

WHERE WE STAND:

BLACK TENNESSEANS ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS

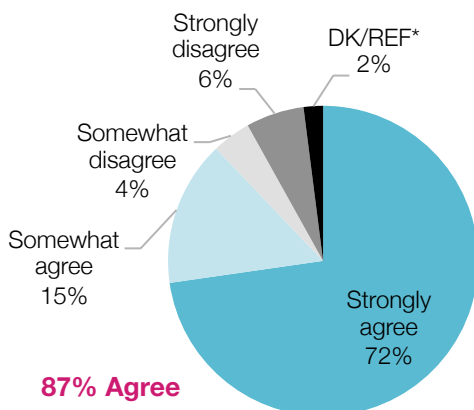
In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda commissioned PerryUndem Research/Communication to conduct a telephone survey of 500 Black adults in Tennessee on their attitudes on reproductive health, rights and justice issues. The statewide survey was conducted September 28 to October 31, 2016; 84% of participants were registered voters.

Overwhelmingly, Black women and men in Tennessee believe that all private and government health insurance should cover the cost of birth control and abortion services. They also overwhelmingly support access to abortion care, believe that birth control is a fundamental part of health care, and view sex education positively.

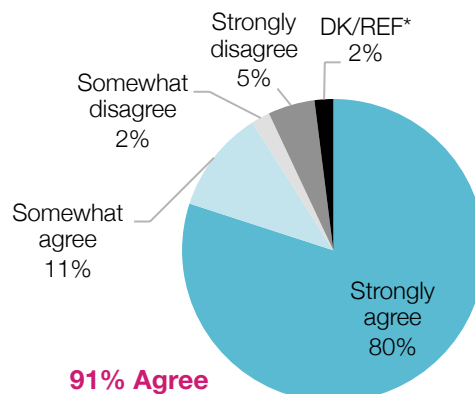
KEY FINDINGS ON INSURANCE COVERAGE AMONG BLACK ADULTS IN TENNESSEE

A strong majority agrees that insurance should cover the full range of pregnancy care (87%), regardless of an employer's personal views (91%); and that the ability to control whether and when to have children is important to a woman's financial stability (96%).

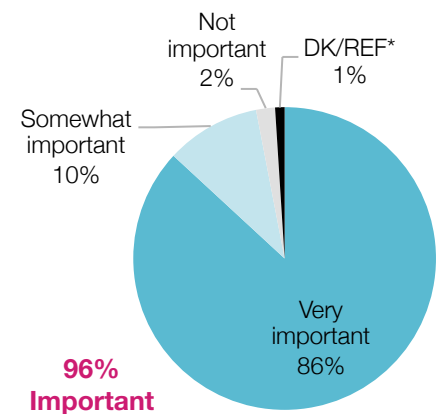
A large majority (87%) agrees that "whether a woman has private or government-funded insurance, every woman should have access to the full range of pregnancy care including abortion."



Nine out of ten (91%) agree "a woman should be able to get birth control through her health insurance even if her boss disagrees."



An overwhelming majority (96%) feels a woman's ability to control whether or when she has children is an important part of her financial stability (86% say this is "very important").

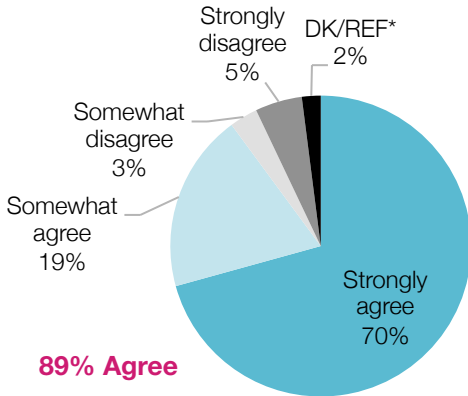


*Respondent did not know or refused to answer the question.

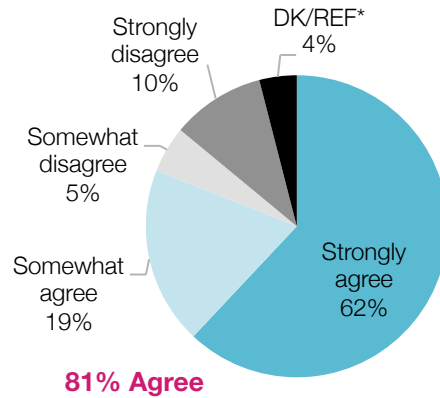
KEY FINDINGS ON ACCESS TO ABORTION CARE AMONG BLACK ADULTS IN TENNESSEE

A strong majority support a woman's right to have an abortion (89%); believe that Black women should be trusted to make their own decisions (81%); and support *Roe v. Wade*, even if some church leaders do not (75%).

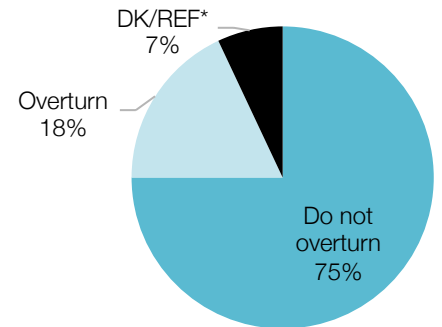
Nearly nine in ten (89%) strongly support a woman's right to abortion.



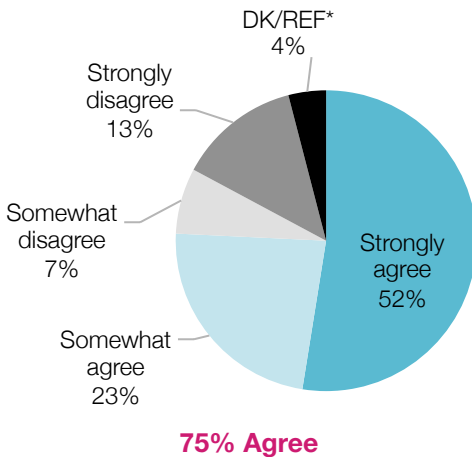
Eight in ten (81%) feel we should "trust Black women" to make decisions that are best for them. Six in ten (62%) strongly agree.



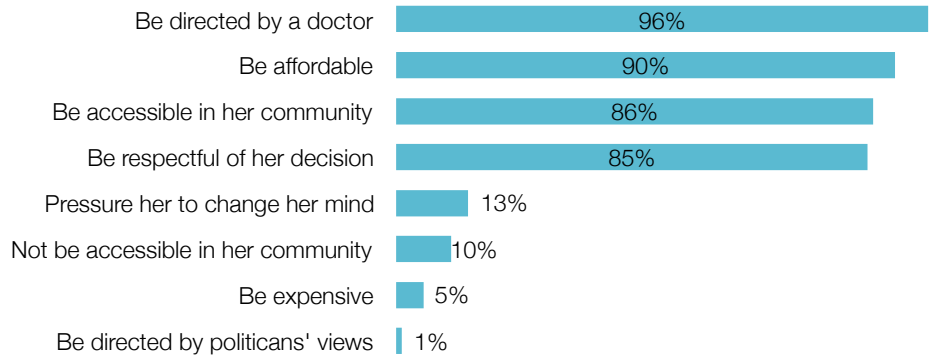
Three-quarters (75%) do not want to see *Roe v. Wade* overturned, including 72% of those who self-identified as being religious.



A majority (75%) agrees abortion should remain legal, even if some church leaders take a stance against abortion.



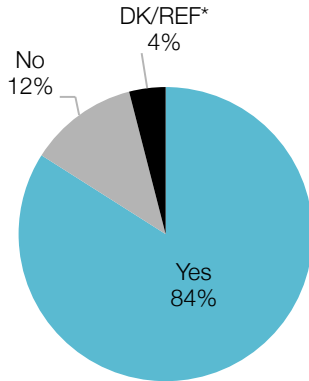
When it comes to access to abortion care, strong majorities want care to be directed by a doctor (96%), affordable (90%), accessible in the woman's community (86%), and respect the woman's decision (85%).



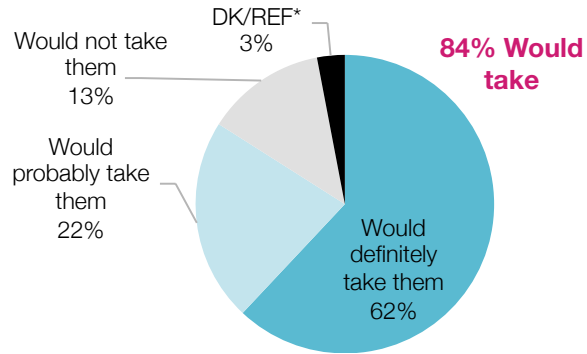
KEY FINDINGS ON BIRTH CONTROL ACCESS AMONG BLACK ADULTS IN TENNESSEE

A strong majority considers birth control to be part of basic health care coverage (84%), and would take their teenager to get needed birth control (84%).

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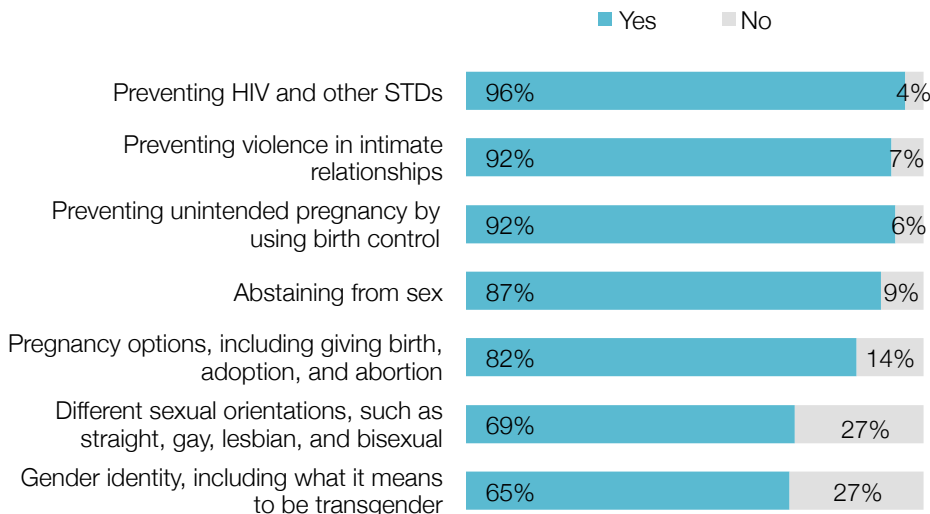


Eight in ten (84%) would take their own teenager to get birth control if he or she needed it; 62% say they would “definitely take them.”



KEY FINDINGS ON COMPREHENSIVE SEX EDUCATION AMONG BLACK ADULTS IN TENNESSEE

Nearly all want sex education programs to cover preventing HIV and other STDs (96%), intimate partner violence (92%), and unintended pregnancy (92%). Large majorities also want sex education to include abstinence (87%); pregnancy options including parenting, adoption, and abortion (82%); sexual orientation (69%); and gender identity (65%).



Detailed Methodology

PerryUndem Research/Communication conducted a representative survey of 500 Black adults in the state, by telephone, from September 28 to October 31, 2016. Social Science Research Solutions (SSRS) administered the survey using a pre-screened sample from its weekly, dual-frame omnibus survey, a listed sample, and unlisted random digit dialing (RDD) sample. The data were weighted to reflect the state's Black adult population and to adjust for the different samples' selection probabilities. The margin of sampling error for results is +/- 6.7 percentage points.



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