



With the country at a critical juncture in the fight for reproductive rights, a new national opinion survey sponsored by the National Women’s Law Center and Planned Parenthood Federation of America demonstrates strong support across broad constituencies for policy makers to take a proactive, comprehensive stand on issues surrounding contraception and reproductive health care.

The survey—which consisted of 1,870 voters from all over the country—exposed a deep dissatisfaction with the way that reproductive health issues are currently handled by policy makers, and it also found broad-based support for proactive policy changes on these issues. For example, 76 percent of survey participants want to see U.S. public schools teaching comprehensive sex education – including majorities of Democrats, Republicans, Catholics, and evangelical Christians. Seventy-three percent of all survey participants also strongly favor making it easier for women at all income levels to obtain contraceptives, with 71 percent expressing strong opposition to allowing pharmacists to refuse to fill doctors’ prescriptions on the basis of individual objections. These survey results indicate that change is not only possible, but desirable, and that people across the nation are responding positively to the idea of a comprehensive reproductive rights policy agenda.

For more information on the survey and its results, click [here](#).

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