

Public Support Stronger Than Ever

Individual Attitudes and Voters Express Overwhelming Support

A significant number of polls on public opinion about the ERA were conducted immediately following Virginia's ratification in 2020. Since then, polling about the issue has stalled.

Polling results from that time show public support for the ERA is stronger than ever. Polls and surveys conducted recently and over the past decade find an overwhelming majority of Americans favor adding the ERA to the Constitution. And, a growing number of Americans, regardless of political party affiliation, say the United States has not gone far enough in giving women equal rights with men.

Voters strongly support congressional action such as the Joint Resolutions in the current Congress to affirm the ERA is part of the Constitution regardless of the arbitrary time limit.

Overwhelming Support for Congress to Act

An overwhelming majority of voters support Congress taking action to affirm the ERA is valid regardless of the time limit imposed in 1972 for ratification (as with the Joint Resolution before the current Congress) ... [Data for Progress \(May 2022\)](#)

- 81% of all voters
- 76% of Republicans
- 89% of Democrats
- 75% of Independent / third party voters

The Majority of Americans Support the ERA

- [Pew Research Center \(March-April 2020\)](#)
 - 78% of all adults
 - 82% of women
 - 73% of men
 - 66% of Republicans
 - 88% of Democrats
 - 75% of Republican women
 - 58% of Republican men
 - 87% of Democratic women
 - 88% of Democratic men
- [AP-NORC \(January 2020\)](#)
 - 73% of all adults
 - 76% of women
 - 70% of men
 - 61% of Republicans
 - 89% of Democrats

- [Feminist Majority / Ms Magazine / Lake Research Partners \(September 2023\)](#)
 - 69% of all voters
 - 46% of Republicans
 - 89% of Democrats
 - 72% of Independent / third party voters
- [Economist / YouGov \(February 2020\)](#)
 - 67% of all adults
 - 71% of women
 - 64% of men
 - 85% of Democrats
 - 53% of Republicans
 - 62% of Independents
- [Data for Progress \(May 2022\)](#)
 - 85% of all voters
 - 79% of Republicans
 - 93% of Democrats
 - 79% of Independent / third party voters

People Believe the U.S. Needs to Do More

A growing share of Americans report the United States has not gone far enough in giving women equal rights with men ... [Pew Research Center, 2020](#)

- 57% of Americans in 2020 vs. 50% in 2017 (14% increase)
- Republicans: 33% in 2020 vs. 26% in 2017 (27% increase)
- Democrats: 76% in 2020 vs. 69% in 2017 (10% increase)

State ERA Ballot Measures Reinforce ERA Support

A more recent indicator of public support for the ERA is success at the ballot box.

Most recently, in 2024, public views were expressed directly in New York State where voters overwhelmingly (63%) approved the State ERA that bars discrimination based on an expanded set of conditions including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and pregnancy.

In 2022, public support for the ERA was demonstrated in Nevada where voters soundly passed (59%) an expanded Equal Rights Amendment that prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.