

Survey Finds Voters Want to Prioritize Maternal Health Efforts

Strong support for increased Federal spending to improve well-being of mothers, infants and toddlers

WASHINGTON, **D.C.** – A new poll released by Centerline Liberties today indicates strong support for federal government action to support maternal health care.

"Over the years Centerline has polled issues of importance to the American people from clean energy to election reform and maternal health. This latest national survey sends a clear message that Americans across the political spectrum know that healthy moms are the cornerstone of a healthy family. Lawmakers from both parties should take note and prioritize taking action on pro-family policies that Americans broadly support," said **James Dozier**, President of Centerline Liberties.

"This data makes it clear that voters see maternal health as a priority and that they believe healthy mothers lead to healthy families and communities. It is unsurprising then that there is a widespread desire across Americans of all stripes to bolster investment in maternal health care," said **Alex Lundry**, a GOP pollster and founder of Redbud Consulting.

"This is further evidence that voters want lawmakers to recognize maternal health as the crisis it is and do much more to address it. Our nation has the highest maternal mortality rate of any high-income country in the world, with Black and Native American families experiencing the worst outcomes. There's no time to waste." said MomsRising National Director for Maternal Justice **Tina Sherman**, who is also a member of the National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers (NCIT).

Notable survey results on maternal health:

A strong bipartisan majority of voters support the federal government spending more on maternal health.

 78% agree that "The federal government should be doing and spending more on maternal health programs aimed at improving the well-being of mothers, infants and toddlers." Healthy mothers lead to a stronger tomorrow.

• 87% of registered voters agree that "Healthy moms mean healthy families, and healthy families are the backbone of a strong community. The (split sample: federal / state) government should invest in maternal health today for a stronger tomorrow."

Support for maternal health is widespread.

- 79% of men (and 67% of Republican men) agree the feds should be doing and spending more, as do 77% of women.
- 75% of undecideds on the presidential ballot and 76% of undecideds on the generic congressional ballots believe that "improving maternal health in the US is a crucial government investment" even when weighed against "higher taxes or cuts in other essential services."

Nearly half of registered voters want more done on maternal health.

- 45% of voters say that the government is not doing enough when it comes to "expanding access to maternal health care," compared to 5% who say the government is doing too much.
- Overall there is net positive support across all key demographic groups in support of maternal health.

Click <u>here</u> to read the memo detailing the full findings of survey data on maternal health.

Methodology

The survey was fielded September 12-16, 2024 via mixed mode methodology cell phones, landlines, online and text-to-web) by Redbud Consulting among 800 registered voters. The margin of error is +/- 3%.

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