To: CHANGE
Fr: Lake Research Partners
Re: Findings from Nationwide Survey
Date: February 23, 2016

Key Findings:

- Voters strongly agree that abortion should be allowed where the pregnancy is a result of rape.

- Voters favor allowing America’s foreign assistance to be used to provide medical care, including safe abortions, for women and girls who have been raped in armed conflict or crisis situations.

Summary Findings:

- Voters show strong agreement that abortion should be allowed where the pregnancy is a result of rape. This is a core value that has held overtime.

  - Over seven out of ten voters (72 percent) agree that abortion should be allowed (61 percent strongly agree). Only 22 percent of voters disagree.
  - There has been little change in voters’ views since 2014 (71 percent agree, 63 percent strongly agree).

  - Regardless of your views on abortion, do you agree or disagree that abortion should be allowed where the pregnancy is a result of rape?

![Survey Results](image)

- All demographic subgroups net agree that abortion should be allowed where the pregnancy is a result of rape and this agreement crosses party and regional lines.

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1 Methodology: Lake Research Partners designed this survey, which was administered by Caravan in a national omnibus survey conducted by telephone using professional interviewers. The survey reached a total of 1,088 adults nationwide in the continental United States (507 by landline, and 501 by cell phone), including 820 likely voters. The survey was conducted from February 4-7, 2016, and has a margin of error among adults of +/-3.1% and among likely voters of +/-3.5%, both at the 95% confidence interval. The margin of error is higher among subgroups.

Regardless of your views on abortion, do you agree or disagree that abortion should be allowed where the pregnancy is a result of rape?
Democrats show the strongest agreement (86 percent agree, 77 percent strongly agree), but three-quarters of Independents (73 percent, 69 percent strong), and a strong majority of Republicans (59 percent, 42 percent strong) also agree.

Support crosses regional boundaries, with the strongest support in the Northeast region, followed by the West, Midwest, and South.

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A solid majority of voters favor allowing America’s foreign assistance to be used to provide medical care, including safe abortions, for women and girls who have been raped in armed conflict or crisis situations. Reminding voters about ISIS and Boko Haram using rape, kidnapping, and the sale of women and girls as a tool of war increases support, but even without this information a majority of voters support foreign assistance.

- Over half voters (55 percent) favor using foreign assistance in these situations (39 percent strongly favor). A third of voters oppose (38 percent oppose, 27 percent strongly oppose). When given the additional information 59 percent favor foreign assistance (41 percent strongly favor; 32 percent oppose, 23 percent strongly).

Most demographic subgroups net favor using foreign assistance for these women and girls after hearing about the terrorist organizations.

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Do you favor or oppose allowing America’s foreign assistance to be used to provide medical care, including safe abortions, for women and girls in other countries who have been raped in armed conflict or crisis situations?

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Voters are looking for action to help these women and girls that have been raped in armed combat or crisis situations, especially women, who show intense support for action.