

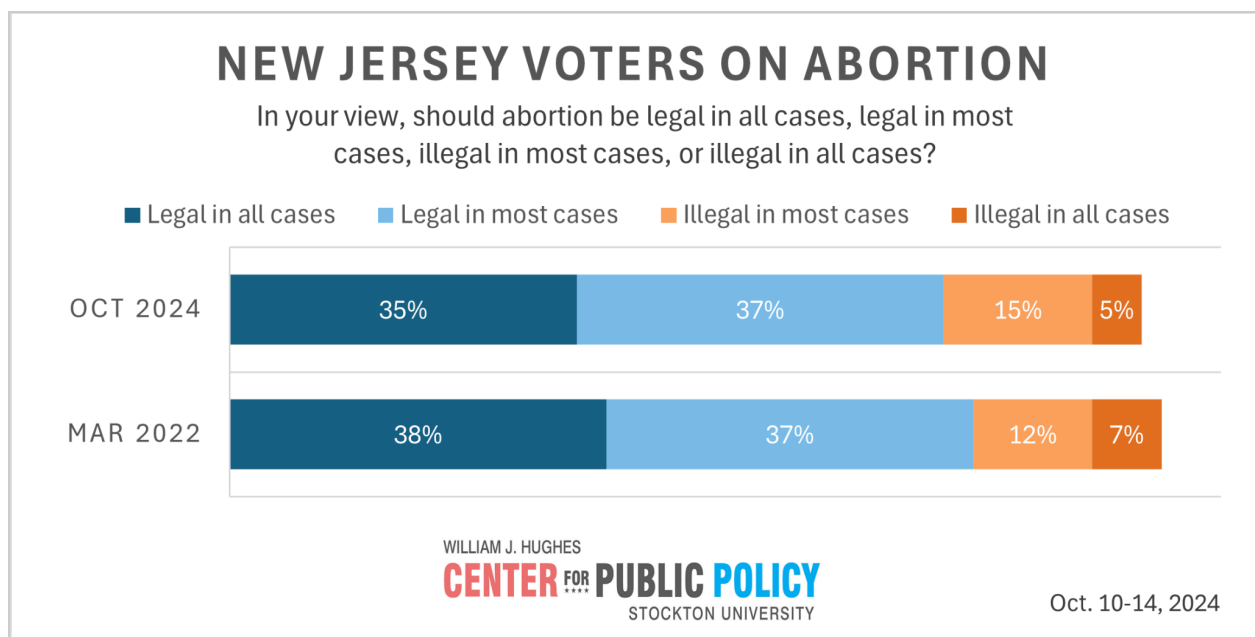
## Abortion Rights Remain a Top Issue for Voters

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**Galloway, N.J.** – Support for abortion rights remains strong in New Jersey and most voters, including a majority of Republicans, would support a federal law reestablishing a nationwide right to abortion, according to a Hughes Center poll.

Nearly three in four voters (73%) said abortion should be legal in all (35%) or most (37%) cases, while one in five said it should be illegal in most (15%) or all cases (5%). These rates remain stable since this question was last asked in a March 2022 Hughes Center poll.



A majority of voters (58%), including one in five Republicans, think the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, which eliminated a constitutional protection for abortion and left it to individual states to decide whether to allow, restrict, or ban it, was a bad thing. A minority of 30% said it was a good thing and 10% are unsure.

Three in four voters, including a majority of Republicans, would support a federal law to reestablish a nationwide right to abortion. Nearly half (46%) said they would support such a measure unqualified, while 29% said they would support it with conditions, and 21% said they would oppose it.

Three in four voters also said it is very (48%) or somewhat (27%) important to them that future nominees to the Supreme Court share their views on abortion, while 23% said it is not too important (12%) or not at all important (10%) to them.

Reproductive rights remain a top election issue and will influence how New Jerseyans vote. Nearly three-fourths of voters (73%) said a candidate’s views on abortion would impact their vote greatly (44%) or somewhat (29%), but one-fourth said a candidate’s stance on abortion would have no impact. In March 2022, prior to Roe v. Wade being overturned, only 43% said a potential reversal would influence their vote in the midterms either greatly or somewhat, while 45% said it would not be a factor and 7% were not sure.

“Majorities of men, women, and voters of all partisan affiliations in New Jersey land on the same side of this issue in favor of abortion rights, but there are still sizable gaps,” said Alyssa Maurice, research director at the Hughes Center. “The gender divide is as high as 17 points on some measures and the gap between Democrats and Republicans exceeds 30 points.”

<b>SUPPORT FOR ABORTION RIGHTS IN NEW JERSEY BY PARTY AND GENDER</b>					
	<b>Democrats</b>	<b>Republicans</b>	<b>Independents</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>
Abortion should be legal in all or most cases	89%	52%	74%	65%	82%
A candidate’s views on abortion will impact their vote at least somewhat	92%	56%	67%	66%	80%
Overturning Roe v. Wade was a bad thing	91%	22%	59%	52%	67%
Support a federal law reestablishing a right to abortion	90%	57%	72%	69%	82%
It is at least somewhat important that future SCOTUS nominees share their views on abortion	91%	60%	69%	69%	81%

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The poll of 616 registered voters was conducted from October 10-14, 2024 and released by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University. The margin of error is +/- 3.9 percentage points.

You can find the full poll results [here](#).

## **Methodology**

The poll of New Jersey registered voters was conducted by the Stockton Polling Institute of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy from Oct. 10-14, 2024. Stockton University students texted cell phones with invitations to take the survey online and Opinion Services supplemented the dialing portion of the fieldwork, which consisted of cell and landline telephone calls. Overall, 91% of interviews were conducted on cell phones and 9% on landline phones. In terms of mode, 65% were reached via dialing and 35% were reached via text-to-web. A random sample of 616 New Jersey registered voters were interviewed. Both cell and landline samples consisted of random digit dialing (RDD) and voter list sample from MSG. Data are weighted based on U.S. Census Bureau ACS 2023 data for the citizen voting age population in New Jersey on variables of age, race, education level, and sex. The poll's margin of error is +/- 3.9 percentage points at a 95% confidence level. MOE is higher for subsets. Sampling error does not account for other potential sources of bias in polls such as measurement error or non-response.

## **About the Hughes Center**

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University serves as a catalyst for research, analysis and innovative policy solutions on the economic, social and cultural issues facing New Jersey, and promotes the civic life of New Jersey through engagement, education and research. The center is named for the late William J. Hughes, whose distinguished career includes service in the U.S. House of Representatives, Ambassador to Panama and as a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Stockton. The Hughes Center can be found on YouTube @StocktonHughesCenter, and can be followed on Facebook @StocktonHughesCenter and X @hughescenter.