

# VIEWPOINT

## Most Americans Favor Abortion Restrictions

(NAPSA)—A recent poll shows that although many Americans describe themselves as pro-choice, most favor some restrictions on abortion.

Thirty-five years after the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its decision in *Roe v. Wade*, public support for the court's unrestricted access to abortion throughout an entire pregnancy stands at just 8 percent.



**Carl Anderson**

Conducted for the Knights of Columbus by the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion, the poll asked respondents to state which of six statements came closest to describing their opinion on abortion:

- 8 percent of U.S. residents said that abortion should be available to a woman anytime during her entire pregnancy.
- 8 percent also said that abortion should be allowed only during the first six months of pregnancy.
- 24 percent said that abortion should be allowed only during the first three months of pregnancy.
- 32 percent said that abortion should be allowed only in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother.
- 15 percent said that abortion should be allowed only to save the life of the mother.
- 13 percent said that abortion

### Views On Abortion Pro-choice Americans



**Only 15 percent of those describing themselves as “pro-choice” on a recent poll favored unrestricted access to abortion.**

should never be permitted under any circumstances.

The poll also revealed that only 15 percent of those describing themselves as “pro-choice” favored unrestricted abortion throughout a pregnancy. Seventy-one percent of pro-choice respondents said they would significantly restrict abortions. Of these, 43 percent would restrict abortion to the first trimester and 23 percent would restrict abortion only to cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother.

According to Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, the poll results indicate “that the term ‘pro-choice’—when applied broadly—needlessly polarizes the discussion of abortion and masks the fact that there is a broad consensus among Americans that abortion should be significantly restricted.”

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