

To: Interested Parties  
Fr: Lake Research Partners  
Re: Alaska State Polling  
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### Attitudes Toward People and Organizations

- **Planned Parenthood maintains strong favorability in Alaska.** Fifty-eight (58) percent are favorable toward the organization, including more than a third who are very favorable (37%).
- Voters who are most favorable toward Planned Parenthood include women, younger voters, Democrats, pro-choice voters, voters in Anchorage, and non-parents.
- Few are favorable toward Congress or the Alaskan State Legislature (-26 and -23 net unfavorable, respectively).

### Attitudes Toward Abortion and Birth Control

- **Despite being a majority Republican state, Alaska is a solidly pro-choice state with 59% saying they are pro-choice, including 34% of Republicans.**
- **Nearly 8-in-10 Alaskans do not want to see laws passed that ban abortion** in the state legislature.
- Fifty-eight (58) percent of **Alaskans think it is very important for women in the state to have access to all of the reproductive health care options available, including abortion.** With the exception of anti-choice voters, at least half of all subgroups believe it is important.
- An even stronger majority of **Alaskans think it is important for there to be access to birth control for everyone who wants it or needs it (83% important, 67% very important).** This included two-thirds of anti-choice voters and more than 7-in-10 Republicans. Every subgroup sees this as net-important.

### State Legislation

- **Six-in-ten Alaskans would be less likely to support their state legislator if he or she supported the Governor's vetoes to cut Medicaid, education, and the courts.** With nearly half much less likely (49%), only Republican voters are net-likely to support their state legislator. Anti-choice voters are split.
  - Democratic men (84%), Democrats (81%), pro-choice Alaskans (64%), and college women (57%) are most likely to respond they would be much less likely to support their state legislator.
- **More than three-quarters (76%) of Alaska voters support a bill that guarantees protections in employment, housing, and public accommodations regardless of a person's sexual orientation or gender identity and nearly two-thirds (65%) strongly support it.**
  - Women (82%), Democrats (96%), and pro-choice voters (85%) are most likely to support the bill. A solid majority across gender, age, race, partisanship, region, and choice stance all support it.

### Attitudes Toward Sex Education

- We consider strong statements to meet a certain threshold: 60% agree, 40% strongly agree. The top tier of statements around sex education far surpass this threshold, especially those focused on sex

education being medically accurate, age-appropriate, and helping young people understand healthy relationships and communication skills.

- *Young people need to understand what a healthy relationship looks like and have the opportunity to practice good communication skills before they become sexually active – 95% agree, 85% strongly*
- *Sex education should be medically accurate – 93% agree, 86% strongly*
- *Sex education should be age-appropriate – 92% agree, 83% strongly*
- *We should require sex education that covers healthy relationships, consent, and communication skills – 90% agree, 81% strongly*

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