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A Strong Majority Support Access to Mifepristone

Survey Analysis¹

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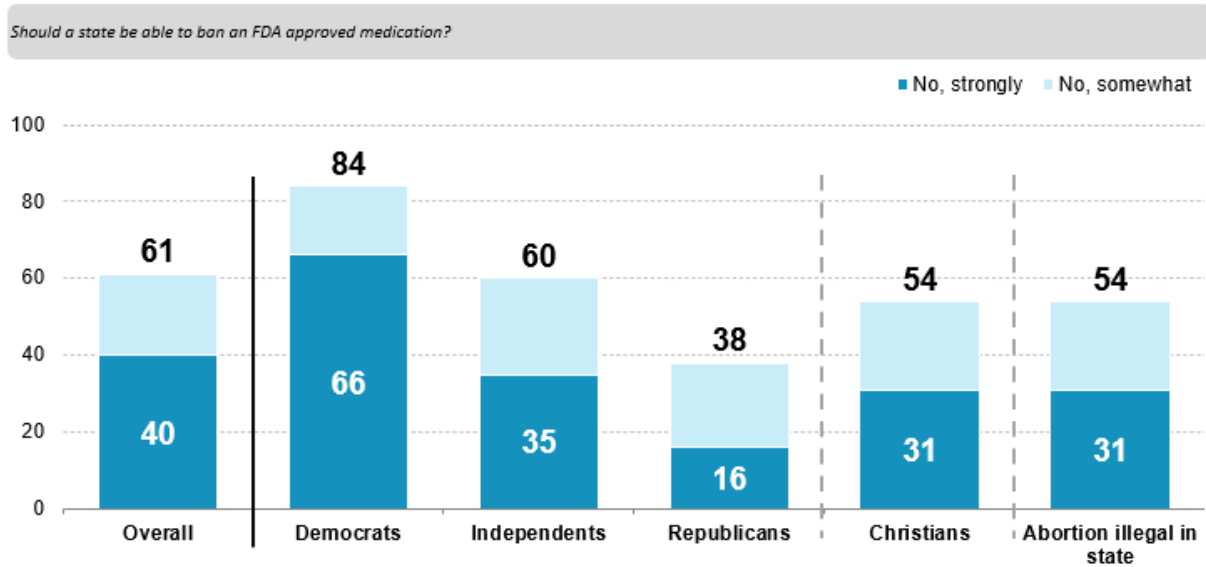
On the eve of oral arguments in the Supreme Court case, *Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. FDA*, a new survey from GQR and Redbud Consulting shows that a strong, bipartisan majority of voters believe that mifepristone is safe, states should not be able to ban an FDA-approved medication and women should be able to receive mifepristone in states where abortion is illegal.

In the case, the plaintiff claims that the FDA erred in 2016 and 2021 when it changed its guidelines on the administration of mifepristone. The plaintiff wants the court to force the FDA to revert to previous guidelines, which would significantly pull back access to the medicine.

The FDA made these changes – including allowing prescriptions via telehealth appointments and abortion medications to be picked up in a pharmacy or mailed to patients – after 20 years of peer reviewed evidence of mifepristone’s safety. And voters want the FDA to have the final say – 61 percent do not believe individual states should be able to ban an FDA-approved medication. This includes 60 percent of independents, 38 percent of Republicans, 54 percent of Christians and 54 percent of voters in states where abortion is illegal.

¹ GQR conducted a survey among 1,200 likely 2024 voters, including 1,000 registered voters nationwide and oversamples of 100 Black likely voters and 100 Hispanic likely voters. Live phone interviews made up 37 percent of respondents, and online interviews made up the other 63 percent. Phone respondents were contacted using voter file sample, and online respondents were contacted via online panels. If this poll were conducted among a probability sample, then the margin of error would be of +/- 2.83 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence interval; the margin of error is higher among subgroups.

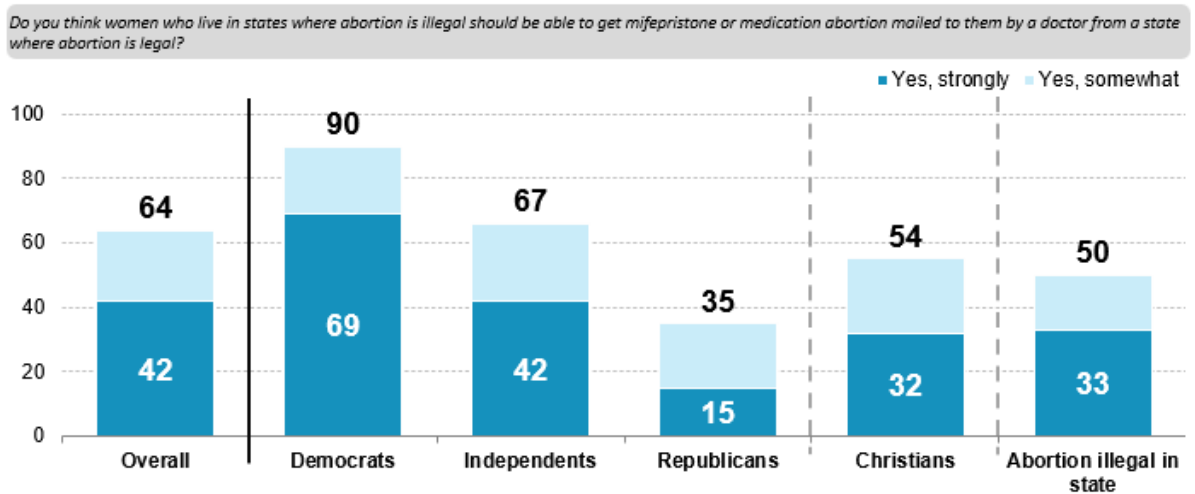
Figure 1: Majority of voters say states should *not* be able to ban FDA-approved medication



A majority of voters (57 percent) also say that mifepristone is safe. Nearly 60 percent of independents, 52 percent of Christians, 39 of Republicans and 49 percent of voters in states where abortion is illegal, say it is safe.

Nearly two-thirds of voters (64 percent) say that women who live in states where abortion is illegal should be able to receive mifepristone from a doctor from another state where abortion is legal. Half (50 percent) of those who live in states where abortion is mostly illegal want to have access to mifepristone mailed from another state. Fully two-thirds of independents (67 percent), 35 percent of Republicans and 54 percent of Christians agree.

Figure 2: Support for mifepristone being mailed to states where abortion is illegal



At the end of the day, most voters trust the FDA (65 percent) to determine that the medicine is safe, including majorities across party lines – 80 percent of Democrats, 61 percent of independents, and 52 percent of Republicans. Voters clearly think the FDA, not judges or politicians, should decide if medicine is safe.