

MEMORANDUM

## To: David Campbell

## From: Campaign Policy Advisor

## Date:

## Subject: Political advice to Support New Bill (HR 20)

While it would seem an obvious choice to oppose the bill because most members of the Democrat party oppose it nationally, the consideration of factors such as possible voter opinion and the position of the voters in District 9 in Pennsylvania must be factored in in the decision to be made. First, the idea here is to use data both nationally and locally in analyzing the status of voter opinion on the support or opposition of the Amendment bill on abortion. The major purpose of this memo is to provide a detailed explanation of the factors that can influence the politics of district 9 in terms of swaying people to vote for one contender over another. Since it is expected that a democrat will oppose the Amendment Bill on abortion, it is important to think about impressing your constituents to get their votes as well as the funds for the campaigns. First, you must consider the implication of any decision to be made in trying to achieve a win in the forthcoming elections. If you read this memo to the end, you will have what to ponder about to inform your decision on either following my advice or not.

The bill seeks to modify the provisions that support funding for abortion as well as the health insurance coverages for the same. To achieve this, the bill seeks to make permanent, the bills that restrict abortion and the related choices in the various states. For instance, the bill majors in frustrating the efforts by members of the public to take part in abortion. One of the ways that one can get the majority votes for district 9 is to act in a way that shows he is supporting the views of the majority in the area. I have therefore carried out a study to help in understanding the opinions of the Americans both at the national levels and in your district to help understand the best decision to make under these circumstances. The analysis done here is with the full understanding of the purpose of the bill to achieve a situation whereby denial of resources such as labor and capital from the federal government to aid in unlawful abortion is made permanent.

In terms of the scope, it is important to consider the voters in the area you vie in as opposed to considering the national politics on the issues of Amendment Bill HR 20. Besides, the important factors for considerations here include the position of the campaign funders as a way of securing campaign funds as well as the popular view of the members of the public to vote for you. Since most of the campaign’s annual donations at 81% come from the national political committees for pro-life and pro-choice individuals, the figure below is important because it helps in understanding that people who perceive themselves as pro-choice, pro-life, or both are the majority as opposed to those who perceive themselves as neither.

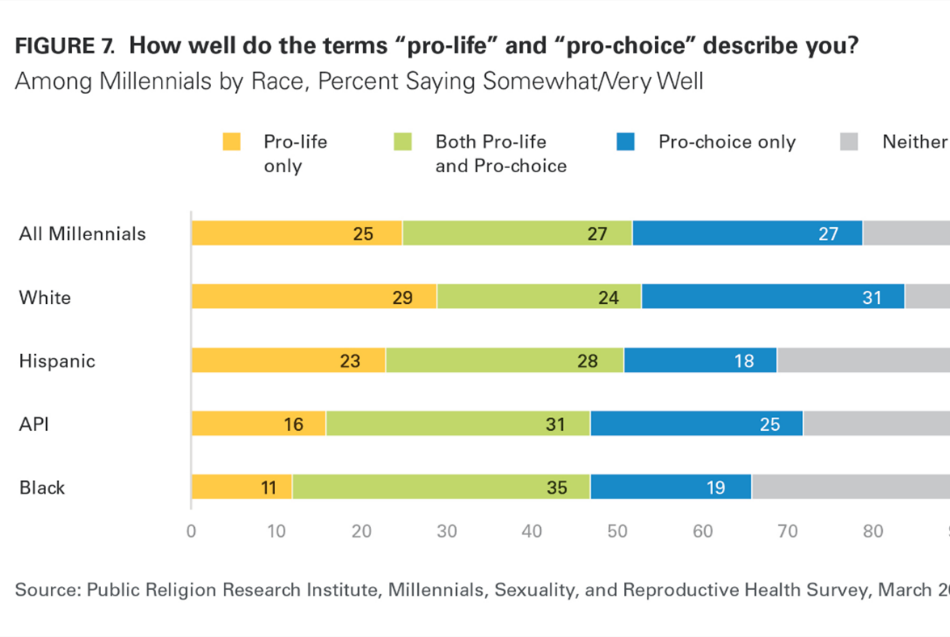


Figure : Pro-choice and Pro-life individuals

Secondly, it is important to understand the stand of the individuals represented in figure one in terms of their stand on the abortion Bill issue. This data can be reflected in national data regarding the opinion of Americans on abortions, to which, the group represented in the figure above is the majority. The chart in figure 2 shows the opinion of the American public on the legality of abortion.

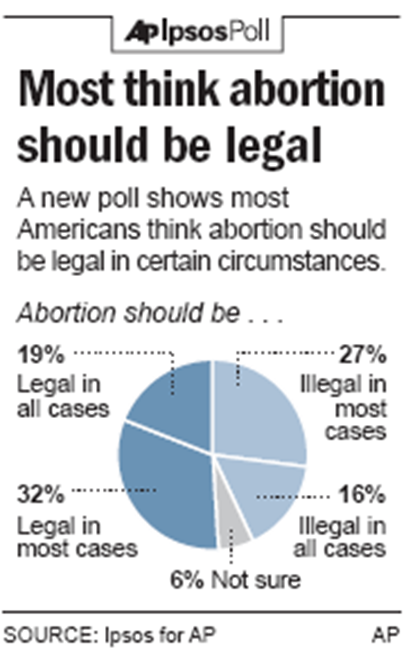


Figure :Views on Abortion

From the data represented in the chart above, 32% and 19% of Americans think that abortion should be legal in most cases and in all cases respectively. It, therefore, means that about 51%, which is most Americans, think that abortion should not be completely illegal. Further, the data presented in the figure 3 confirms the claims that more than half of Americans think that abortion should be legal.

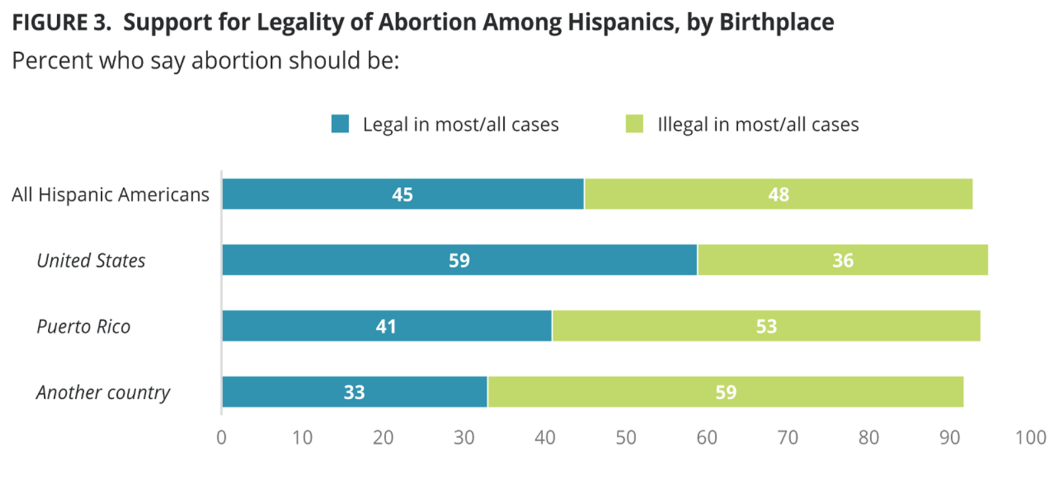


Figure : Views on legality of Abortion

Another important factor here for consideration is the religious perspective on abortion. The figure 4 details the various religious perspectives that can be adopted in deciding on which side to support in the forthcoming elections.

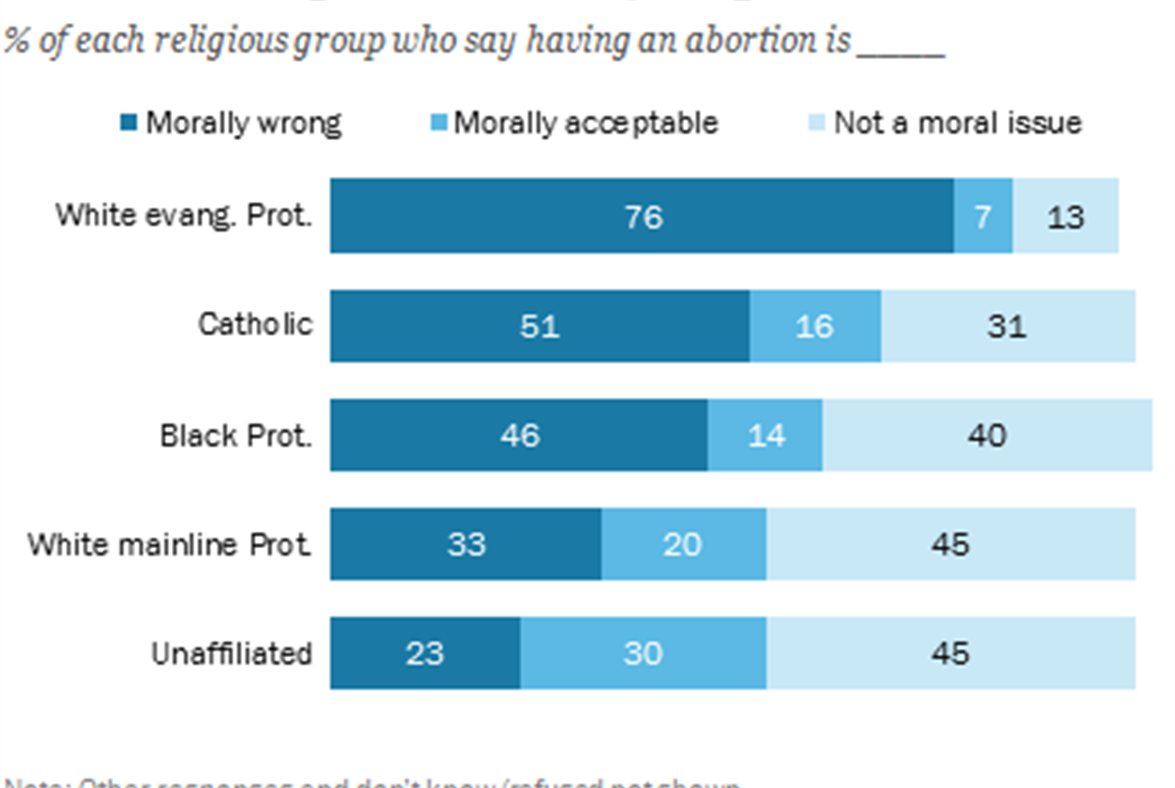


Figure :Church views on morality of Abortion

The data presented in the figure4 shows that the majority of the people affiliated with all the religions here either think abortion is morally wrong or that it is not a moral issue. It is important to consider that the people who say it is not a moral issue may still consider it a sin and acceptable. In terms of the individuals not affiliated with the religions studied here, the result is still the same as the majority either think abortion is morally wrong or that it is not a moral issue. Again, from the data presented in the figure 5, the fact that churches do not approve of abortion is clearly reflective. Most women who have done abortions could not get either advice or assistance from the church because they fear being castigated, gossiped about, or failing to get the support they need. It, therefore, shows that a politician who wants to resonate with the feelings of most of the churchgoers in the US needs to take a stand that does not support abortion.

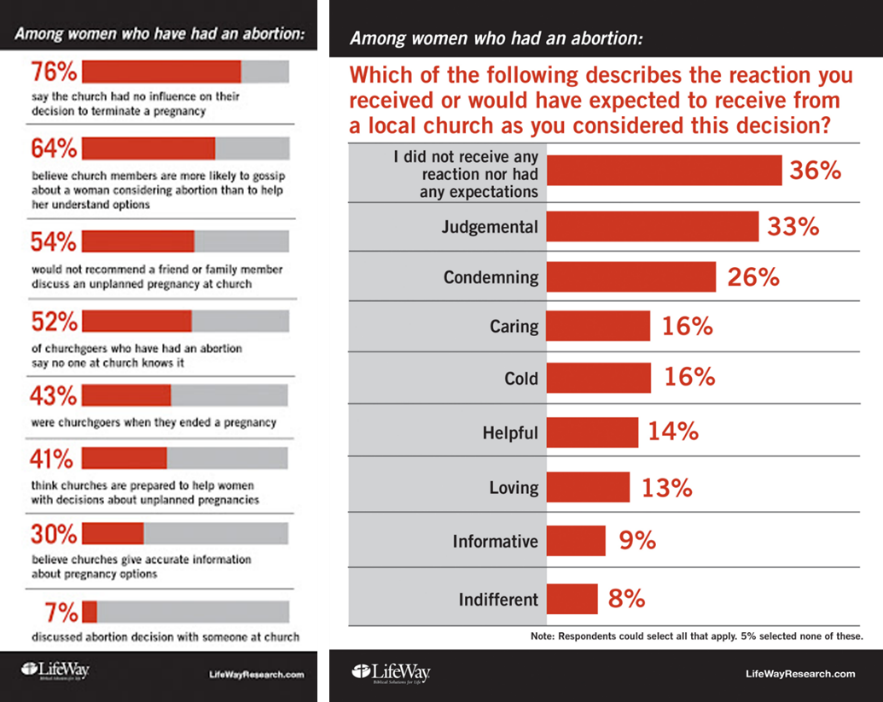


Figure : Views of women who have taken part in Abortion

The study also took into accounts the issue of restrictions on abortion from the states’ perspective. The figure 6 shows that most of the states prohibit abortion and only accept it to be done by licensed physicians if it is a fetal case of saving a life.

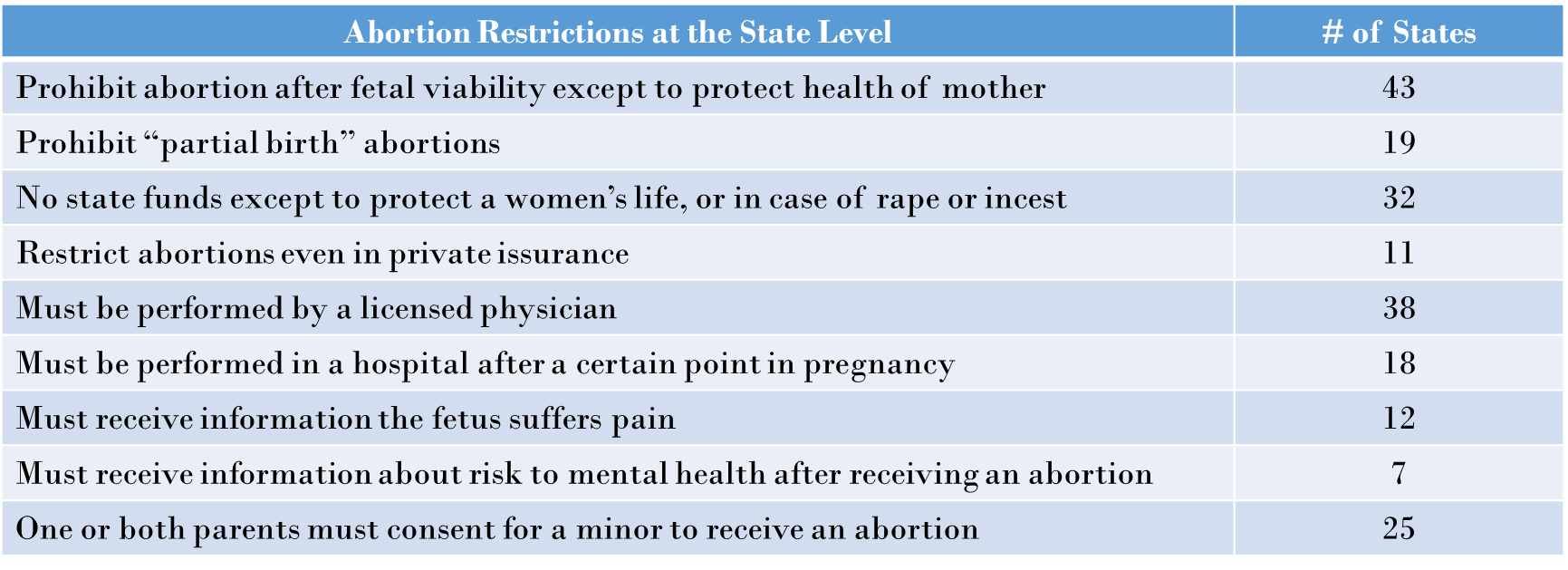


Figure :State Restrictions on Abortion

The most important issue here that needs to be factored in when it comes to decision making on the stand to take on the abortion bill is the stand of the party that issues you with the ticket to vie, in this case, the Democratic party. The figure7 shows the stand by both Democratic and Republican parties on the issues of abortion. Generally, the graph below shows that most of the Republicans think that abortion should be illegal in most or all cases while most of the Democrats think that abortion should be legal in most or all cases. It, therefore, goes that supporting the bill would mean going against the party you are affiliated to.

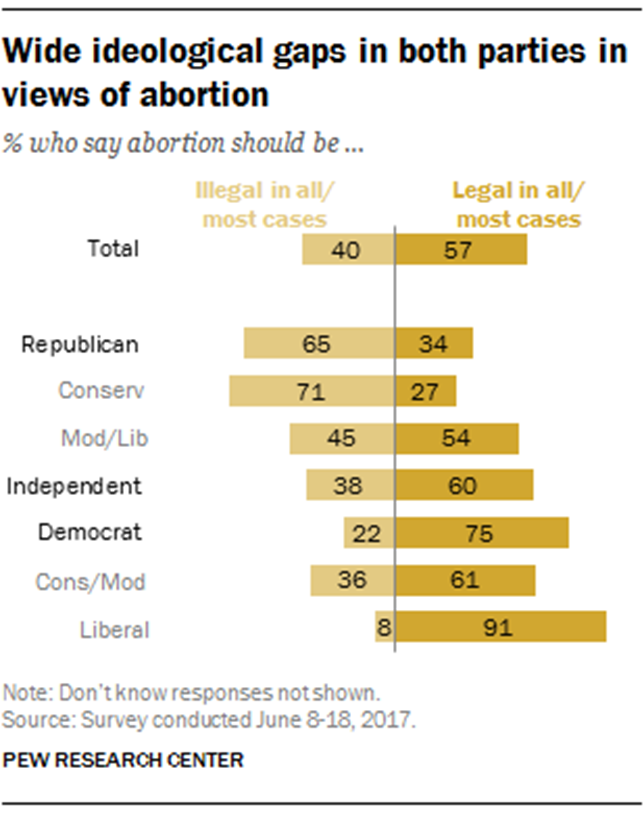


Figure : Party Ideologies on Abortion

When taking a stand on this issue, the most important factor for consideration is the stand of the people who are the voters. It, therefore, makes the need for analyzing the opinion of the voters more important than following the stand of the party one is affiliated to. The figure 8 shows that more Americans’ are more supportive of the legality of abortion, however, this is a generalized report that reflects a national view. However when it comes to the consideration of the majority of the people in district 9 who are Hispanic at 20%, white Caucasian at 40%, and the non-Hispanic such as the Asian Americans at 5%, one can easily arrive at the conclusion that being opposed to abortion will show resonation with the views of the majority of the people in the district.

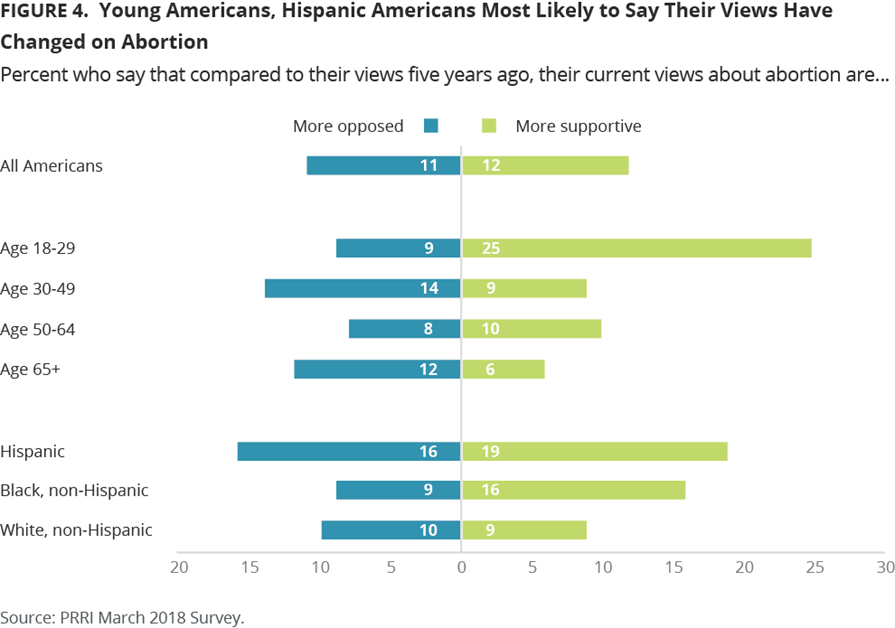


Figure : Americans Views on Abortion

To summarize the analysis, it is more realistic to support the HR 20 bill because it is the will of the people who will cast their votes for you as well as the ones who will finance your campaigns. Failing to support the stand that the Democratic Party has taken would still be to their benefit because it increases your chances of winning the seat, which will enable you to represent them at the congress.