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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED:**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

ABRTLGL Do you think abortion should be ... **[RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF OPTIONS 1-4 AND 4-1]**

	Legal in all <u>cases</u>	Legal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in all <u>cases</u>	No answer	NET <i>Legal in all/most</i>	NET <i>Illegal in all/most</i>
Mar 7-13, 2022	25	36	27	10	2	61	37
Apr 5-11, 2021	25	34	26	13	2	59	39
Jan 22-Feb 2, 2020	25	35	27	11	2	60	38
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	27	34	26	12	1	61	38

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	Legal in all <u>cases</u>	Legal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in all <u>cases</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	NET <i>Legal in all/most</i>	NET <i>Illegal in all/most</i>
July 10-15, 2019	24	34	24	15	3	58	39
Sep 18-24, 2018	25	34	22	15	5	58	37
Jun 8-18, 2017	25	33	24	16	3	57	40
Oct 20-25, 2016	22	36	23	14	4	59	37
Mar 17-26, 2016	24	33	24	16	3	56	41
Sep 22-27, 2015	20	31	25	18	6	51	43
Sep 2-9, 2014	22	34	26	14	5	55	40
Jul 17-21, 2013	20	34	24	15	7	54	40
Oct 24-28, 2012	23	32	25	13	7	55	39
Apr 4-15, 2012	23	31	23	16	7	53	39
Nov 9-14, 2011	20	31	26	17	6	51	43
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	19	35	25	16	5	54	41
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	18	36	26	16	4	54	42
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	17	33	27	17	7	50	44
August 11-27, 2009	16	31	27	17	8	47	45
April, 2009	18	28	28	16	10	46	44
Late October, 2008	18	35	24	16	7	53	40
Mid-October, 2008	19	38	22	14	7	57	36
August, 2008	17	37	26	15	5	54	41
June, 2008	19	38	24	13	6	57	37
November, 2007	18	33	29	15	5	51	44
October, 2007	21	32	24	15	8	53	39
August, 2007	17	35	26	17	5	52	43
AP/Ipsos-Poll: February, 2006	19	32	27	16	6	51	43
ABC/WaPo: December, 2005	17	40	27	13	3	57	40
ABC/WaPo: April, 2005	20	36	27	14	3	56	41
ABC/WaPo: December, 2004	21	34	25	17	3	55	42
ABC/WaPo: May, 2004	23	31	23	20	2	54	43
ABC/WaPo: January, 2003	23	34	25	17	2	57	42
ABC/WaPo: August, 2001	22	27	28	20	3	49	48
ABC/BeliefNet: June, 2001	22	31	23	20	4	53	43

ABRTLGL PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED:

	Legal in all <u>cases</u>	Legal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in all <u>cases</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	NET <i>Legal in</i> <u>all/most</u>	NET <i>Illegal in</i> <u>all/most</u>
ABC/WaPo: January, 2001	21	38	25	14	1	59	39
ABC/WaPo: September, 2000 (RVs)	20	35	25	16	3	55	41
ABC/WaPo: July, 2000	20	33	26	17	4	53	43
ABC/WaPo: September, 1999	20	37	26	15	2	57	41
ABC/WaPo: March, 1999	21	34	27	15	3	55	42
ABC/WaPo: July, 1998	19	35	29	13	4	54	42
ABC/WaPo: August, 1996	22	34	27	14	3	56	41
ABC/WaPo: June, 1996	24	34	25	14	2	58	39
ABC/WaPo: October, 1995	26	35	25	12	3	61	37
ABC: September, 1995	24	36	25	11	4	60	36
ABC/WaPo: July, 1995	27	32	26	14	1	59	40

Note: Several questions below are based on a set of filtered responses. Unless otherwise noted, tables are based on total sample, and respondents who did not receive a particular question are noted in gray within tables.

ASK ALL:

ABRTLGL Do you think abortion should be ... [RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF OPTIONS 1-4 AND 4-1]

ASK IF LEGAL IN ALL CASES (ABRTLGL=1):

ABRTLGL1 Just to confirm, are there any exceptions when you think abortion should be against the law, or do you think abortion should be legal no matter what the reason and at any point in a woman's pregnancy?

ASK IF ILLEGAL IN ALL CASES (ABRTLGL=4):

ABRTLGL2 Just to confirm, are there any exceptions when you think abortion should be legal, or do you think abortion should be against the law no matter what the reason and at all points in a woman's pregnancy?

BASED ON TOTAL:

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25	Legal in all cases
6	<i>There are some exceptions when abortion should be against the law</i>
19	<i>Abortion should be legal in all cases</i>
*	<i>No answer</i>
36	Legal in most cases
27	Illegal in most cases
10	Illegal in all cases
2	<i>There are some exceptions when abortion should be legal</i>
8	<i>Abortion should be against the law in all cases</i>
*	<i>No answer</i>
2	ABRTLGL No answer
19	NET Legal in all cases, no exceptions
42	NET Legal, some exceptions
29	NET Illegal, some exceptions
8	NET Illegal in all cases, no exceptions

ASK IF ABORTION SHOULD BE LEGAL IN SOME CASES BUT NOT ALL (ABRTLGL=2,3 OR ABRTLGL2=1 OR ABRTLGL1=1):

Public policy discussions about when or if abortion should be legal or illegal often focus on a few specific situations and time points.

ABRTLGL3 Do you think abortion should be legal or illegal in each of the following situations?
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST.]

BASED ON TOTAL:

— *Legal in some cases, but not all* —

	Legal in all cases, no exceptions	<i>Legal in this case</i>	<i>Illegal in this case</i>	<i>It depends</i>	<i>No answer</i>	Illegal in all cases, no exceptions	ABRTLGL No answer
a. The pregnancy threatens the woman's life or health Mar 7-13, 2022	19	54	3	14	*	8	2
b. The pregnancy is the result of rape Mar 7-13, 2022	19	50	6	14	*	8	2
c. The baby is likely to be born with severe disabilities or health problems Mar 7-13, 2022	19	35	10	25	*	8	2

ASK IF ABORTION SHOULD BE LEGAL IN SOME CASES BUT NOT ALL (ABRTLGL=2,3 OR ABRTLGL2=1 OR ABRTLGL1=1):

ABRTTIME Do you think how long a woman has been pregnant should matter in determining whether it is legal or illegal to have an abortion?

BASED ON TOTAL:

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2022

19	Legal in all cases, no exceptions
71	NET Legal in some cases, but not all
56	<i>Yes, how long a woman has been pregnant should matter</i>
14	<i>No, how long a woman has been pregnant should not matter</i>
1	<i>No answer</i>
8	Illegal in all cases, no exceptions
2	ABRTLGL No answer

ASK IF LENGTH OF PREGNANCY SHOULD MATTER (ABRTTIME=1):

As you may know, a typical pregnancy lasts for roughly 40 weeks.

ATIME14WK Thinking specifically about a pregnancy that is 14 weeks along (roughly at the end of the first trimester), do you think abortion at that point should be ... **[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST. USE SAME ORDER FOR ATIME6WK AND ATIME24WK AND ATIME24WK2]**

BASED ON TOTAL:

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34 NET Legal at 14 weeks
19 Legal in all cases, no exceptions (in ABRTLGL and ABRTLGL1)
15 Abortion should be legal at 14 weeks

7 Legal, some exceptions and timing doesn't matter (in ABRTLGL, ABRTLGL1, ABRTTIME)

22 It depends at 14 weeks (in ATIME14WK)
6 Illegal, some exceptions and timing doesn't matter (in ABRTLGL, ABRTLGL2, ABRTTIME)

27 NET Illegal at 14 weeks
19 Abortion should be illegal at 14 weeks
8 Illegal in all cases, no exceptions (in ABRTLGL and ABRTLGL2)

*** No answer to question about 14 weeks (ATIME14WK)**
1 No answer to whether how long a woman has been pregnant should matter in determining legality of abortion (ABRTTIME)
2 No answer to whether abortion should be legal or illegal (ABRTLGL)

ASK IF ILLEGAL OR IT DEPENDS OR IF SKIPPED AT 14 WEEKS (ATIME14WK=2,3,99):

ATIME6WK As you may know, 6 weeks into a pregnancy is about when cardiac activity (sometimes called a fetal heartbeat) can be detected, and before many women know they are pregnant. Do you think abortion at that point should be ... **[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST. USE SAME ORDER FOR ATIME14WK AND ATIME24WK AND ATIME24WK2]**

BASED ON TOTAL:

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2022

44	NET Legal at 6 weeks¹
19	Legal in all cases, no exceptions (in ABRTLGL and ABRTLGL1)
10	Abortion should be legal at 6 weeks
15	Abortion should be legal at 14 weeks (in ATIME14WK)
7	Legal, some exceptions and timing doesn't matter (in ABRTLGL, ABRTLGL1, ABRTTIME)
19	It depends at 6 weeks
6	Illegal, some exceptions and timing doesn't matter (in ABRTLGL, ABRTLGL2, ABRTTIME)
21	NET Illegal at 6 weeks
12	Abortion should be illegal at 6 weeks
8	Illegal in all cases, no exceptions (in ABRTLGL and ABRTLGL2)
*	No answer to question about 6 weeks (ATIME6WK)
1	No answer to whether how long a woman has been pregnant should matter in determining legality of abortion (ABRTTIME)
2	No answer to whether abortion should be legal or illegal (ABRTLGL)

¹ Those who answered that abortion should be legal at 14 weeks were included in share who said legal at 6 weeks; these respondents were not asked question about abortion at 6 weeks.

ASK IF LEGAL OR IT DEPENDS OR IF SKIPPED AT 14 WEEKS (ATIME14WK=1,3,99) [N=4,084]:

ATIME24WK As you may know, 24 weeks into a pregnancy (near the end of the second trimester) is about when a healthy fetus could survive outside the woman's body with medical attention. Do you think abortion at that point should be ...**[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST. USE SAME ORDER FOR ATIME6WK AND ATIME14WK AND ATIME24WK2]**

BASED ON TOTAL:

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2022

22	NET Legal at 24 weeks
19	Legal in all cases, no exceptions (in ABRTLGL and ABRTLGL1)
3	Abortion should be legal at 24 weeks
7	Legal, some exceptions and timing doesn't matter (in ABRTLGL, ABRTLGL1, ABRTTIME)
18	It depends at 24 weeks
6	Illegal, some exceptions and timing doesn't matter (in ABRTLGL, ABRTLGL2, ABRTTIME)
43	NET Illegal at 24 weeks
15	Abortion should be illegal at 24 weeks
19	Abortion should be illegal at 14 weeks ² (in ATIME14WK)
8	Illegal in all cases, timing doesn't matter (in ABRTLGL and ABRTLGL2)
1	No answer to question about 24 weeks (ATIME24WK)
1	No answer to whether how long a woman has been pregnant should matter in determining legality of abortion (ABRTTIME)
2	No answer to whether abortion should be legal or illegal (ABRTLGL)

² Those who answered that abortion should be illegal at 14 weeks were included in share who said illegal at 24 weeks; these respondents were not asked question about abortion at 24 weeks.

ASK IF ILLEGAL OR IT DEPENDS OR SKIPPED AT 24 WEEKS (ATIME24WK=2,3,99) [N=3,747]:

ATIME24WK2 Still thinking about 24 weeks into a pregnancy. If the pregnancy threatens the woman's life or the baby will be born with severe disabilities, do you think abortion should be ...

[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST. USE SAME ORDER FOR ATIME6WK AND ATIME14WK AND ATIME24WK]

BASED ON THOSE WHO SAID ILLEGAL, IT DEPENDS, OR SKIPPED 24 WEEKS (ATIME24WK=2,3,99) [N=3,747]:

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2022

54	Legal
4	Illegal
40	It depends
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

DRNOTIF

Before performing an abortion, should doctors or providers be required to notify a parent or legal guardian, if the pregnant woman is under 18?

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2022

70	Yes
28	No
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

ABRTN_PEN

If an abortion was carried out in a situation where it was illegal, do you think each of the following should or should not face penalties? **[RANDOMIZE A AND B, WITH C OR D ALWAYS LAST; RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS, BUT KEEP IN SAME ORDER FOR ALL ITEMS]**

	Should face penalties	Should not face penalties	No answer
a. The woman who had the abortion Mar 7-13, 2022	47	50	3
b. The doctor or provider who performed the abortion Mar 7-13, 2022	60	38	2
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,217]:			
c. The person who helped find and schedule the abortion Mar 7-13, 2022	41	57	2
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,224]:			
d. The person who helped pay for the abortion Mar 7-13, 2022	43	54	3

[DISPLAY ABRTN_PENa_2, ABRTN_PENb_2a AND ABRTN_PENb_2b ON SAME SCREEN, AND SHOW IN SAME ORDER AS ABRTN_PENa and ABRTN_PENb. IF ABRTN_PENb=1, ABRTN_PENb_2a IS ALWAYS SHOWN ABOVE ABRTN_PENb_2b]

ASK IF WOMAN SHOULD FACE PENALTIES (ABRTN_PENa=1) [N=4,806]:

ABRTN_PENa_2 If a woman had an abortion in a situation where it was illegal, should she ...

[RANDOMIZE; KEEP IN SAME ORDER FOR ABRTN_PENa_2 ABRTN_PENb_2a ABRTN_PENb_2b]

BASED ON TOTAL:

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<u>2022</u>	
47	Should face penalties
14	<i>Serve jail time</i>
16	<i>Pay a fine or do community service</i>
17	<i>Not sure</i>
*	<i>No answer</i>
50	Should not face penalties
3	No answer on ABRTN_PENa

ASK IF DOCTOR/PROVIDER SHOULD FACE PENALTIES (ABRTN_PENb=1) [N=6,299]:

ABRTN_PENb_2a If a doctor or provider performed an abortion in a situation where it was illegal, should they ...

[RANDOMIZE; KEEP IN SAME ORDER FOR ABRTN_PENa_2 ABRTN_PENb_2a ABRTN_PENb_2b]

BASED ON TOTAL:

Mar 7-13,	
<u>2022</u>	
60	Should face penalties
25	<i>Serve jail time</i>
18	<i>Pay a fine or do community service</i>
17	<i>Not sure</i>
*	<i>No answer</i>
38	Should not face penalties
2	No answer on ABRTN_PENb

ASK IF DOCTOR/PROVIDER SHOULD FACE PENALTIES (ABRTN_PENb=1) [N=6,299]:

ABRTN_PENb_2b If a doctor or provider performed an abortion in a situation where it was illegal, should they ...

[RANDOMIZE; KEEP IN SAME ORDER FOR ABRTN_PENa_2 ABRTN_PENb_2a ABRTN_PENb_2b]

BASED ON TOTAL:

Mar 7-13,
2022

60	Should face penalties
31	<i>Lose their medical license</i>
10	<i>Not lose their medical license</i>
19	<i>Not sure</i>
*	<i>No answer</i>
38	Should not face penalties
2	No answer on ABRTN_PENb

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

ASK ALL:

Now a few more questions about abortion.

ASK ALL:

ABRTVIEW Regardless of whether you think abortion should be legal or illegal, how well do each of the following statements describe your views? **[DISPLAY SETS OF PAIRS A-B, C-D, E-F IN ORDER BUT RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN EACH PAIR;; SHOW ALL ITEMS ON SAME SCREEN]**

	Extremely <u>well</u>	Very <u>well</u>	Somewhat <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at all <u>well</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. The decision about whether to have an abortion should belong solely to the pregnant woman Mar 7-13, 2022	33	19	19	14	13	1
b. Human life begins at conception, so a fetus is a person with rights Mar 7-13, 2022	26	12	18	19	23	2
c. If legal abortions are too hard to get, then women will seek out unsafe abortions from unlicensed providers Mar 7-13, 2022	32	21	23	13	10	2
d. If legal abortions are too easy to get, then people won't be as careful with sex and contraception Mar 7-13, 2022	20	15	21	18	24	2
e. If legal abortions are too hard to get, then it will be more difficult for women to get ahead in society Mar 7-13, 2022	14	12	23	23	26	2
f. If legal abortions are too easy to get, then some pregnant women will be pressured into having an abortion even when they don't want to Mar 7-13, 2022	12	13	26	24	22	2

ASK ALL:
ABRTMOR

Regardless of whether you think abortion should be legal or illegal, do you personally think that having an abortion is ... **[REVERSE ORDER 1-4 OR 4-1 FOR RANDOM ½ OF SAMPLE. 5 ALWAYS LAST.]**

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2022

7	Morally acceptable in all cases
24	Morally acceptable in most cases
33	Morally wrong in most cases
13	Morally wrong in all cases
21	Not a moral issue [ANCHOR]
1	No answer

ASK IF MORAL SOMETIMES (ABRTMOR=2,3) [N=6,256]:

ABRTMORa Do you think there are situations when abortion should be legal but is also morally wrong?

BASED ON THOSE WHO SAID ABORTION IS MORAL IN SOME CASES (ABRTMOR=2,3)[N=6,256]:

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2022

73	Yes
25	No
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

ABRTRED

How much, if at all, do you think each of the following would change the number of abortions in the U.S.? Would ... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; REVERSE RESPONSE ORDER FOR ½ SAMPLE]**

	<u>Greatly reduce the number of abortions</u>	<u>Slightly reduce the number of abortions</u>	<u>Not change the number of abortions</u>	<u>Slightly increase the number of abortions</u>	<u>Greatly increase the number of abortions</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Passing stricter laws against abortion Mar 7-13, 2022	24	33	31	5	5	2
b. More support for parents, such as paid family leave or more child care options Mar 7-13, 2022	23	35	34	3	2	2
c. Expanding sex education Mar 7-13, 2022	28	33	32	3	3	2
d. Making it easier to place children for adoption in good homes Mar 7-13, 2022	24	34	35	3	2	2
e. More support for women during pregnancy, such as financial assistance or employment protections Mar 7-13, 2022	27	38	26	4	3	2

ASK ALL:

ABRTREL

How important is your religion in shaping your views about abortion?

Mar 7-13,
2022

21	Extremely important
15	Very important
18	Somewhat important
10	Not too important
12	Not at all important
24	I am not religious
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

ABRTN_SAY Thinking about policies around abortion in this country, in general, when setting those policies, do you think ... **[REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE]**

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2022

42	Women should have a LOT more say than men
14	Women should have a LITTLE more say than men
39	Women and men should have equal say
2	Men should have a LITTLE more say than women
1	Men should have a LOT more say than women
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

ABORTIONS Do you happen to personally know someone (such as a close friend, family member, or yourself) who has had an abortion?

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2022

59	Yes
40	No
1	No answer

July 22-
Aug 4
2019

57
42
1

ASK ALL:

ABRTN_THOUGHT Before taking this survey, how much thought would you say you had given to issues around abortion?

Mar 7-13,
2022

36	A lot
36	Some
21	Not too much
8	None at all
1	No answer

ASK FORM 1 [N=5,217]:

ABORTIONQ10E Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your views or feelings about abortion?

BASED ON FORM 1 WHO RESPONDED [N=1,694]:

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2022

34	NET Expressed view in support of legal abortion
20	<i>Decision should be personal/ medical</i>
5	<i>Other</i>
4	<i>Abortion should be legal</i>
3	<i>Politics/religion should stay out of abortion law</i>
2	<i>Not my place to decide for others</i>
1	<i>Abortion should be legal so it's safe</i>
1	<i>Abortion prevents unwanted children</i>
20	NET Expressed view in opposition to abortion
7	<i>Human life begins at conception/abortion is murder</i>
5	<i>Abortion is a sin/abortion is wrong</i>
3	<i>Other</i>
2	<i>People use abortion as birth control</i>
1	<i>Abortion should be illegal</i>
1	<i>People should consider adoption instead</i>
1	<i>Support for programs making abortion less common</i>
25	NET Neither/both
7	<i>Both support and oppose legal abortion</i>
5	<i>Depends on specific situation/exception</i>
5	<i>Other neutral response</i>
2	<i>Having an abortion is a difficult decision</i>
1	<i>Men should have a say/couple should decide</i>
1	<i>The 'other side' is wrong</i>
1	<i>Abortion is a difficult topic</i>
1	<i>Depends on length of pregnancy</i>
1	<i>Abortions harm the pregnant person</i>
22	NET Unclear/other

ASK FORM 2 [N=5,224]:

ABORTIONQ2OE Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your views or feelings about abortion restrictions?

BASED ON FORM 2 WHO RESPONDED [N=1,683]:

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30	NET Expressed view in support of legal abortion
15	<i>Decision should be personal/ medical</i>
5	<i>Politics/religion should stay out of abortion law</i>
3	<i>Other</i>
3	<i>Abortion should be legal</i>
2	<i>Not my place to decide for others</i>
2	<i>Abortion should be legal so it's safe</i>
1	<i>Abortion prevents unwanted children</i>
22	NET Expressed view in opposition to abortion
8	<i>Human life begins at conception/abortion is murder</i>
5	<i>Abortion is a sin/abortion is wrong</i>
4	<i>Other</i>
2	<i>People use abortion as birth control</i>
2	<i>Abortion should be illegal</i>
2	<i>Support for programs making abortion less common</i>
1	<i>People should consider adoption instead</i>
26	NET Neither/both
9	<i>Other neutral response</i>
5	<i>Depends on specific situation/exception</i>
4	<i>Both support and oppose legal abortion</i>
2	<i>Having an abortion is a difficult decision</i>
2	<i>Men should have a say/couple should decide</i>
2	<i>Abortion is a difficult topic</i>
2	<i>Depends on length of pregnancy</i>
1	<i>The 'other side' is wrong</i>
*	<i>Abortions harm the pregnant person</i>
21	NET Unclear/other

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:

PARTYLN	As of today do you lean more to... ³						
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
	26	32	27	14	2	16	20

³ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.