

Appendix 3 – Questions and Results of the survey

The following questions were submitted to the participants:

The impact of coverage on partisanship in the US

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This survey is part of my research thesis, which explores how two news outlets covered the topic of abortion ballots in the November 2024 elections in Arizona and Florida and how it impacts partisanship. The names of the news outlets aren't provided solely for the purpose of this study. I sincerely appreciate your time and assure you that all responses will remain anonymous. **This form will close on the 15th of April.**

Do you consider yourself *

- ☐ Republican
- ☐ Democrat
- ☐ Independent
- ☐ None of the above

In which age group do you belong? *

☐ 18-24 years

☐ 25-34 years

☐ 35-44 years

☐ 45-54 years

☐ 55+

Arizona abortion ballot

Proposition 139: Right to Abortion

This ballot initiative would provide the fundamental right to abortion that the state of Arizona may not interfere with before the point of fetal viability (defined as the point of pregnancy when there is significant chance of the survival of the fetus outside of the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures) unless justified by a compelling state interest (defined as a law or regulation enacted for the limited purpose of improving or maintaining the health of the individual seeking abortion care that does not infringe on that individual's autonomous decision making).

Do you agree with this ballot ? *

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree

News article excerpts

The law makes it a felony for anyone who "provides, supplies or administers to a pregnant woman, or procures such woman to take any medicine, drugs or substance, or uses or employs any instrument or other means whatever, with intent thereby to procure the miscarriage of such woman, unless it is necessary to save her life," potentially carrying a prison sentence between 2 and 5 years. **(1)**

The court ruled Tuesday the state must adhere to a law made before statehood, when Arizona was a territory, that bans all abortions except those "necessary to save" a pregnant person's life. The law, which is enforceable because Roe v. Wade was overturned, is broader than the state's 2022 ban on abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy and carries a prison sentence of two to five years for abortion providers. **(2)**

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Which statement appeals to you the most ?

- ☐ News article excerpt 1
- ☐ News article excerpt 2
- ☐ None of the above

News article excerpts

The Arizona State Supreme Court voted in April to uphold a Civil War-era total ban on abortion, sparking national outrage and prompting state lawmakers to repeal the ban before it could take effect. Abortion rights supporters said the moment served as a stark reminder of what could come if reproductive rights weren't enshrined in the state constitution. **(1)**

A long-dormant 1864 law, which predated Arizona's statehood, had gone into effect in the Grand Canyon State after the repeal of Roe vs. Wade in 2022, thrusting the issue into the spotlight and leading to Tuesday's vote. The law had no exceptions for rape and incest, only for the life of the mother, and was repealed in September **(2)**



Which statement appeals to you the most ?

- ☐ News article excerpt 1
- ☐ News article excerpt 2
- ☐ None of the above

Florida abortion ballot

Amendment 4: Right to Abortion

The initiative would provide a constitutional right to abortion before fetal viability or when "necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider." The following language would be added to the state constitution: "Except as provided in Article X, Section 22, no law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider." The initiative would not change the state legislature's authority to enact a law requiring the parents of a minor to be notified if their child is seeking an abortion, with exceptions that can be attained through a judicial waiver.

Do you agree with this ballot ?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree

News article excerpts

Voters in 10 U.S. states will decide on major ballot initiatives this year that either expand or restrict abortion access for women, a highly polarizing issue but one that some advocacy groups do not believe will affect turnout quite as much as some had expected. **(1)**

More than two years after the US Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade and ended the federal constitutional right to an abortion, voters in 10 states cast ballots on whether to cement reproductive rights in their state constitutions. **(2)**

Which statement appeals to you the most ?

- ☐ News article excerpt 1
- ☐ News article excerpt 2
- ☐ None of the above

News article excerpts

A stricter abortion law that takes effect in Florida on Wednesday — dropping the state's 15-week ban to a six-week ban — will likely affect thousands of people seeking abortion care within the first month alone. **(1)**

Abortion is illegal in Florida after the first six weeks of pregnancy under a law that took effect May 1. **(2)**

Which statement appeals to you the most ?

- ☐ News article excerpt 1
- ☐ News article excerpt 2
- ☐ None of the above

Respondent	Affiliation	Age group	Abortion ballot AZ	News article excerpt AZ1	News article excerpt AZ2	Abortion ballot Fla	News article excerpt FLA1	News article excerpt FLA2
1	Democrat	18-24	Strongly agree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 1	Strongly agree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 1
2	Democrat	55+	Strongly agree	None of the above	Excerpt 1	Strongly agree	Excerpt 2	None of the above
3	Republican	25-34	Agree	None of the above	Excerpt 2	Agree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 1
4	Democrat	55+	Strongly agree	None of the above	None of the above	Strongly agree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 1
5	Indipendent	25-34	Agree	None of the above	Excerpt 1	Agree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 2
6	Indipendent	25-34	Strongly agree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 1	Agree	None of the above	None of the above
7	Indipendent	18-24	Agree	Excerpt 1	Excerpt 2	Agree	Excerpt 1	Excerpt 1
8	Democrat	55+	Agree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 2	Strongly agree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 2
9	Indipendent	25-34	Agree	Excerpt 1	Excerpt 1	Disagree	Excerpt 1	Excerpt 1
10	Indipendent	18-24	Agree	None of the above	None of the above	Agree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 1
11	Democrat	45-54	Strongly agree	None of the above	None of the above	Strongly agree	None of the above	None of the above
12	Democrat	45-54	Strongly agree	None of the above	None of the above	Strongly agree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 1
13	Democrat	25-34	Agree	None of the above	Excerpt 1	Agree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 1
14	Republican	25-34	Strongly disagree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 1	Strongly disagree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 2
15	Democrat	55+	Strongly agree	None of the above	Excerpt 1	Agree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 1
16	Democrat	55+	Agree	None of the above	Excerpt 1	Agree	Excerpt 2	None of the above
17	None of the above	55+	Strongly agree	None of the above	None of the above	Agree	Excerpt 2	None of the above
18	Democrat	55+	Strongly agree	None of the above	None of the above	Strongly disagree	Excerpt 2	None of the above
19	Democrat	55+	Strongly agree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 1	Strongly agree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 1
20	Indipendent	55+	Strongly agree	None of the above	Excerpt 1	Strongly agree	Excerpt 2	None of the above
21	Democrat	55+	Strongly agree	None of the above	Excerpt 1	Strongly agree	Excerpt 2	None of the above
22	Indipendent	55+	Disagree	Excerpt 1	Excerpt 1	Neutral	Excerpt 2	None of the above
23	Democrat	55+	Strongly agree	None of the above	Excerpt 1	Strongly agree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 1
24	Democrat	55+	Strongly agree	None of the above	None of the above	Agree	Excerpt 2	None of the above
25	Democrat	55+	Strongly agree	None of the above	None of the above	Strongly agree	Excerpt 2	None of the above
26	Indipendent	55+	Strongly agree	Excerpt 1	Excerpt 1	Strongly disagree	Excerpt 1	Excerpt 2
27	Democrat	18-24	Agree	None of the above	Excerpt 1	Agree	Excerpt 1	Excerpt 1
28	Democrat	18-24	Strongly agree	None of the above	None of the above	Agree	None of the above	Excerpt 1
29	Democrat	25-34	Strongly agree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 2	Agree	Excerpt 1	Excerpt 2
30	Democrat	45-54	Strongly agree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 1	Agree	Excerpt 2	Excerpt 1
31	Democrat	55+	Strongly agree	None of the above	None of the above	Strongly agree	None of the above	None of the above