



Alabama Abortion Poll Results

POLLING METHODOLOGY

For this poll, a sample of likely households for a live operator poll was chosen from the population registered to vote in the state of Alabama, and there were 750 completed responses to 13 poll questions. 74% of the phone numbers were landlines and 26% of the phone numbers were cell phones.

The survey was conducted May 31-June 3. The margin of error, with a 95% confidence interval, was 3.6%. The racial breakdown of the respondents was 73-26% white/black (1% “other”), while the geographic breakdown (as defined by Nielsen Designated Market Area, or DMA) of the respondents was as follows: 42% from Birmingham, 6% from Dothan, 19% from Huntsville, 14% from Mobile, and 18% from Montgomery (*The explanation of the boundaries of these regions is graphically depicted in Exhibit A at the end of the poll analysis*).

POLL RESULTS

Question 1: On the issue of abortion, what best describes your opinion on this issue ?

Prohibit without exceptions	14%
Prohibit with exceptions (rape, incest, save life of mother)	13%
Legal up to a certain point of pregnancy	15%
Legal for any reason in consultation with medical professional	10%
Undecided	48%

Question 2: Governor Kay Ivey recently signed into law a bill that would punish doctors who perform abortions with up to 99 years in prison. Do you approve or disapprove of her action ?

Strongly Approve	23%
Approve	10%
Disapprove	15%
Strongly Disapprove	23%
Undecided	29%
<u>TOTAL APPROVE</u>	<u>33%</u>
<u>TOTAL DISAPPROVE</u>	<u>38%</u>

Question 3: Do you believe that birth control should be legal with a doctor’s prescription ?

Yes	44%
No	18%
Undecided	38%

Question 4: Do you believe that the government should be directly responsible for regulating and investigating cases of abortion and a woman's conduct while pregnant?

Yes	39%
No	25%
Undecided	36%

Question 5: If a woman gets pregnant as a result of a sexual assault, do you believe that she should be required to give birth ?

Yes	7%
No	43%
Undecided	49%

Question 6: Do you favor or oppose women being allowed to take the "morning after pill"?

Favor	21%
Oppose	20%
Undecided	59%

Question 7: Do you believe that adoption is a viable alternative to abortion ?

Yes	58%
No	27%
Undecided	15%

Question 8: Do you think that women should go to jail for having an abortion ?

Yes	8%
No	55%
Undecided	37%

Question 9: Do you believe that pregnant women should be investigated, and criminally prosecuted for behavior that results in a miscarriage or termination of pregnancy?

Yes	8%
No	63%
Undecided	29%

Question 10: Do you believe that women, their employers, or medical professionals be required to report to the government when a woman is pregnant and the circumstances if the pregnancy ends?

Yes	6%
No	71%
Undecided	23%

Question 11: Would you describe yourself as an Evangelical Christian?

Yes	80%
No	7%
Undecided	13%

Question 12: To ensure that our survey responses are most accurate, are you male or female?

Female	55%
Male	45%

Question 13: And for demographic purposes, what is your age?

18-34	12%
35-54	29%
55-64	21%
65 or older	38%

SUMMARY

JMC Analytics and Polling collaborated with Bold Blue Campaigns to conduct this poll. There are two main takeaways from this poll: (1) Alabamians don't have strong feelings (and are inherently conflicted) about the abortion issue, and (2) they do consistently and strongly oppose the more stringent aspects of abortion restrictions.

When asked where they stand on the abortion issue, nearly half (48%) of respondents are undecided; otherwise, only 14% of respondents take a purist pro-life position while 10% take a purist pro-choice position (when factoring in exceptions, respondents by a narrow 27-25% plurality describe themselves as pro-life instead of pro-choice). When looking at the detailed data, there were not substantial differences among demographic sub-groups.

When asked specifically about legislation Governor Kay Ivey recently signed punishing doctors who perform abortions with prison time, only 33% favored her action, 38% are opposed, and 29% are undecided. The strongest support (which was still only a 40-33% plurality) was in the Mobile media market.

When respondents were then asked about the more stringent aspects of abortion restrictions, they were strongly and consistently opposed. 71-6% opposed reporting to the government when a woman became pregnant/a pregnancy was terminated. By a 63-8% margin, respondents opposed investigating and prosecuting behavior resulting in a miscarriage/pregnancy termination. Similarly, a 55-8% majority opposed a woman's going to jail for having an abortion, a 43-7% plurality was against requiring a woman to give birth if her pregnancy was due to a sexual assault, and a 44-18% plurality favors legal birth control with a doctor's prescription – margins in favor were generally strong across the board, although the margins were somewhat narrower in the Mobile media market.

However, it would be not be correct to describe Alabamians as pro-choice. A 58-27% margin prefers adoption as a viable alternative to abortion, a 39-25% plurality believes that government is responsible for regulating abortion/a woman's conduct while pregnant, while a narrow 21-20% plurality favors allowing the "morning after" pill.

In summary, Governor Kay Ivey's actions regarding abortion do not enjoy majority support, and while Alabamians have pro-life aspects to their opinions on abortion, they consistently oppose what would be considered the more stringent aspects of abortion restrictions.

CROSSTABS

Question 1 – Opinion on abortion

		Race			
		Black	Other	White	Total
Abortion Opinion	1a Prohibit no exceptions	13%		15%	14%
	1b Prohibit exceptions	14%	33%	13%	13%
	2a Favor up to certain point	16%	33%	15%	15%
	2b Favor any reason	10%	33%	9%	10%
	3 Undecided	47%		48%	48%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region						
		Birmingham	Birmingham - Jefferson Co	Dothan	Huntsville	Mobile	Montgomery	Total
Abortion Opinion	1a Prohibit no exceptions	15%	15%	16%	12%	15%	13%	14%
	1b Prohibit exceptions	13%	13%	11%	10%	14%	18%	13%
	2a Favor up to certain point	15%	15%	11%	20%	13%	13%	15%
	2b Favor any reason	10%	6%	11%	10%	13%	7%	10%
	3 Undecided	47%	51%	50%	48%	44%	49%	48%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Cell Phone		
		Landline	Cell	Total
Abortion Opinion	1a Prohibit no exceptions	14%	16%	14%
	1b Prohibit exceptions	14%	12%	13%
	2a Favor up to certain point	16%	14%	15%
	2b Favor any reason	9%	12%	10%
	3 Undecided	48%	46%	48%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Evangelical Christian ?			
		1 Yes	2 No	3 Undecided	Total
Abortion Opinion	1a Prohibit no exceptions	13%	22%	21%	14%
	1b Prohibit exceptions	14%	25%	5%	13%
	2a Favor up to certain point	16%	2%	16%	15%
	2b Favor any reason	9%		17%	10%
	3 Undecided	48%	51%	42%	48%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		
		1 Male	2 Female	Total
Abortion Opinion	1a Prohibit no exceptions	14%	15%	14%
	1b Prohibit exceptions	15%	12%	13%
	2a Favor up to certain point	16%	15%	15%
	2b Favor any reason	10%	9%	10%
	3 Undecided	46%	49%	48%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age				
		1 18-34	2 35-54	3 55-64	4 65 Over	Total
Abortion Opinion	1a Prohibit no exceptions	15%	16%	13%	14%	14%
	1b Prohibit exceptions	10%	11%	16%	15%	13%
	2a Favor up to certain point	16%	16%	14%	15%	15%
	2b Favor any reason	6%	13%	11%	7%	10%
	3 Undecided	53%	44%	47%	49%	48%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 2 – Approve/Disapprove Governor Ivey’s action

		Race			Total
		Black	Other	White	
Approve Governor Ivey	1 Strongly Approve	22%	33%	23%	23%
	2 Approve	13%		9%	10%
	3 Disapprove	17%	33%	14%	15%
	4 Strongly Disapprove	22%	33%	24%	23%
	5 Undecided	26%		31%	29%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region						Total
		Birmingham	Birmingham - Jefferson Co	Dothan	Huntsville	Mobile	Montgomery	
Approve Governor Ivey	1 Strongly Approve	20%	22%	20%	20%	31%	25%	23%
	2 Approve	9%	12%	11%	10%	9%	8%	10%
	3 Disapprove	14%	15%	18%	18%	8%	17%	15%
	4 Strongly Disapprove	26%	20%	18%	25%	25%	21%	23%
	5 Undecided	31%	31%	32%	27%	28%	30%	29%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Cell Phone		Total
		Landline	Cell	
Approve Governor Ivey	1 Strongly Approve	22%	25%	23%
	2 Approve	10%	9%	10%
	3 Disapprove	15%	14%	15%
	4 Strongly Disapprove	23%	24%	23%
	5 Undecided	30%	28%	29%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Evangelical Christian ?			Total
		1 Yes	2 No	3 Undecided	
Approve Governor Ivey	1 Strongly Approve	24%	22%	17%	23%
	2 Approve	11%		5%	10%
	3 Disapprove	15%	24%	10%	15%
	4 Strongly Disapprove	23%	12%	30%	23%
	5 Undecided	27%	43%	39%	29%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		Total
		1 Male	2 Female	
Approve Governor Ivey	1 Strongly Approve	25%	21%	23%
	2 Approve	7%	12%	10%
	3 Disapprove	14%	16%	15%
	4 Strongly Disapprove	25%	22%	23%
	5 Undecided	29%	30%	29%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age				Total
		1 18-34	2 35-54	3 55-64	4 65 Over	
Approve Governor Ivey	1 Strongly Approve	20%	23%	28%	21%	23%
	2 Approve	10%	9%	10%	10%	10%
	3 Disapprove	14%	17%	12%	15%	15%
	4 Strongly Disapprove	20%	26%	21%	24%	23%
	5 Undecided	37%	25%	29%	30%	29%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 3 – Birth control legal ?

		Black	Race Other	White	Total
Birth Control Legal	1 Yes	41%	67%	45%	44%
	2 No	24%	33%	16%	18%
	3 Undecided	36%		39%	38%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region						Total
		Birmingham	Birmingham - Jefferson Co	Dothan	Huntsville	Mobile	Montgomery	Total
Birth Control Legal	1 Yes	47%	51%	39%	46%	34%	40%	44%
	2 No	15%	18%	23%	15%	20%	25%	18%
	3 Undecided	39%	31%	39%	39%	46%	36%	38%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Cell Phone		Total
		Landline	Cell	Total
Birth Control Legal	1 Yes	44%	42%	44%
	2 No	17%	23%	18%
	3 Undecided	39%	35%	38%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Evangelical Christian ?			Total
		1 Yes	2 No	3 Undecided	Total
Birth Control Legal	1 Yes	41%	67%	45%	44%
	2 No	17%	14%	29%	18%
	3 Undecided	42%	20%	27%	38%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		Total
		1 Male	2 Female	Total
Birth Control Legal	1 Yes	46%	41%	44%
	2 No	16%	20%	18%
	3 Undecided	37%	39%	38%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age				Total
		1 18-34	2 35-54	3 55-64	4 65 Over	Total
Birth Control Legal	1 Yes	40%	45%	39%	46%	44%
	2 No	24%	20%	19%	15%	18%
	3 Undecided	36%	35%	42%	39%	38%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 4 – Government regulate abortion/woman’s conduct while pregnant

		Race			Total
		Black	Other	White	
Regulate while pregnant	1 Yes	44%	33%	38%	39%
	2 No	26%	33%	24%	25%
	3 Undecided	30%	33%	38%	36%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region						Total
		Birmingham	Birmingham - Jefferson Co	Dothan	Huntsville	Mobile	Montgomery	
Regulate while pregnant	1 Yes	37%	45%	30%	39%	41%	41%	39%
	2 No	29%	22%	30%	21%	21%	25%	25%
	3 Undecided	34%	33%	41%	40%	38%	33%	36%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Cell Phone		Total
		Landline	Cell	
Regulate while pregnant	1 Yes	39%	40%	39%
	2 No	24%	27%	25%
	3 Undecided	37%	32%	36%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Evangelical Christian ?			Total
		1 Yes	2 No	3 Undecided	
Regulate while pregnant	1 Yes	39%	31%	45%	39%
	2 No	23%	14%	41%	25%
	3 Undecided	38%	55%	15%	36%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		Total
		1 Male	2 Female	
Regulate while pregnant	1 Yes	36%	42%	39%
	2 No	25%	25%	25%
	3 Undecided	39%	33%	36%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age				Total
		1 18-34	2 35-54	3 55-64	4 65 Over	
Regulate while pregnant	1 Yes	38%	38%	37%	43%	39%
	2 No	22%	24%	31%	22%	25%
	3 Undecided	40%	38%	32%	35%	36%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 5 – Required to give birth as result of sexual assault

		Race			Total
		Black	Other	White	
Require to give birth	1 Yes	9%	33%	7%	7%
	2 No	44%		43%	43%
	3 Undecided	47%	67%	50%	49%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region						Total
		Birmingham	Birmingham - Jefferson Co	Dothan	Huntsville	Mobile	Montgomery	
Require to give birth	1 Yes	6%	8%	11%	7%	7%	8%	7%

	2 No	48%	38%	39%	43%	44%	43%	43%
	3 Undecided	46%	54%	50%	50%	50%	49%	49%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Cell Phone		Total
		Landline	Cell	
Require to give birth	1 Yes	8%	7%	7%
	2 No	43%	44%	43%
	3 Undecided	49%	50%	49%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Evangelical Christian ?			Total
		1 Yes	2 No	3 Undecided	
Require to give birth	1 Yes	9%			7%
	2 No	38%	90%	51%	43%
	3 Undecided	53%	10%	49%	49%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		Total
		1 Male	2 Female	
Require to give birth	1 Yes	8%	7%	7%
	2 No	43%	44%	43%
	3 Undecided	49%	50%	49%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age				Total
		1 18-34	2 35-54	3 55-64	4 65 Over	
Require to give birth	1 Yes	6%	8%	8%	7%	7%
	2 No	48%	45%	36%	45%	43%
	3 Undecided	46%	47%	56%	48%	49%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 6 – Allow “morning after pill”

		Race			Total
		Black	Other	White	
Morning After Pill	1 Favor	22%	100%	20%	21%
	2 Oppose	23%		19%	20%
	3 Undecided	54%		61%	59%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region					Total	
		Birmingham	Birmingham - Jefferson Co	Dothan	Huntsville	Mobile		Montgomery
Morning After Pill	1 Favor	16%	22%	30%	23%	24%	20%	21%
	2 Oppose	20%	17%	18%	21%	25%	20%	20%
	3 Undecided	64%	61%	52%	57%	51%	60%	59%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Cell Phone		Total
		Landline	Cell	
Morning After Pill	1 Favor	21%	20%	21%

	2 Oppose	21%	19%	20%
	3 Undecided	58%	61%	59%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Evangelical Christian ?			Total
		1 Yes	2 No	3 Undecided	
Morning After Pill	1 Favor	22%	10%	18%	21%
	2 Oppose	21%	18%	19%	20%
	3 Undecided	57%	73%	63%	59%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		Total
		1 Male	2 Female	
Morning After Pill	1 Favor	19%	22%	21%
	2 Oppose	22%	19%	20%
	3 Undecided	59%	59%	59%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age				Total
		1 18-34	2 35-54	3 55-64	4 65 Over	
Morning After Pill	1 Favor	15%	20%	22%	22%	21%
	2 Oppose	20%	20%	23%	19%	20%
	3 Undecided	66%	59%	56%	59%	59%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 7 – Adoption viable alternative

		Race			Total
		Black	Other	White	
Adoption viable alternative	1 Yes	58%	100%	57%	58%
	2 No	24%		28%	27%
	3 Undecided	17%		15%	15%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region						Total
		Birmingham	Birmingham - Jefferson Co	Dothan	Huntsville	Mobile	Montgomery	
Adoption viable alternative	1 Yes	56%	63%	68%	55%	57%	57%	58%
	2 No	29%	23%	18%	26%	32%	28%	27%
	3 Undecided	15%	14%	14%	19%	10%	16%	15%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Cell Phone		Total
		Landline	Cell	
Adoption viable alternative	1 Yes	57%	59%	58%
	2 No	28%	24%	27%
	3 Undecided	14%	17%	15%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Evangelical Christian ?			Total
		1 Yes	2 No	3 Undecided	
Adoption viable alternative	1 Yes	51%	90%	80%	58%
	2 No	30%	10%	17%	27%
	3 Undecided	19%		3%	15%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		Total
		1 Male	2 Female	
Adoption viable alternative	1 Yes	54%	61%	58%
	2 No	29%	26%	27%
	3 Undecided	18%	13%	15%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age				Total
		1 18-34	2 35-54	3 55-64	4 65 Over	
Adoption viable alternative	1 Yes	67%	57%	57%	56%	58%
	2 No	22%	27%	26%	29%	27%
	3 Undecided	11%	15%	18%	15%	15%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 8 – Go to jail for abortion

		Race			Total
		Black	Other	White	
Jail	1 Yes	9%	67%	7%	8%
	2 No	57%	33%	55%	55%
	3 Undecided	34%		38%	37%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region						Total
		Birmingham	Birmingham - Jefferson Co	Dothan	Huntsville	Mobile	Montgomery	
Jail	1 Yes	10%	6%	9%	7%	10%	7%	8%
	2 No	53%	59%	57%	50%	60%	58%	55%
	3 Undecided	37%	35%	34%	43%	30%	36%	37%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Cell Phone		Total
		Landline	Cell	
Jail	1 Yes	8%	9%	8%
	2 No	55%	56%	55%
	3 Undecided	37%	35%	37%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Evangelical Christian ?			Total
		1 Yes	2 No	3 Undecided	
Jail	1 Yes	7%	12%	11%	8%
	2 No	60%	51%	32%	55%
	3 Undecided	33%	37%	57%	37%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		Total
		1 Male	2 Female	
Jail	1 Yes	7%	9%	8%
	2 No	53%	58%	55%
	3 Undecided	40%	33%	37%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age				
		1 18-34	2 35-54	3 55-64	4 65 Over	Total
Jail	1 Yes	11%	6%	9%	7%	8%
	2 No	56%	55%	59%	54%	55%
	3 Undecided	32%	39%	32%	39%	37%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 9 – Investigate/criminally prosecute for terminating pregnancy

		Race			
		Black	Other	White	Total
Investigated	1 Yes	9%	67%	7%	8%
	2 No	64%	33%	62%	63%
	3 Undecided	27%		30%	29%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region						
		Birmingham	Birmingham - Jefferson Co	Dothan	Huntsville	Mobile	Montgomery	Total
Investigated	1 Yes	10%	6%	9%	7%	10%	7%	8%
	2 No	60%	66%	64%	61%	65%	65%	63%
	3 Undecided	31%	28%	27%	32%	26%	28%	29%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Cell Phone		
		Landline	Cell	Total
Investigated	1 Yes	8%	9%	8%
	2 No	62%	65%	63%
	3 Undecided	31%	26%	29%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Evangelical Christian ?			
		1 Yes	2 No	3 Undecided	Total
Investigated	1 Yes	7%	12%	11%	8%
	2 No	67%	51%	41%	63%
	3 Undecided	25%	37%	49%	29%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		
		1 Male	2 Female	Total
Investigated	1 Yes	7%	9%	8%
	2 No	60%	65%	63%
	3 Undecided	33%	26%	29%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age				
		1 18-34	2 35-54	3 55-64	4 65 Over	Total
Investigated	1 Yes	11%	6%	9%	7%	8%
	2 No	66%	62%	65%	61%	63%
	3 Undecided	23%	31%	26%	32%	29%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Question 10 – Report to government when pregnant

		Race			Total
		Black	Other	White	
Report to Government	1 Yes	8%	33%	5%	6%
	2 No	75%	33%	70%	71%
	3 Undecided	17%	33%	25%	23%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Region						Total
		Birmingham	Birmingham - Jefferson Co	Dothan	Huntsville	Mobile	Montgomery	
Report to Government	1 Yes	8%	3%	9%	6%	5%	5%	6%
	2 No	70%	69%	82%	65%	72%	78%	71%
	3 Undecided	22%	28%	9%	30%	23%	17%	23%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

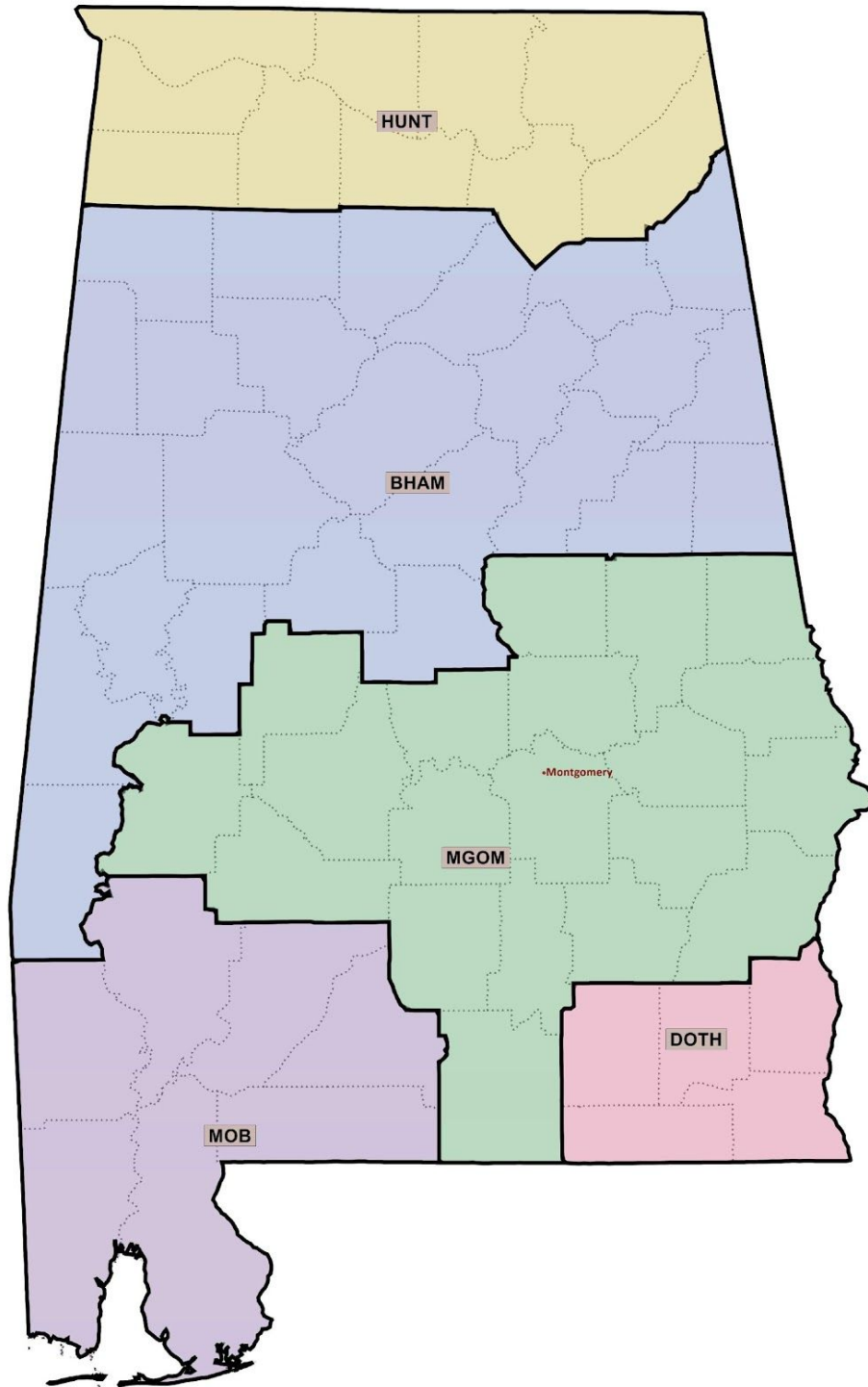
		Cell Phone		Total
		Landline	Cell	
Report to Government	1 Yes	6%	7%	6%
	2 No	71%	71%	71%
	3 Undecided	23%	23%	23%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Evangelical Christian ?			Total
		1 Yes	2 No	3 Undecided	
Report to Government	1 Yes	5%	12%	11%	6%
	2 No	74%	51%	62%	71%
	3 Undecided	21%	37%	27%	23%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%

		Gender		Total
		1 Male	2 Female	
Report to Government	1 Yes	5%	7%	6%
	2 No	71%	71%	71%
	3 Undecided	24%	22%	23%
Total		100%	100%	100%

		Age				Total
		1 18-34	2 35-54	3 55-64	4 65 Over	
Report to Government	1 Yes	11%	5%	7%	4%	6%
	2 No	67%	73%	77%	68%	71%
	3 Undecided	22%	22%	16%	28%	23%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Appendix A: Alabama regions



(BHAM=Birmingham, DOTH=Dothan, HUNT=Huntsville, MOB=Mobile, MGOM=Montgomery)

Note: The following media markets were aggregated for reporting purposes: (1) Columbus MS, Meridian MS and Atlanta GA were included in the Birmingham area, (2) Columbus GA was included in the Montgomery area