

Attitudes Toward Reproductive Health Policy Among Adults From Rural New Mexico

Topline Results

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Q1. Do you think people in your community have access to reproductive healthcare?

Yes	67%
No	14%
Don't Know	19%

Q2. Thinking about accessing the reproductive health care that you and your family have needed, what are primary obstacles that have prevented you in the past or may prevent you in the future from accessing that care?

The cost of accessing reproductive health	25%
Transportation issues getting to a doctor's office, hospital, or clinic	12%
Information on where to go for reproductive health	12%
Pressure from family and friends about using reproductive health care	6%
Language Barriers	3%
There isn't a clinic or health care facility close to where I live	5%
No obstacles to care	25%
Have not needed care	15%
Other obstacle	9%
Don't Know	13%

Q3. To the best of your knowledge, is there a doctor's office, hospital, or other health clinic that provides abortion in the community where you normally go to get healthcare?

Yes	30%
No	35%
Don't Know	35%

Q4. It is estimated that 94% of New Mexico counties do not have an abortion clinic. Given this information, would you say abortion care in New Mexico is accessible or not accessible enough to residents of the state?

Accessible	27%
Not accessible enough	51%
Too accessible	8%
Refused	15%

Q5. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree : New Mexican women and families deserve to make our own healthcare decisions, without politicians interfering.

SPLIT SAMPLE

Strongly agree	42%
Agree	40%
Neither agree/disagree	6%
Disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	3%
TOTAL AGREE	82%
TOTAL DISAGREE	7%
Don't Know	5%

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Q6. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree : New Mexican women and families should be able to make our own healthcare decisions, without government interfering.

SPLIT SAMPLE

Strongly agree	43%
Agree	35%
Neither agree/disagree	8%
Disagree	6%
Strongly disagree	4%
TOTAL AGREE	78%
TOTAL DISAGREE	11%
Don't Know	3%

Q7. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree : If someone I care about has made the decision to have an abortion, I want them to have support.

SPLIT SAMPLE

Strongly agree	35%
Agree	33%
Neither agree/disagree	8%
Disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	9%
TOTAL AGREE	68%
TOTAL DISAGREE	19%
Don't Know	6%

Q8. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree : New Mexicans need access to reproductive healthcare, including abortion, across our rural state.

SPLIT SAMPLE

Strongly agree	27%
Agree	30%
Neither agree/disagree	9%
Disagree	14%
Strongly disagree	15%
TOTAL AGREE	56%
TOTAL DISAGREE	29%
Don't Know	5%

Q9. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree : I can hold my own moral views about abortion and still trust a woman and her family to make this decision for themselves.

SPLIT SAMPLE

Strongly agree	35%
Agree	42%
Neither agree/disagree	5%
Disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	6%
TOTAL AGREE	77%
TOTAL DISAGREE	14%
Don't Know	5%

Q10. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree : Medical providers should not be targeted with violence or intimidation for doing their jobs.

SPLIT SAMPLE

Strongly agree	45%
Agree	37%
Neither agree/disagree	6%
Disagree	6%
Strongly disagree	2%
TOTAL AGREE	83%
TOTAL DISAGREE	8%
Don't Know	4%

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Q11. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree : Personal decisions about abortion need to remain with New Mexican women, their families, and their medical providers.

SPLIT SAMPLE

Strongly agree	39%
Agree	36%
Neither agree/disagree	7%
Disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	7%
TOTAL AGREE	74%
TOTAL DISAGREE	15%
Don't Know	4%

Q12. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree : Whether due to the loss of a pregnancy, abortion care or prenatal care, women deserve to be supported and respected and not shamed when seeking reproductive healthcare.

SPLIT SAMPLE

Strongly agree	42%
Agree	37%
Neither agree/disagree	7%
Disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	4%
TOTAL AGREE	79%
TOTAL DISAGREE	9%
Don't Know	5%

Q13. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree : Government should address the real issues facing New Mexico, not interfering in a woman's personal medical decisions.

SPLIT SAMPLE

Strongly agree	38%
Agree	35%
Neither agree/disagree	8%
Disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	6%
TOTAL AGREE	74%
TOTAL DISAGREE	14%
Don't Know	4%

Q14. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree : Politicians should address the real issues facing New Mexico, not interfering in a woman's personal medical decisions.

SPLIT SAMPLE

Strongly agree	39%
Agree	34%
Neither agree/disagree	8%
Disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	7%
TOTAL AGREE	73%
TOTAL DISAGREE	15%
Don't Know	4%

Q15. Have you or a partner of yours experienced infertility or trouble getting pregnant?

Yes	21%
No	75%
Don't Know	4%

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Q16. Many people in New Mexico experience miscarriage and still births. Have you or a partner of yours had similar experiences?

Yes	30%
No	67%
Don't Know	2%

Q17. Has this experience influenced your views regarding whether a person should be able to access reproductive health care?

BASE = HAVE OR A PARTNER EXPERIENCED MISCARRIAGE OR STILL BIRTH

Yes, has made me realize we need more access to reproductive health in New Mexico	61%
Yes, has made me realize we need less access to reproductive health in New Mexico	5%
No, this experience has not had any impact on my policy views	31%
Refused/Don't Know	3%

Q18. Have you ever had a friend or family member who has had an abortion?

Yes	47%
No	47%
Don't Know	6%

Q19. Have you ever accessed abortion care yourself?

BASE = FEMALE

Yes	17%
No	81%
Don't Know	2%

Q20. Who did you turn to for emotional support?

BASE = FEMALE AND HAVE ACCESSED ABORTION CARE

Partner/Spouse	28%
Family Member	36%
Friends	24%
Medical Provider	23%
Faith Leader	5%
Support forums on the internet	10%
I didn't have the support that I needed	12%
I didn't seek or need support	11%
Don't Know	12%

Q21. Have you ever considered having an abortion but ultimately decided not to?

BASE = FEMALE AND HAVE ACCESSED ABORTION CARE

Yes	53%
No	47%
Don't Know	1%

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Q22. Unfortunately many women here in New Mexico have experienced sexual violence at some point in their life. What about you, have you ever been the victim of sexual assault or violence?

BASE = FEMALE

Yes	32%
No	66%
Don't Know	2%

Q23. Has this experience influenced your views regarding whether a person should be able to access reproductive health care?

BASE = FEMALE AND VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OR VIOLENCE

Yes, has made me realize we need more access to reproductive health in New Mexico	51%
Yes, has made me realize we need less access to reproductive health in New Mexico	6%
No, this experience has not had any impact on my policy views	39%
Refused/Don't Know	4%

Q24. Who would you say shapes your views about whether people should be able to get an abortion?

Friends	15%
Family	25%
Health care providers/doctors offices	12%
Community leaders and/or elders	6%
Media	9%
Church/Bible/God	24%
Partner	13%
Elected officials	6%
Personal/Myself/No others	25%
Other	6%
Don't Know	13%

Q25. Do you have a spiritual or religious practice?

Yes	76%
No	23%
Don't Know	1%

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Q26. What spirituality or religion do you practice?

BASE = HAVE A SPIRITUAL OR RELIGIOUS PRACTICE

Catholic	36%
Christian	31%
Evangelical Christian	4%
Protestant (Episcopalian, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian)	7%
Jewish	1%
Mormon	2%
Muslim	2%
Traditional practices related to my culture	1%
Spiritual but don't identify with a particular religion	4%
Other	9%
Don't Know	3%

Q27. Regardless of your views on abortion and reproductive health, how important are these issues going to be for you when deciding who to vote for in the next state election here in New Mexico?

Very important	49%
Somewhat important	29%
Not very important	9%
Not at all important	8%
Don't Know	4%

Q28. Have you ever voted for a political candidate because of his or her position on abortion?

Yes	34%
No	62%
Don't Know	3%

Q29. Of all the sources for news and information about politics, where do you get your news and information?

Television	76%
Newspaper	43%
Blogs/Websites	35%
Social Media/Facebook	32%
Radio	32%
I don't follow the news	2%
Don't Know	1%

Q30. Among these options, what would you say is the MAIN place where you get your news and information?

BASE = SOURCE FOR NEWS AND INFORMATION ABOUT POLITICS

Television	55%
Newspaper	9%
Blogs/Websites	14%
Social Media/Facebook	12%
Radio	6%
I don't follow the news	2%
Don't Know	2%

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Q31. What is the MAIN place where you get your television news?

Fox News	18%
CNN	18%
MSNBC	4%
NBC	7%
ABC	7%
CBS	7%
PBS	2%
Other local station	12%
Telemundo	3%
Univision	7%
Don't watch television for news	10%
Don't Know	5%

Q32. Which newspaper do you read MOST frequently?

Albuquerque Journal	12%
Santa Fe New Mexican	10%
Las Cruces Sun	8%
NY Times	8%
Other	29%
Don't read the newspaper	30%
Don't Know	3%

Q33. What language do you generally consume your news in?

English	86%
Spanish	25%
Native/Tribal language	2%
Other	*%
Don't Know	*%

Q34. Do you use social media, such as Facebook or Twitter?

Yes	65%
No	34%
Don't Know	*%

Q35. How often would you say you use social media?

BASE = USE SOCIAL MEDIA

Daily	78%
Weekly, at least once a week	18%
Monthly, at least once a month	3%
Don't Know	1%

Q36. Which social media platform PRIMARILY provides your news?

BASE = USE SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook	72%
Twitter	23%
Other	7%
Don't use social media for news	15%
Don't Know	3%

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Q37. REGION

NORTH WEST	19%
SOUTH	19%
NORTH	19%
SOUTH EAST	25%
SOUTH WEST	18%

Q38. Do you prefer the interview to be conducted in English or Spanish?

Spanish	23%
English	77%

Q39. Please tell us your gender?

Woman	50%
Man	49%
Transgender	*%
Don't Know	*%

Q40. What county do you live in, here in New Mexico?

Dona Ana, NOT in the city of	19%
Las Cruces	
San Juan	12%
Lea	8%
Chavez	8%
San Miguel	7%
Rio Arriba	7%
Grant	7%
Luna	6%
Eddy	5%
McKinley	5%
Roosevelt	4%
Socorro	3%
Sierra	3%
Guadalupe	3%
Cibola	2%
Mora	2%

Q41. Are you currently registered to vote here in the state of New Mexico?

Yes	75%
No, but eligible	13%
No, but planning to register	4%
No, not eligible	7%
Don't Know	1%

Q42. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

Republican	27%
Democrat	38%
Independent	21%
Other party	6%
Don't know	7%

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Q43. If you had to pick, do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?

NOT DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN

Republican	29%
Democrat	29%
Independent	16%
Other party	4%
Don't know	22%

Q44. What language is usually spoken at your home?

English	84%
Spanish	31%
Native/Tribal language	3%
Other	1%
Don't Know	*%

Q45. What is your race and/or ethnicity?

White	49%
Black/African-American	3%
Native American/Indian American	6%
Asian-American	1%
Latino/Hispanic/Chicano	44%
Other	3%
Don't Know	2%
Prefer not to answer	2%

Q46. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Grades 1-8	5%
Some High School	6%
High School graduate or GED	23%
Some college, 2-year degree	26%
4-year college graduate	20%
Post-graduate education	15%
Certificate program	4%
Don't Know	1%

Q47. Have you ever served in the U.S. military or the military reserves?

Yes	16%
No	83%
Don't Know	2%

Q48. Are you currently on active duty?

BASE = HAVE EVER SERVED IN THE MILITARY

Yes	25%
No	75%

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Q49. What was your total combined household income in 2015 before taxes? This question is completely confidential and just used to help classify the responses, but it is very important for our research.

Less than \$20,000	15%
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	8%
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	8%
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8%
\$50,000 to less than \$60,000	7%
\$60,000 to less than \$70,000	7%
\$70,000 to less than \$80,000	8%
\$80,000 to less than \$90,000	4%
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	7%
\$100,000 to less than \$150,000	8%
\$150,000 to less than \$200,000	2%
\$200,000 or more	2%
Don't Know	17%

Q50. Are you currently...

Single	21%
Single but living with a partner	7%
Dating someone seriously	4%
Dating someone off and on	1%
Married	52%
Divorced	6%
Widowed	5%
Don't Know	3%

Q51. Are you a parent?

Yes	75%
No	24%
Don't Know	2%