



## Abortion Statewide Poll Results

### POLLING METHODOLOGY

- Likely voters in Louisiana, conducted April 3-6, 2023 (3.1% MOE with 95% confidence interval)
- Sample size: 1000 (74% cell phones (texted), 26% landlines - “hybrid” poll)
- Race/party: 67% white, 28% black, 5% “Other”/39% Democratic, 38% Republican, 23% Independents
- Gender: 55% female, 45% male
- Geography (Nielsen media market): Alexandria 5%, Baton Rouge 20%, Lafayette 15%, Lake Charles 5%, Monroe 8%, New Orleans 36%, Shreveport 11% (*Explanation is graphically depicted in Exhibit A*).

### POLL RESULTS

Question 1: On the abortion issue, how would you classify yourself?

<b>Pro-choice</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Pro-life</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>6%</b>

Question 2: Louisiana doctors have reported that the state’s abortion ban has prevented them from providing appropriate care to their pregnant patients. Would you support or oppose a law allowing a patient to obtain an abortion if, in a doctor’s medical judgment, it is necessary to protect the patient's health?

<b>Support</b>	<b>73%</b>
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>9%</b>

Question 3: Would you support or oppose a law allowing abortion in cases of sexual offenses, such as rape or incest?

<b>Support</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>8%</b>

Question 4: Louisiana’s laws punish doctors with up to 15 years in prison for providing abortions. Do you support or oppose doctors' going to prison for prescribing medication or performing a medical procedure that is safe and wanted?

<b>Oppose</b>	<b>59%</b>
<b>Support</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>10%</b>

Question 5: With the U.S. Supreme Court’s overturning of the *Roe v. Wade* abortion decision, would you support or oppose an amendment to the Louisiana constitution that establishes a right to abortion?

<b>Strongly Support</b>	<b>42%</b>
<b>Support</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Strongly Oppose</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>6%</b>

Question 6: And to ensure that the survey is accurate, are you male or female?

<b>Female</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>55%</b>

## **SUMMARY**

JMC Analytics and Polling was commissioned to conduct this poll for the Tides Center in connection with the Lift Louisiana project. There are three main takeaways from this poll: (1) A near majority of Louisianians considers themselves “pro-choice”, (2) they strongly favor all exceptions mentioned, and (3) a majority supports amending the Louisiana Constitution to establish a right to an abortion.

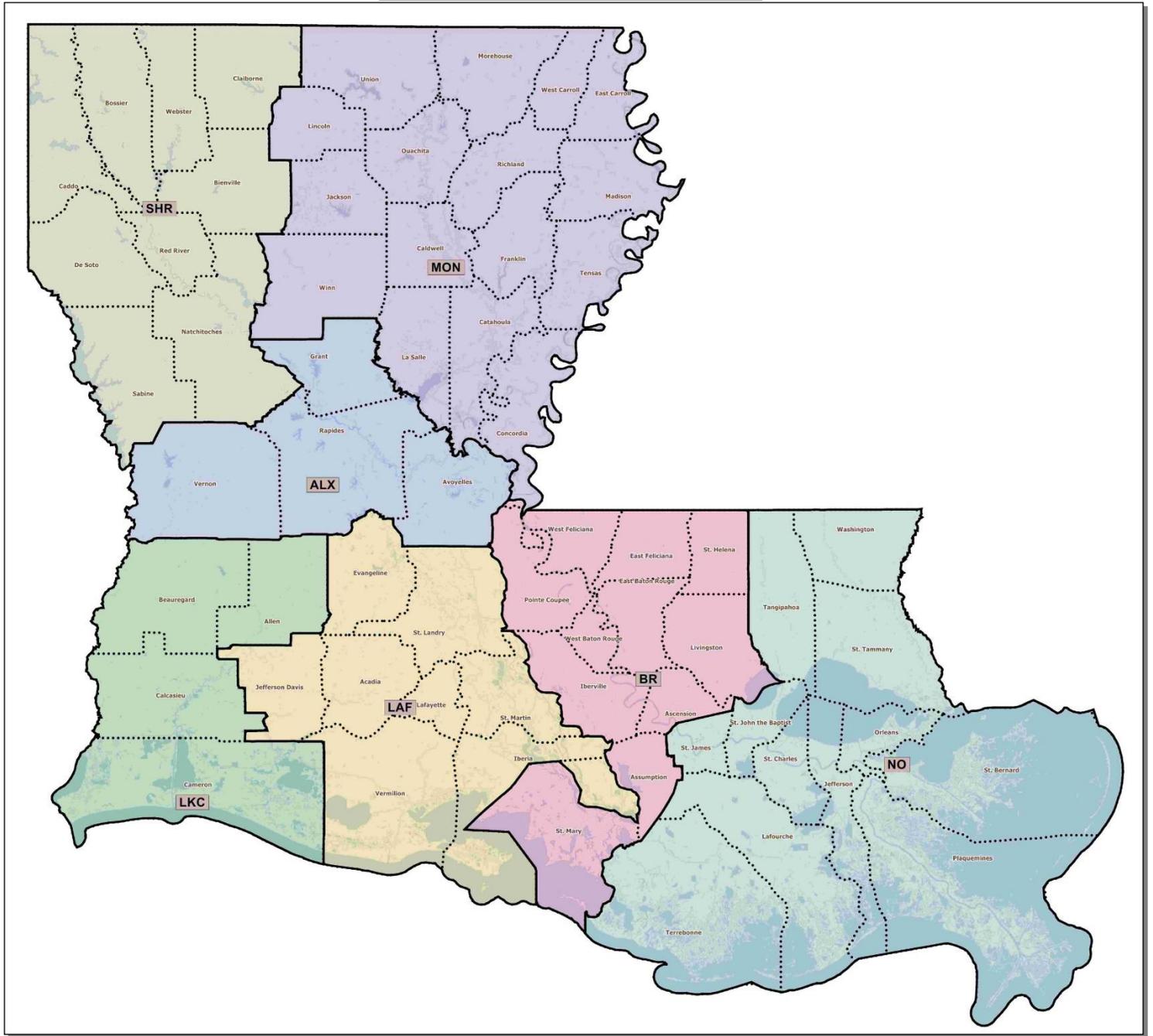
The poll opens with a simple question as to whether a likely voter if considers themselves pro-life or pro-choice, with no mentions of exceptions. Even at the most simplistic levels, “pro-choice” leads 49-44%, with overwhelming support from white/black Democrats, as well as 55-38% support from white Independents. And while registered Republicans overall consider themselves “pro-life”, 23% think of themselves as “pro-choice.” In general, there is a geographic divide to the response patterns, with those in the Baton Rouge and New Orleans media markets considering themselves “pro-choice” by a 57-37% margin; in the rest of the state, “pro-life” has a 54-40% majority.

As various exceptions are read off, sentiment overwhelmingly favors exceptions/opposes the harsher aspects of abortion restrictions, with “protect the patient’s health” having 73-18% support, while rape/incest has 70-22% support. Even imprisoning doctors is opposed by a 59-31% margin. In the first two instances, absolute majorities of Republicans favor the exceptions; in the case of imprisoning doctors, 37% of Republicans oppose that action.

When last year’s repeal of *Roe v Wade* is brought up in conjunction with amending the Louisiana Constitution to establish the right to an abortion, a 53-41% majority supports such a change. Even 27% of Republicans favor such a change.

In summary, a near majority of voters consider themselves pro-choice, overwhelmingly favor exceptions to current law, and would support a change to the Louisiana Constitution to allow abortion.

## Appendix A: Louisiana regions



*(ALX=Alexandria, BR=Baton Rouge, LAF=Lafayette, LKC=Lake Charles, MON=Monroe, NO=New Orleans, SHR=Shreveport)*