YOUNG REPUBLICANS AND BIRTH CONTROL

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING THREE FACTS:

1. There is widespread agreement among Americans that birth control is morally acceptable.
2. Most sexually active adults use birth control.
3. Almost all women who have had sex have used birth control in their lives.

Even so, the issue of contraception has become tangled in political controversy in recent years. The following data reflect what young Republicans (age 18-34) think about birth control.

The results presented here are just a few highlights from a new report, Young Republicans, Birth Control, and Public Policy. The report is authored by Kristen Soltis Anderson, one of the nation's leading Republican researchers on voter attitudes about policy, and a co-founder of Echelon Insights, an opinion research, data analytics, and digital intelligence agency.

THREE OUT OF FOUR YOUNG REPUBLICANS THINK UNPLANNED PREGNANCY IS A PROBLEM

- 62% support providing more educational programs and campaigns for young adults about all methods of birth control
- 51% of young Republicans support keeping in place federal funding for current programs that provide contraceptive services and education specifically for low-income people; just 22% oppose.
- 63% of young Republican women think that access to birth control is important because it enables women to work toward educational and career goals.
- 65% of young Republicans who use birth control support the requirement that insurance companies cover contraception without additional out-of-pocket costs for consumers.

58% of young republicans believe that every woman should have access to affordable, effective birth control because it is cheaper to pay to prevent an unplanned pregnancy than to pay for the consequences of one.

Methodology. To review the methodology used in this survey, please see the full report Young Republicans, Birth Control, and Public Policy available at http://TheNationalCampaign.org/resource/young-republicans-birth-control-public-policy.