

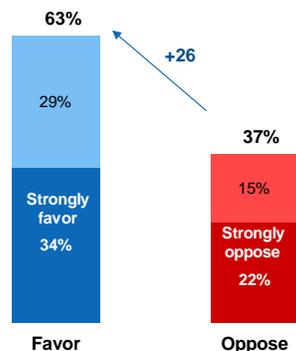
TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Hart Research Associates
DATE: November 9, 2020
RE: New polling shows that a majority of Texas voters support lifting the ban on Medicaid coverage of abortion services in Texas.

This memo summarizes key findings from an online survey among 1,001 registered voters in Texas. The interviews were conducted from August 14 to August 21, 2020. The sample is demographically and geographically representative of the Texas electorate and is consistent with the political dispositions of voters across Texas.

1. Across the state, Texas voters express solid support for lifting the ban on Medicaid coverage of abortion services, including large majorities of Democrats, independents, and moderate/liberal Republicans.

- 63% of Texas voters favor enabling people enrolled in Medicaid to have all their pregnancy-related healthcare covered by their health insurance, including abortion.
- 77% of Democrats, 71% of independents, and 59% of moderate/liberal Republicans favor Medicaid coverage of abortion services.
- Majorities of men, women, and voters of all ages favor lifting the ban on Medicaid coverage of abortion services.
- Younger voters under age 35 support Medicaid coverage of abortion at especially high rates, with 78% favoring lifting these restrictions on abortion services.

Would you favor or oppose enabling those enrolled in Medicaid to have all their pregnancy-related healthcare covered by their health insurance, including abortion services?

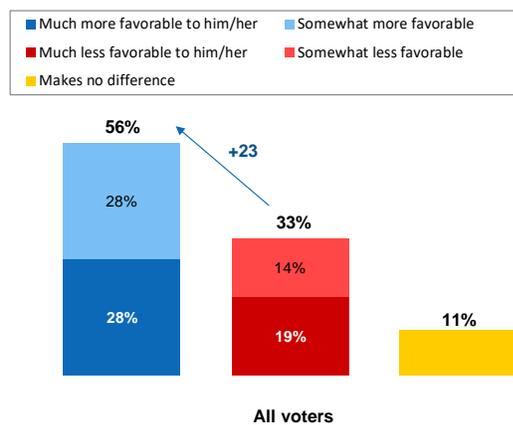


Favor Medicaid coverage			
Whites	61%	Democrats	77%
Hispanics	66%	Independents	71%
Blacks	66%	Republicans	47%
Women	63%	Moderate/liberal GOPs	59%
Men	63%	Dallas	62%
Age 18 to 34	78%	Houston	64%
Age 35 to 49	68%	San Antonio/Austin	69%
Age 50 to 64	54%	Rest of TX	60%
Age 65/older	53%	Suburban women	63%

2. State legislators have voters' support for lifting the ban. In fact, Texas voters say they would feel more favorable toward their representative if their representative supports lifting the Medicaid ban on abortion care.

- By a 23-point margin, Texas voters say they would feel more favorable (56% more favorable vs. 33% less favorable) if they learned their representative supports enabling Medicaid to cover all pregnancy related healthcare, including abortion.
- State legislators will get a favorability boost among a broad swath of the electorate if they support lifting the ban: 72% of Democrats, 70% of millennials, and 61% of independents say they would feel more favorable toward a representative who supports this proposal.

If I learned that my representative in the state legislature supported a proposal to have Medicaid cover all pregnancy-related healthcare, including the cost of an abortion, that would make me:



3. Very significant majorities of Texans are firm in their belief that someone's financial situation or type of insurance should not have any impact on their access to abortion services.

- 81% believe the amount of money someone has should not determine whether their health insurance covers certain procedures, including abortion.
- 77% agree that whether someone has private or government funded healthcare, it's important for every Texan to be able to get the full range of reproductive healthcare, including annual screenings, birth control, pregnancy tests, and abortion.
- 76% agree that the amount of money someone has should not prevent them from being able to have an abortion.
- These beliefs extend across party lines, and majorities of white, Black, and Hispanic Texans agree that abortion should not depend on a person's financial situation or type of insurance they have.

4. Across the political spectrum, Texas voters are very clear that they do not want politicians interfering in personal decisions regarding abortion, and majorities express serious concerns about recent state and local efforts to restrict access to abortion.

- 84% of Texans agree (including 55% who strongly agree) that however they feel about abortion, politicians should not be allowed to deny someone's health coverage for it just because they are struggling financially. Fully 92% of Democrats, 89% of independents, and 75% of Republicans do not want politicians involved in these personal decisions.
- 64% of Texas voters are concerned that 11 Texas towns have passed ordinances attempting to ban abortion services, some of these including provisions to ban emergency oral contraception, such as Plan B.
- 61% are concerned that during the coronavirus, a Texas executive order banned abortion services, forcing people to travel out of state to get care, and the state actively fought in court to uphold the ban.