

## SURVEY: Virginia Voters “Outraged” and “Terrified” as U.S. Supreme Court Prepares to Eliminate Right to an Abortion; Latinx Voters Want Action from Virginia Lawmakers

A new poll from Change Research of 1,061 registered voters in Virginia, conducted May 27-June 2, 2022 explores opinions on abortion and the U.S. Supreme Court’s intention to overturn Roe v. Wade. The survey included an oversample of Latinx voters in Prince William County. (See [appendix](#) for methodological details and reported questions)

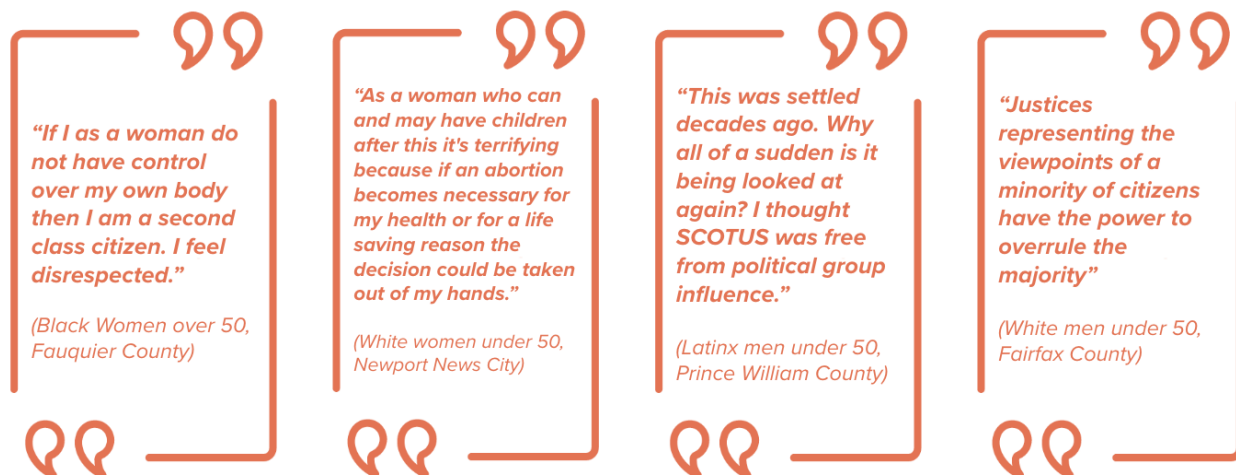
### Strong support for reproductive freedom

The survey shows that **77%** of all Virginia voters and **86%** of women voters agree that any decision about pregnancy should be made by women, not politicians. Women of color are unanimous in the opinion—**97%** agree that politicians should not have a voice in these decisions.

Virginia voters support Roe v. Wade, the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision establishing the right to an abortion, two-to-one: **60%** say that Roe v. Wade should remain in place while less than a third (29%) say the decision should be overturned. Support for Roe v. Wade is even higher among Latinx voters in Prince William County: 62% want Roe v. Wade to stay and just **22%** want it overturned.

### Impact and emotional response to SCOTUS’s intentions

Half (48%) of all voters in Virginia say they will be impacted if the US Supreme Court decides to eliminate the right to an abortion. 40% say that although they would not be impacted personally, the decision would affect their loved ones. Virginia voters expressed a variety of emotions—predominantly negative emotions (68%)—in response to the U.S. Supreme Court’s intention to eliminate the right to an abortion. The plurality (34%) say they feel outrage: outrage in response to having their rights stripped away, and outrage in response to the perceived politicization of the court.



*“If I as a woman do not have control over my own body then I am a second class citizen. I feel disrespected.”*  
*(Black Women over 50, Fauquier County)*

*“As a woman who can and may have children after this it’s terrifying because if an abortion becomes necessary for my health or for a life saving reason the decision could be taken out of my hands.”*  
*(White women under 50, Newport News City)*

*“This was settled decades ago. Why all of a sudden is it being looked at again? I thought SCOTUS was free from political group influence.”*  
*(Latinx men under 50, Prince William County)*

*“Justices representing the viewpoints of a minority of citizens have the power to overrule the majority”*  
*(White men under 50, Fairfax County)*

### Electoral Consequences Among Independent Voters, Prince William County’s Latinx Voters

More than a third (37%) of independent voters in Virginia say that overturning Roe v. Wade makes them more likely to vote for Democratic candidates, as opposed to 20% who say it will make them more likely to vote for Republicans. The plurality (44%) of independent voters say it will not impact their vote. The electoral consequences of overturning Roe v. Wade are more pronounced among Latinx candidates in highly-competitive Prince William County: a majority (56%) says they would be more likely to vote for Democrats. Just 16% say it will shift their vote to GOP candidates, and 26% say it will not affect how they vote.

### **Women, Latinx voters want action from Virginia Lawmakers**

Three-quarters (75%) of Virginia's women voters say that Virginia lawmakers should do more to protect the right to abortion through state laws and policies; the overwhelming majority (81%) of Latinx voters in Prince William County agree that lawmakers should do more. Vast majorities of women (74%) and Latinx voters in Prince William County (78%) want Virginia lawmakers to amend the state constitution to protect Virginian's right to an abortion.