

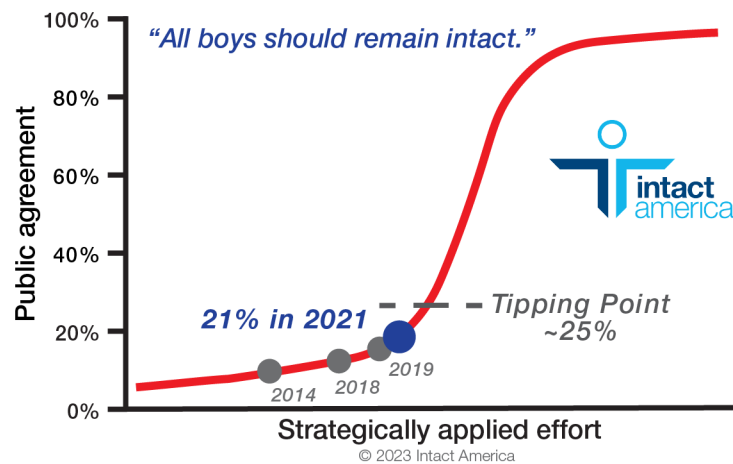


PUBLIC OPINION SURVEYS

SUPPORT IS MOVING THE ISSUE TOWARD A TIPPING POINT

Intact America has been measuring support concerning agreement with the general statement “all baby boys should remain intact.” We began in the year 2014 with the first survey using Lake Research Partners. Beginning in 2018 Intact America began performing its own surveys.

These three surveys all asked the same questions and controlled for sex, age, race, region, household income, and education.



In 2014 we measured agreement at 12%, seven years later that has risen to 21%, nearing what is considered a tipping point for social-change issues.

When the act of newborn circumcision was compared to other infant controversies, we saw it moving slightly up in the nation’s consciousness, but not enough to change its place as the 4th most controversial issue. Those other controversies were Vaccinations, Ear Piercing, Ceasareans, Disp. v Cloth Diapers, Breast v Formula, Co-sleeping, Spanking, and Home Birthing.

AGGREGATE RESULTS

Here are the results from all three surveys. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding or because a few participants refused to answer some questions. For all these answers, recognition that newborn circumcision is not beneficial for the boy or man increased over this four-year period.

Q: What impact do you believe male circumcision has on a BOY’s health or wellbeing?

A: Very negative (2.7%), negative (5.8%), neutral (36.3%), positive (33.3%), very positive (21.9%).

Note: Very negative impact rose from 2.2% in 2018 to 3.5% in 2021.

Q: What impact do you believe male circumcision has on a MAN's health or wellbeing?

A: Very negative (2.3%), negative (5.7%), neutral (30.8%), positive (37.7%), very positive (23.5%).

Q: What do you think best DESCRIBES circumcision surgery?

- Removes a risky or problematic part of a boy's penis. (16.5%)
- Removes extra skin from a boy's penis. (43.0%)
- Removes a small flap of skin from a boy's penis. (32.2%)
- Removes a large portion of skin from a boy's penis. (4.7%)
- Removes an important part of a boy's penis. (3.6%)

Q: What do you think best describes what circumcision does to the APPEARANCE of a penis?

- Improves the appearance. (67.9%)
- Does not change the appearance. (21.1%)
- Disfigures the penis. (6.5%)
- Mutilates the penis. (4.5%)

Q: How much do you think a foreskin contributes to a MAN's sexual pleasure?

- Helps a lot. (14.7%)
- Helps a little. (18.7%)
- No real contribution (51.0%)
- Reduces a little (10.3%)
- Reduces a lot (5.2%)

Q: How much do you think a foreskin contributes to a man's SEXUAL PARTNER's pleasure?

- Helps a lot. (11.0%)
- Helps a little. (14.2%)
- No real contribution (61.9%)
- Reduces a little (7.4%)
- Reduces a lot (5.4%)

Q: Which of the following statements is closer to your opinion?

- Circumcising baby boys is medically unnecessary and can lead to complications (13.7%)
- Circumcision is controversial and the debate will never be resolved. (47.3%)
- Some doctors say that the benefits of newborn male circumcision outweigh the risks (39.0%)

Q: Current hospital practice is to ask only for the mother's permission to circumcise a baby. Would you favor or oppose BOTH parents being required to sign the form?

- Strongly oppose. (5.2%)
- Somewhat oppose. (7.7%)
- Neither favor nor oppose. (30.0%)
- Somewhat favor. (29.8%)
- Strongly favor. (27.3%)

Q: Most parents have never witnessed a circumcision, either live or on video. Do you favor or oppose parents being required to watch a circumcision video prior to consenting to the surgery?

- Strongly oppose. (13.9%)
- Somewhat oppose. (15.4%)
- Neither favor nor oppose. (38.7%)
- Somewhat favor. (19.0%)
- Strongly favor. (12.9%)

Q: It is common for doctors and nurses to offer circumcision to parents of newborn boys. Would you favor or oppose a rule saying that circumcision should not be offered unless a parent requests it?

- Strongly oppose. (16.8%)
- Somewhat oppose. (20.7%)
- Neither favor nor oppose. (36.0%)
- Somewhat favor. (14.8%)
- Strongly favor. (11.7%)

Q: What is your opinion of newborn circumcision?

- It is required. (8.5%)
- Necessary. (28.5%)
- Optional. (49.7%)
- Unnecessary. (9.2%)
- Harmful (3.9%)

Q: In general, do you favor or oppose boys keeping their foreskins?

- Strongly oppose. (15.3%)
- Somewhat oppose. (23.2%)
- Neither favor nor oppose. (43.2%)
- Somewhat favor. (9.8%)
- Strongly favor. (8.5%)

Q: Do you favor or oppose legislation to prohibit newborn boy circumcision?

- Strongly oppose. (40.6%)
- Somewhat oppose. (21.2%)
- Neither favor nor oppose. (27.3%)
- Somewhat favor. (5.9%)
- Strongly favor. (5.0%)

Q: How likely are you to bring up the topic of circumcision, or of boys keeping their foreskin, to friends, family, or co-workers?

- Very unlikely. (33.8%)
- Unlikely. (22.3%)
- Neither unlikely nor likely. (28.7%)

- Likely. (10.4%)
- Very likely. (4.8%)

Q: How likely are you to volunteer to stop the circumcision of newborn boys?

- Very unlikely. (52.0%)
- Unlikely. (17.6%)
- Neither unlikely nor likely. (21.3%)
- Likely. (5.1%)
- Very likely. (3.7%)

Q: If a doctor or nurse HAD NOT ASKED if you wanted your baby boy circumcised, would you have brought the topic up?

- Very unlikely. (21.1%)
- Unlikely. (10.0%)
- Neither unlikely nor likely. (4.7%)
- Likely. (3.0%)
- Very likely. (2.9%)

Q: Thinking back now, would you CHANGE the decision you made concerning circumcision?

A: Yes (3.0%), Maybe (4.7%), No (33.2%)

Note: Does not add up to 100% because not everyone in the survey had a son.

Q: Regarding your penile status, which best describes your opinion?

Note: Asked of only the men in the survey. Men are moving toward a more holistic attitude regarding their penile status. Happiness at being intact rose from 16.0% (2018) to 19.3% (2021).

- I am sad I was circumcised. (6.8%)
- I am glad I was circumcised. (72.2%)
- I am sad I am intact (not circumcised). (4.3%)
- I am glad I am intact (not circumcised). (16.8%)