample was combined with respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers from Survey Sampling International. After the interviews were completed, the two samples were combined and balanced to reflect the 2013 American Community Survey 1-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within ± 1.9 percentage points. There are 643 Catholic Americans and 341 Catholic Americans who practice their faith. The results for these subsets are statistically significant within ± 3.9 percentage points and ± 5.3 percentage points, respectively. The error margin was not adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.

Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults		
		On the issue of abortion, do you consider yourself pro-life or pro-choice?		
		Pro-life	Pro-choice	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		42%	52%	6%
Practice a Religion	Practicing	58%	37%	5%
	Non-practicing	28%	66%	6%
Position on Abortion	Pro-life	100%	0%	0%
	Pro-choice	0%	100%	0%
Race	White	43%	52%	5%
	African American	38%	55%	7%
	Latino	44%	50%	6%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	37%	58%	6%
	Gen X (35-50)	42%	52%	6%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	45%	49%	5%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	51%	43%	6%
Gender	Men	44%	49%	7%
	Women	41%	55%	4%
National Registered Voters		43%	52%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	23%	72%	5%
	Republican	69%	27%	4%
	Independent	41%	53%	5%
Support in 2016 Election	Hillary Clinton	20%	75%	5%
	Donald Trump	69%	27%	4%

Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted December 12th through December 18th, 2016, n=2729 MOE +/- 1.9 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll National Tables

		Pro-life Supporters		
		Do you strongly support the pro-life view, somewhat support it, or do you sometimes think of yourself as pro-choice?		
		Strongly support pro-life	Somewhat support pro-life	Sometimes think of self as pro-choice
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Pro-life Supporters		61%	17%	22%
Practice a Religion	Practicing	66%	17%	17%
	Non-practicing	52%	18%	30%
Race	White	65%	17%	19%
	African American	50%	23%	26%
	Latino	56%	16%	28%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	54%	18%	28%
	Gen X (35-50)	65%	16%	19%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	60%	20%	21%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	68%	12%	20%
Gender	Men	62%	20%	18%
	Women	60%	14%	26%
National Registered Voters		60%	18%	22%
Party Identification	Democrat	48%	18%	34%
	Republican	70%	15%	14%
	Independent	54%	21%	25%
Support in 2016 Election	Hillary Clinton	38%	23%	39%
	Donald Trump	68%	17%	15%

Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll National Pro-life Supporters. Interviews conducted December 12th through December 18th, 2016, n=1108 MOE +/- 2.9 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll National Tables

		Pro-choice Supporters		
		Do you strongly support the pro-choice view, somewhat support it, or do you sometimes think of yourself as pro-life?		
		Strongly support pro-choice	Somewhat support pro-choice	Sometimes think of self as pro-life
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Pro-choice Supporters		52%	23%	24%
Practice a Religion	Practicing	44%	26%	30%
	Non-practicing	57%	22%	21%
Race	White	56%	21%	23%
	African American	46%	33%	22%
	Latino	46%	25%	30%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	50%	24%	26%
	Gen X (35-50)	50%	28%	22%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	57%	20%	23%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	53%	22%	25%
Gender	Men	47%	27%	25%
	Women	57%	20%	23%
National Registered Voters		55%	22%	23%
Party Identification	Democrat	65%	18%	16%
	Republican	31%	34%	35%
	Independent	52%	23%	25%
Support in 2016 Election	Hillary Clinton	69%	16%	15%
	Donald Trump	28%	31%	41%

Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll National Pro-choice Supporters. Interviews conducted December 12th through December 18th, 2016, n=1366 MOE +/- 2.7 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults					
		Which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion on abortion:					
		One, abortion should be available to a woman any time she wants one during her entire pregnancy	Two, abortion should be allowed only during the first six months of a pregnancy	Three, abortion should be allowed only during the first three months of a pregnancy	Four, abortion should be allowed only in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother	Five, abortion should be allowed only to save the life of the mother	Six, abortion should never be permitted under any circumstance
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		16%	11%	22%	30%	12%	10%
Practice a Religion	Practicing	9%	7%	18%	34%	17%	16%
	Non-practicing	21%	15%	25%	26%	7%	6%
Position on Abortion	Pro-life	3%	1%	9%	45%	22%	20%
	Pro-choice	26%	20%	33%	16%	3%	2%
Race	White	16%	12%	22%	28%	12%	9%
	African American	14%	7%	23%	36%	11%	9%
	Latino	14%	7%	22%	31%	9%	17%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	18%	12%	23%	29%	8%	9%
	Gen X (35-50)	14%	13%	20%	30%	11%	12%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	15%	9%	23%	30%	13%	10%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	12%	6%	19%	31%	19%	12%
Gender	Men	18%	12%	19%	30%	12%	9%
	Women	13%	10%	25%	30%	11%	11%
National Registered Voters		16%	11%	22%	29%	12%	9%
Party Identification	Democrat	26%	16%	24%	21%	7%	6%
	Republican	5%	4%	18%	36%	21%	15%
	Independent	15%	13%	26%	30%	9%	7%
Support in 2016 Election	Hillary Clinton	27%	18%	25%	20%	5%	5%
	Donald Trump	5%	4%	19%	38%	19%	15%

Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted December 12th through December 18th, 2016, n=2729 MOE +/- 1.9 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll National Tables

		Adults who Want Restrictions on Abortion		
		Would you like the U.S. Supreme Court to rule to allow these restrictions, or not?		
		Yes, rule to allow	No	Vol: Keep laws the same
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Adults who Want Restrictions on Abortion		74%	25%	1%
Practice a Religion	Practicing	79%	20%	1%
	Non-practicing	67%	31%	2%
Position on Abortion	Pro-life	80%	19%	1%
	Pro-choice	65%	33%	2%
Race	White	73%	25%	2%
	African American	78%	22%	0%
	Latino	75%	24%	0%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	76%	23%	1%
	Gen X (35-50)	72%	28%	0%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	73%	25%	2%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	72%	25%	3%
Gender	Men	74%	24%	2%
	Women	73%	26%	1%
National Registered Voters		72%	26%	1%
Party Identification	Democrat	68%	30%	2%
	Republican	79%	20%	1%
	Independent	69%	30%	1%
Support in 2016 Election	Hillary Clinton	65%	32%	3%
	Donald Trump	79%	20%	1%

Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll National Adults who Want Restrictions on Abortion. Interviews conducted December 12th through December 18th, 2016, n=1875 MOE +/- 2.3 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults				
		Please tell me if you strongly support, support, oppose, or strongly oppose using tax dollars to pay for a woman's abortion?				
		Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		9%	26%	28%	33%	4%
Practice a Religion	Practicing	6%	18%	29%	43%	4%
	Non-practicing	12%	32%	27%	25%	4%
Position on Abortion	Pro-life	3%	9%	27%	58%	3%
	Pro-choice	16%	40%	27%	13%	4%
Race	White	9%	24%	27%	36%	3%
	African American	11%	27%	29%	27%	6%
	Latino	7%	29%	30%	30%	4%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	10%	34%	27%	26%	3%
	Gen X (35-50)	10%	24%	28%	35%	3%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	9%	23%	27%	38%	4%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	7%	17%	32%	38%	6%
Gender	Men	9%	26%	29%	32%	4%
	Women	10%	25%	27%	34%	4%
National Registered Voters		10%	26%	28%	33%	3%
Party Identification	Democrat	17%	37%	24%	17%	6%
	Republican	2%	11%	31%	56%	1%
	Independent	9%	28%	29%	30%	3%
Support in 2016 Election	Hillary Clinton	17%	40%	25%	14%	4%
	Donald Trump	3%	10%	31%	56%	1%

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Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults				
		Please tell me if you strongly support, support, oppose, or strongly oppose using tax dollars to support abortion in other countries?				
		Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		4%	10%	32%	51%	3%
Practice a Religion	Practicing	3%	7%	30%	58%	3%
	Non-practicing	5%	13%	34%	45%	4%
Position on Abortion	Pro-life	1%	3%	24%	71%	2%
	Pro-choice	6%	16%	38%	35%	4%
Race	White	3%	10%	29%	54%	3%
	African American	4%	7%	35%	50%	4%
	Latino	4%	12%	38%	43%	3%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	4%	14%	37%	42%	3%
	Gen X (35-50)	5%	9%	29%	54%	3%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	3%	8%	28%	58%	3%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	2%	6%	32%	56%	5%
Gender	Men	4%	10%	32%	51%	3%
	Women	3%	10%	32%	51%	4%
National Registered Voters		3%	10%	32%	52%	3%
Party Identification	Democrat	7%	17%	35%	35%	6%
	Republican	1%	3%	23%	71%	1%
	Independent	2%	9%	36%	50%	3%
Support in 2016 Election	Hillary Clinton	5%	19%	37%	33%	6%
	Donald Trump	1%	3%	19%	76%	1%

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		National Adults		
		In the long run, do you believe having an abortion improves a woman's life or in the long run do you believe abortion does more harm than good to a woman?		
		Improves a woman's life	Does more harm than good	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		31%	50%	19%
Practice a Religion	Practicing	20%	63%	17%
	Non-practicing	41%	39%	20%
Position on Abortion	Pro-life	6%	82%	12%
	Pro-choice	53%	25%	22%
Race	White	32%	50%	19%
	African American	29%	55%	16%
	Latino	31%	52%	17%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	40%	44%	17%
	Gen X (35-50)	30%	51%	18%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	26%	55%	18%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	22%	54%	24%
Gender	Men	30%	49%	20%
	Women	31%	51%	17%
National Registered Voters		31%	50%	19%
Party Identification	Democrat	46%	32%	22%
	Republican	12%	76%	13%
	Independent	32%	48%	20%
Support in 2016 Election	Hillary Clinton	49%	30%	21%
	Donald Trump	13%	74%	13%

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		National Adults			
		Thinking about specific policy issues, do you think it is an immediate priority, important but not an immediate priority, or not a priority to do each of the following: Limit abortion to during the first three months of pregnancy, except to save the life of the mother?			
		Immediate priority	Important, but not a priority	Not a priority	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		34%	25%	36%	5%
Practice a Religion	Practicing	43%	26%	26%	5%
	Non-practicing	26%	25%	45%	4%
Position on Abortion	Pro-life	53%	27%	16%	5%
	Pro-choice	19%	25%	53%	3%
Race	White	36%	23%	37%	4%
	African American	38%	29%	26%	7%
	Latino	33%	30%	34%	3%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	31%	26%	38%	5%
	Gen X (35-50)	30%	26%	39%	4%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	36%	26%	34%	4%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	44%	22%	27%	6%
Gender	Men	31%	27%	36%	6%
	Women	37%	24%	35%	4%
National Registered Voters		34%	25%	36%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	24%	23%	48%	4%
	Republican	52%	26%	17%	4%
	Independent	28%	27%	40%	5%
Support in 2016 Election	Hillary Clinton	22%	21%	53%	4%
	Donald Trump	49%	28%	18%	5%

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		National Adults		
		Which statement comes closer to your view: One, it is possible to have laws which protect both the health and well-being of a woman and the life of the unborn; or two, it is necessary for laws to choose to protect one and not the other?		
		Laws can protect		
		both	Laws must choose	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		78%	15%	8%
Practice a Religion	Practicing	83%	10%	7%
	Non-practicing	73%	19%	8%
Position on Abortion	Pro-life	85%	9%	6%
	Pro-choice	73%	19%	8%
Race	White	79%	13%	8%
	African American	76%	18%	7%
	Latino	77%	18%	6%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	75%	19%	6%
	Gen X (35-50)	79%	16%	6%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	80%	13%	8%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	77%	8%	15%
Gender	Men	75%	17%	8%
	Women	80%	13%	7%
National Registered Voters		78%	15%	8%
Party Identification	Democrat	75%	17%	8%
	Republican	84%	9%	7%
	Independent	76%	17%	8%
Support in 2016 Election	Hillary Clinton	74%	18%	8%
	Donald Trump	81%	11%	8%

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		National Adults		
		Regardless of whether or not you think it should be legal, do you believe that, in general, abortion is morally acceptable or morally wrong?		
		Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Not a moral issue
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		39%	59%	2%
Practice a Religion	Practicing	25%	74%	1%
	Non-practicing	53%	45%	2%
Position on Abortion	Pro-life	9%	90%	1%
	Pro-choice	66%	31%	2%
Race	White	40%	58%	2%
	African American	35%	63%	2%
	Latino	37%	62%	2%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	48%	50%	2%
	Gen X (35-50)	35%	63%	2%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	36%	63%	1%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	30%	66%	3%
Gender	Men	39%	59%	2%
	Women	39%	59%	2%
National Registered Voters		39%	59%	2%
Party Identification	Democrat	57%	40%	3%
	Republican	18%	81%	1%
	Independent	40%	59%	2%
Support in 2016 Election	Hillary Clinton	61%	37%	3%
	Donald Trump	18%	80%	1%

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Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults				
		Please tell me if you strongly support, support, oppose, or strongly oppose banning abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy except to save the life of the mother?				
		Strongly support	Support	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		24%	35%	20%	15%	5%
Practice a Religion	Practicing	26%	35%	19%	15%	5%
	Non-practicing	23%	36%	21%	16%	5%
Position on Abortion	Pro-life	32%	33%	15%	16%	4%
	Pro-choice	19%	37%	24%	15%	5%
Race	White	24%	34%	20%	17%	5%
	African American	27%	36%	20%	12%	4%
	Latino	18%	40%	24%	14%	5%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	21%	38%	21%	15%	5%
	Gen X (35-50)	25%	33%	21%	16%	4%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	27%	34%	18%	16%	5%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	24%	37%	17%	15%	8%
Gender	Men	22%	37%	21%	14%	6%
	Women	26%	33%	18%	17%	5%
National Registered Voters		24%	34%	20%	16%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	18%	31%	25%	20%	6%
	Republican	33%	37%	14%	13%	3%
	Independent	24%	35%	21%	15%	6%
Support in 2016 Election	Hillary Clinton	18%	31%	26%	19%	6%
	Donald Trump	32%	36%	13%	14%	4%

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Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults		
		Do you think doctors, nurses, or organizations who have moral objections to abortion should or should not be legally required to perform or provide insurance coverage for abortions?		
		Should be legally required	Should not be legally required	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		35%	60%	6%
Practice a Religion	Practicing	26%	69%	5%
	Non-practicing	43%	52%	6%
Position on Abortion	Pro-life	16%	80%	4%
	Pro-choice	50%	45%	5%
Race	White	31%	64%	6%
	African American	43%	50%	7%
	Latino	37%	59%	4%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	45%	50%	4%
	Gen X (35-50)	33%	61%	5%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	30%	65%	6%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	22%	69%	9%
Gender	Men	34%	60%	6%
	Women	35%	59%	6%
National Registered Voters		34%	60%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	52%	40%	8%
	Republican	15%	82%	3%
	Independent	33%	62%	5%
Support in 2016 Election	Hillary Clinton	54%	39%	8%
	Donald Trump	16%	81%	3%

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		National Adults		
		Do you think government regulations should require or should not require all businesses and their insurers who have religious or moral objections to cover the cost of abortion as part of their health services for women?		
		Should require	Should not require	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		36%	59%	6%
Practice a Religion	Practicing	29%	65%	6%
	Non-practicing	41%	53%	5%
Position on Abortion	Pro-life	18%	78%	4%
	Pro-choice	51%	43%	6%
Race	White	34%	61%	6%
	African American	41%	53%	6%
	Latino	39%	57%	4%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	41%	55%	4%
	Gen X (35-50)	37%	58%	5%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	33%	61%	6%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	26%	64%	9%
Gender	Men	34%	61%	5%
	Women	37%	57%	6%
National Registered Voters		35%	59%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	54%	38%	8%
	Republican	16%	81%	3%
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