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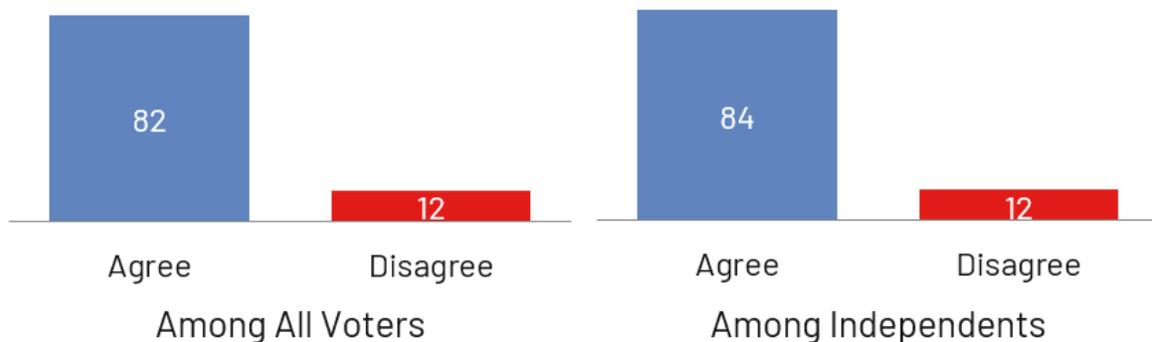
To: Democrats for Life Leadership
From: Kristen Day, DFLA Education Fund
Date: December 21, 2022
Re: VA Statewide Findings

We recently fielded a Virginia Statewide survey of likely voters. The results show that voters are ready for the two parties to come together to compromise and enact reasonable limitations on abortion.

Party Compromise

We first asked voters whether or not they think Democrats and Republicans in the State Legislature should work together to find a compromise on abortion. An overwhelming majority of 82% agreed that compromise is needed. This support for compromise is overwhelming and spread evenly among the electorate, with 82%, 84%, and 82% support among Democrats, Independents, and Republicans, respectively.

*Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement.
Democrats and Republicans in the State Legislature should work together
to find a reasonable compromise regarding abortion law in Virginia.*

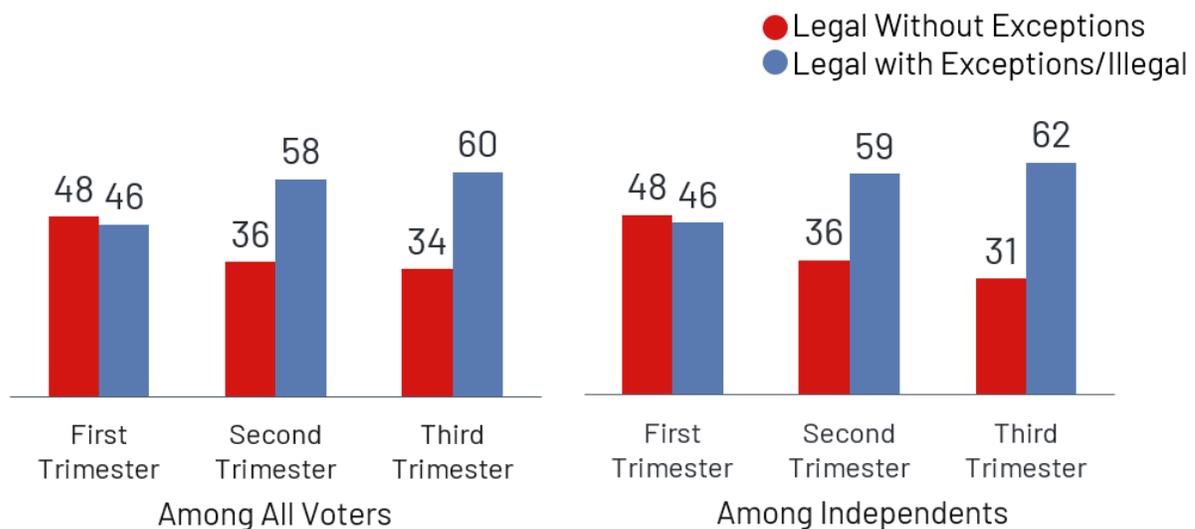




Trimester Based Limitations

We then asked voters a series of questions regarding limitations on abortion at each of the three trimesters. The results show a clear difference of opinions between abortions during the first trimester and those in the second or third trimester. Regarding the first trimester, a plurality (48%) of voters believe abortion should be legal without restrictions in the first trimester, with only 46% responding that there should be limitations on first-trimester abortions or that it should be illegal outright. However, this support falls off significantly when we turn to later in the pregnancy, with only 36% of voters responding that abortions should be legal without limitations in the second trimester and only 34% saying the same for the third trimester. These results show that while Virginians support abortions without limitations early on in pregnancy, they are fully willing to support limitations in the later trimesters.

Thinking again about abortion, specifically within the _____ trimester of pregnancy. Do you think that abortion should be...



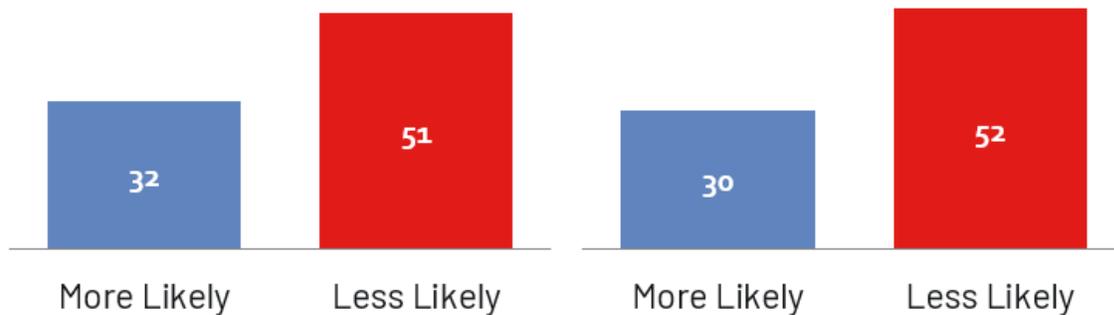
Vote Impact

Finally, we asked voters whether they would be more or less likely to vote for their State Representative if they knew they voted to allow abortions throughout all nine months of pregnancy and a majority of 51% of voters said that it would make them less likely while only 32% said it would make them more likely. This opposition spreads across demographic groups with majorities of



independents (52%), women (51%), white voters (55%), and Hispanics (51%) all saying this knowledge would make them less likely to support a State Representative.

Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a state representative if you knew they voted to allow abortions throughout all nine months of pregnancy, for any reason, up to the moment of live birth?



Conclusion

These results show that Virginians are unhappy with the current abortion law in the state and are ready for a compromise between the parties. Furthermore, there is room for this compromise in the minds of voters because although there is little appetite for limitations on abortions in the first trimester, reasonable limitations in the second and third trimesters offer a plan that a strong majority of voters support.

METHODOLOGY

The following survey was conducted by OnMessage Inc. in Virginia. Telephone interviews were conducted on December 3-6, 2022. This survey consists of 600 likely voters. This survey was stratified to reflect historical turnout and the margin of error for this survey is +/- 4.00%