



# THE TENNESSEE POLL

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## **About The Tennessee Poll**

The Tennessee Poll is conducted by the Applied Social Research Lab (ASRL) in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at East Tennessee State University. ASRL is directed by Dr. Kelly N. Foster, Professor of Sociology.

The Tennessee Poll is an annual public opinion poll funded by East Tennessee State University. The mission of The Tennessee Poll is to provide the citizens and governance of Tennessee with neutral, unbiased information on Tennesseans' perceptions of issues that impact their health, education, and quality of life.

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		Total	Gender		Party Affiliation			Race			Age					
			Male	Female	Republican & Leaning Republican	Independents	Democrat & Leaning Democrat	White	Black	Other Race	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Do you think IVF, or in-vitro fertilization for women trying to get pregnant, should be legal or not legal?	Legal	91%	87%	94%	90%	85%	96%	91%	88%	90%	86%	89%	88%	93%	95%	92%
	Not Legal	9%	12%	6%	9%	15%	3%	8%	11%	10%	13%	11%	12%	7%	5%	6%
	It depends on the situation	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%		1%				1%	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>Unweighted Count</b>	673	315	351	283	178	206	504	109	55	80	131	98	98	98	168

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			Baby Boomers	Gen X	Millennials	Gen Z	HS Diploma or less	Some College or Associates	Bachelors or Higher	Under \$50,000	\$50,000 - \$100,000	Over \$100,000	East TN	Middle TN	West TN
Do you think IVF, or in-vitro fertilization for women trying to get pregnant, should be legal or not legal?	Legal	91%	93%	94%	87%	88%	86%	92%	94%	87%	90%	94%	90%	93%	87%
	Not Legal	9%	6%	6%	13%	11%	13%	6%	5%	12%	9%	6%	10%	7%	11%
	It depends on the situation	1%	2%	0%		1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%		1%	0%	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>Unweighted Count</b>	673	222	154	183	114	219	216	236	296	190	141	239	284	150

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: A range of safe, effective, and affordable methods of abortion care should be available to women in their community.																
		Total	Gender		Party Affiliation			Race			Age					
			Male	Female	Republican & Leaning Republican	Independents	Democrat & Leaning Democrat	White	Black	Other Race	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "A range of safe, effective, and affordable methods of abortion care should be available to women in their community."	Strongly agree	41%	35%	45%	21%	36%	74%	37%	61%	41%	39%	45%	40%	34%	38%	45%
	Agree	20%	24%	17%	21%	21%	18%	19%	19%	32%	23%	21%	23%	13%	21%	21%
	Neither agree nor disagree	14%	15%	13%	16%	22%	4%	15%	11%	15%	26%	19%	16%	20%	6%	3%
	Disagree	8%	8%	9%	11%	10%	3%	9%	6%	6%	6%	5%	9%	9%	11%	10%
	Strongly disagree	17%	18%	15%	30%	10%	1%	20%	2%	7%	6%	11%	12%	24%	24%	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>Unweighted Count</b>	679	322	350	290	174	208	506	110	57	82	131	98	100	102	166

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "A range of safe, effective, and affordable methods of abortion care should be available to women in their community."	Strongly agree	41%	45%	34%	43%	39%	37%	37%	47%	37%	38%	53%	35%	42%	47%	
	Agree	20%	21%	16%	19%	27%	24%	18%	16%	23%	19%	14%	20%	22%	17%	
	Neither agree nor disagree	14%	4%	15%	18%	23%	19%	12%	10%	19%	14%	9%	16%	13%	13%	
	Disagree	8%	8%	11%	9%	4%	4%	13%	11%	7%	10%	9%	7%	9%	10%	
	Strongly disagree	17%	22%	23%	11%	7%	16%	20%	15%	14%	19%	16%	22%	14%	13%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>Unweighted Count</b>	679	223	156	184	116	220	217	240	299	188	145	243	286	150	

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			Male	Female	Republican & Leaning Republican	Independents	Democrat & Leaning Democrat	White	Black	Other Race	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Which comes closest to your own view on abortion? "Having an abortion is..."	Acceptable	23%	21%	24%	9%	21%	47%	21%	33%	22%	35%	28%	19%	19%	18%	23%
	May be acceptable depending on the circumstances	60%	61%	61%	64%	67%	47%	61%	59%	63%	50%	54%	65%	61%	65%	65%
	Never acceptable	16%	18%	15%	26%	12%	6%	18%	9%	15%	15%	18%	17%	19%	17%	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>Unweighted Count</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>172</b>

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	May be acceptable depending on the circumstances	60%	64%	64%	58%	53%	63%	61%	56%	64%	61%	53%	63%	60%	58%
	Never acceptable	16%	15%	18%	18%	14%	18%	16%	15%	16%	17%	14%	18%	16%	14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>Unweighted Count</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>150</b>

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Thinking about how the abortion issue might affect your vote for major offices, would you:																
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Thinking about how the abortion issue might affect your vote for major offices, would you:	Only vote for a candidate who shares my views on abortion	29%	23%	34%	24%	23%	43%	29%	29%	29%	26%	32%	26%	32%	28%	29%
	Consider a candidates position on abortion as just one of many important factors	53%	57%	49%	56%	59%	43%	53%	51%	53%	64%	49%	56%	53%	58%	45%
	Abortion is not a major issue when I vote for a candidate	18%	20%	17%	20%	18%	14%	18%	20%	17%	10%	19%	18%	15%	15%	26%
<b>Total</b>	<b>Unweighted Count</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>171</b>

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	Consider a candidates position on abortion as just one of many important factors	53%	50%	53%	51%	61%	49%	58%	55%	50%	56%	52%	52%	51%	58%
	Abortion is not a major issue when I vote for a candidate	18%	21%	17%	18%	13%	24%	15%	13%	20%	19%	14%	18%	18%	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>Unweighted Count</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>151</b>

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			Male	Female	Republican & Leaning Republican	Independents	Democrat & Leaning Democrat	White	Black	Other Race	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements: A woman should be arrested or go to jail for having an abortion.	Strongly agree	7%	8%	6%	11%	5%	3%	8%	3%	8%	7%	10%	6%	6%	7%	5%
	Agree	7%	9%	6%	10%	8%	3%	7%	5%	15%	15%	9%	9%	7%	6%	2%
	Neither agree nor disagree	14%	14%	14%	17%	21%	4%	14%	16%	9%	18%	16%	22%	21%	4%	5%
	Disagree	20%	20%	20%	26%	16%	13%	21%	15%	23%	17%	17%	22%	18%	20%	23%
	Strongly disagree	50%	45%	54%	32%	50%	77%	49%	59%	45%	44%	48%	41%	47%	59%	59%
	(VOL) It depends on the circumstance	2%	3%	1%	4%	1%	0%	2%	2%						5%	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>Unweighted Count</b>	686	326	353	292	176	209	511	110	59	82	131	101	98	104	170

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	Neither agree nor disagree	14%	4%	17%	18%	19%	18%	16%	7%	18%	14%	7%	13%	16%	11%
	Disagree	20%	23%	20%	20%	15%	19%	20%	21%	17%	26%	16%	21%	16%	25%
	Strongly disagree	50%	60%	48%	45%	45%	44%	49%	59%	47%	44%	63%	52%	49%	49%
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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements: "A man should be arrested or go to jail if he helps his pregnant partner to have an abortion."	Strongly agree	11%	13%	10%	17%	10%	5%	12%	9%	10%	11%	14%	11%	9%	13%	10%
	Agree	8%	9%	7%	10%	9%	3%	8%	4%	10%	11%	5%	8%	9%	10%	6%
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	Disagree	20%	22%	18%	25%	19%	12%	21%	12%	19%	15%	17%	22%	19%	19%	24%
	Strongly disagree	43%	40%	46%	28%	38%	72%	41%	55%	42%	37%	39%	38%	41%	52%	50%
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	Neither agree nor disagree	16%	5%	17%	19%	30%	19%	21%	9%	24%	16%	6%	15%	17%	16%	
	Disagree	20%	23%	19%	19%	16%	19%	19%	20%	15%	23%	20%	22%	18%	20%	
	Strongly disagree	43%	51%	43%	40%	37%	35%	42%	55%	38%	41%	57%	43%	43%	46%	
	It depends on the circumstance	1%	4%	1%			2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>Unweighted Count</b>	685	227	158	184	116	224	217	242	300	193	143	243	292	150	