

## HB 1171 – Declaration of Rights – Right to Reproductive Liberty

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### You Have NO MANDATE By The People of Maryland for HB1171

A recent Goucher College Poll of seven hundred (700) adults was conducted on October 21, 2021, with the following results on Abortion. <sup>1</sup>

**Question:** Do you think abortions should be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances? Results were:

- Legal under any circumstances: **44%**
- Legal only under certain circumstances: **44%**
- Illegal in all circumstances: **10%**
- Don't know: **2%**
- Refused: **>1%**

[Goucher Summary Eighty-eight percent of residents want abortion to be legal in at least some circumstances, and just 10 percent think abortion should be illegal in all cases.

[However] the attitudes among the 88 percent who support legal access are evenly divided: 44 percent want abortion to be legal in all circumstances, and 44 percent think it should be legal only under certain circumstances.

So, in summary, most cases should refer to the fact that 54% of residents think abortion is legal only under certain circumstances and/or illegal in all circumstances.

That data does not provide a clear mandate for either legislative action or an overall favorable constituent majority for Democrats to pursue HB 1171 or any of the other extreme abortion bills being fielded by Democrats. Maryland overall just does not agree with this agenda.

