

## **MAGA Republicans Are On Defense: Voters Reject GOP Attack On Women, Turn To Democrats To Protect Women's Freedom**

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The GOP is facing a political earthquake. This week, voters in Kansas put MAGA Republicans on notice with a clear and resounding rejection of their attack on women's freedom to make their own reproductive health decisions.

### **Kansans Rejected MAGA Republicans' Attack On Women's Freedom**

In Ruby Red Kansas, 6 in 10 voters said "NO" to MAGA Republicans' effort to rip away women's freedom. Vote totals show evidence Republicans have isolated their own voters and unaffiliated independents on this issue. In 2020, President Biden won 5 counties in Kansas. On Tuesday, "NO" on the abortion constitutional amendment won a majority of the vote in 19 counties. Of the 19 counties that voted "NO," Biden won 5 in 2020, Trump won 14.

In Kansas' Third Congressional District, where Rep. Sharice Davids faces MAGA Extremist Amanda Adkins, voters rejected Republicans' draconian effort to rip away women's rights with 7 in 10 voters saying "NO" on the constitutional amendment question.

### **Dobbs Is Changing The Electorate**

Per [data from Targetsmart](#), Democrats hold an 8-point advantage among Kansans who registered after the *Dobbs* decision. Moreover, nearly three quarters of the post-*Dobbs* registration were women. This electorate looks a lot more like 2018 than a 2014 midterm electorate. While turnout in more Democratic areas was very high for an August primary, this was not simply a turnout phenomenon. In 2018, 1,054,622 ballots were cast in the governor's race, a turnout rate of 57.4%. On Tuesday, 908,747 ballots were cast on the anti-abortion amendment, a turnout rate of 47.2% - in a midterm August primary. Kansas makes it clear that MAGA Republican extremism is activating the Democratic base.

### **Everyone, Everywhere Rejects MAGA Republicans' Attack On Women's Freedom, Push To Implement Nationwide Abortion Ban, And Barbaric State Laws**

Kansas voters overwhelmingly confirmed what we've been seeing in our data for weeks now: voters overwhelmingly reject MAGA Republicans' attack on women's freedom to access abortion and reproductive health.

In fact, since the Republican-appointed Supreme Court's devastating decision to rip away a woman's right to access an abortion, multiple public polls of the generic ballot show a shift towards Democrats. An average of 38 polls of the Congressional generic ballot taken since *Dobbs* shows a 4-5 point swing towards Democrats, leading by 2.2 points, [according to NDN data](#).

This shift, coupled with Frontline Democrats' consistent overperformance relative to the generic ballot, puts battleground Democrats in a strong position headed into November.

### **District-By-District, Attack on Women's Freedom Top Negative For Republicans**

DCCC's own data shows Republicans' extremist retrograde positions on access to abortion continue to be the top testing negative in battleground polls. Across the map, in every region of the country and with every community in our base and persuasion groups, Republicans are on the wrong side of voters.

Since the Supreme Court's heinous *Dobbs* decision, in nearly thirty DCCC campaign polls, GOP attacks on access to abortion register as the top testing negative. And there's no question why: MAGA Republicans hold extremist views like [Yesli Vega \(VA-02\) who suggested women were unlikely to become pregnant from rape](#), no exception Republicans like [Amanda Adkins \(KS-03\)](#), Bo Hines (NC-13), and Rep. Don Bacon (NE-02), the [184 incumbents](#) and 38 MAGA Republican challengers who supported overturning Roe, and the majority who voted against enshrining a women's freedom to choose into law. Moreover, draconian state laws that [target doctors and punish survivors of sexual assault](#), criminalize abortion, and [deputize private citizens to interfere in people's lives](#) is a terrifying consequence of Republican extremism and voters reject it.

**Note:** Read more about MAGA Republicans and their extremist attack on women's freedom at [www.extremeGOP.com](http://www.extremeGOP.com).

### **Voters Of Color Reject MAGA Republicans' Attack On Freedom**

According to multiple DCCC internal polls, voters of color overwhelmingly support a women's freedom to access an abortion (AAPI voters 77%, Black voters 88%, and Latino voters 81%). Regardless of their personal, cultural, or religious beliefs, voters of color reject the notion the government should be able to limit women's freedom to make deeply personal health care decisions.

### **Communicating The Stakes To Win In November**

DCCC has already invested in seven-figure ad campaigns to remind [AAPI](#), [Black](#), and Latino voters across our battlefield that only Democrats are the party of freedom and protecting a women's right to access an abortion and make decisions about her own body. Between now and November — on radio, TV digital, billboards, and on voters' doorsteps — we will relentlessly draw the contrast between Democrats, the party of freedom, justice, and an economy that works for all and MAGA Republicans hellbent on ripping away freedom to get power for themselves.

**BOTTOM LINE:** Everywhere and with everyone across our battlefield, Democrats can campaign on being the party of freedom, justice, and delivering for the American people. We will remind voters that while we fight to lower costs and build an economy that works for everyone, MAGA Republicans are hellbent on attacking women's freedom by passing a nationwide abortion ban and implementing draconian state laws that criminalize women and doctors and put women's health at

risk. The data and voters of every background are overwhelmingly clear that Democrats are with the American people on this issue. Our position puts us closer to holding the House majority in November.