

# Opinions About Abortion Among Reproductive-Age Women in Ohio

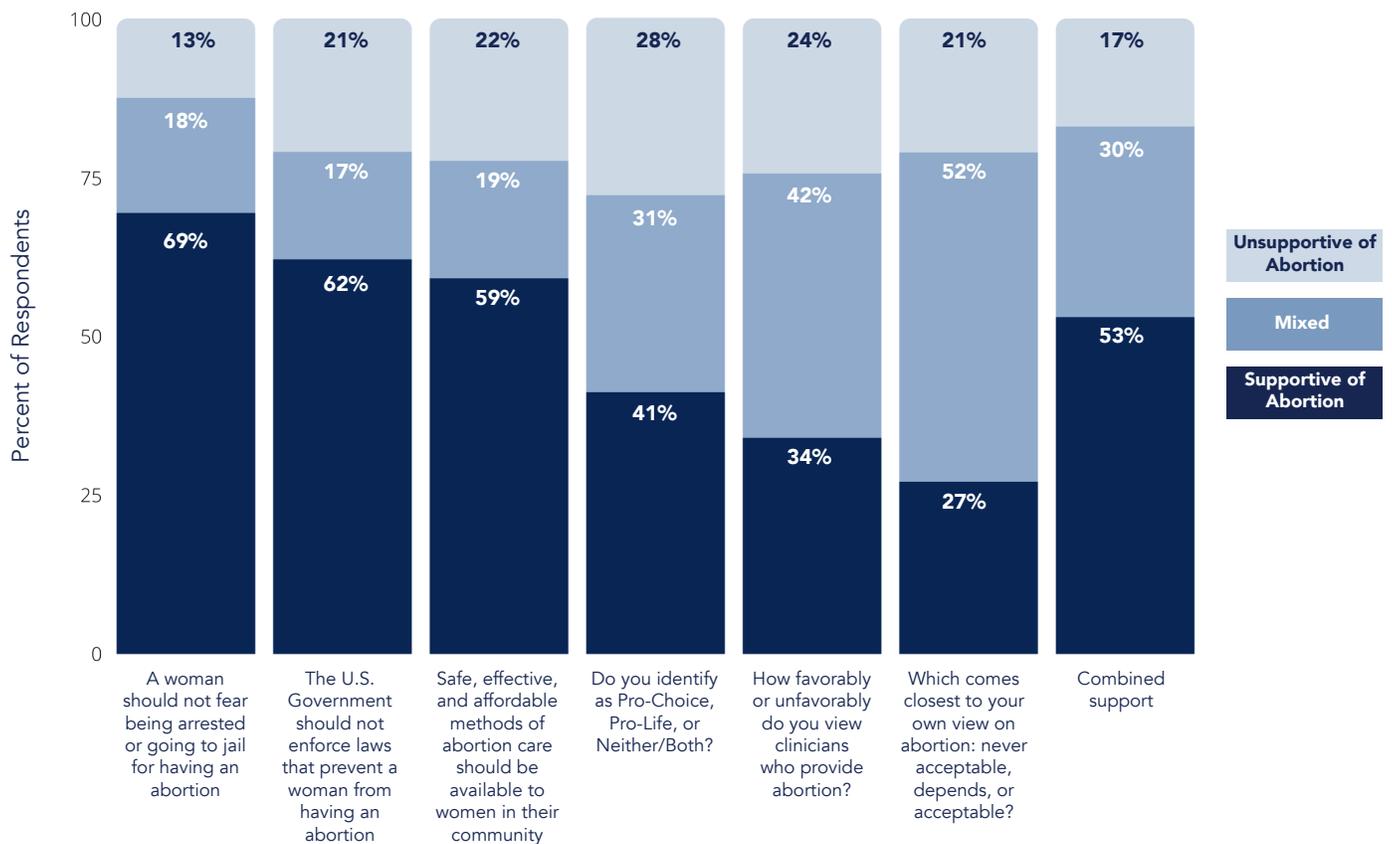
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Anti-abortion policies in Ohio do not reflect the opinion of the majority of women of reproductive age in the state who support abortion care.

## Key Findings

We asked over 2,000 Ohio women of reproductive age six questions to assess their opinions about abortion. This population was generally supportive of abortion, though the level of support differed by which question was being asked. Knowing someone who had an abortion or having had one themselves increased the odds of respondents being supportive, suggesting the role that lack of information about abortion or abortion stigma may play in shaping opinions.

Support for Abortion Based on Responses to Six Abortion Opinion Survey Questions



## Public Health Implications

- Ohio policymakers should be aware that their restrictive, anti-abortion policies are inconsistent with the opinions of the majority of Ohio women of reproductive age who believe that safe, effective, and affordable methods of abortion care should be available to women in their community.
- Opinions toward abortion are complex and nuanced, drawing off sociodemographic characteristics and ideological beliefs. Policies and provider conversations with patients should take into consideration the intertwining ideas people have about reproduction, bodily autonomy, religion, politics, gender, race, and sex.