



# 2024 PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

28% OF AMERICANS SUPPORT BOYS REMAINING INTACT

## OVERVIEW

Intact America has been measuring support concerning agreement with the general statement “all baby boys should remain intact.” In 2014 we measured agreement at 12%, ten years later that has risen to 28%, nearing a tipping point for controversial, highly-opposed social-change issues.

## METHOD

Surveyed were 1288 U.S. citizens between the age 18 and older, controlling for sex and race. The survey employed the Qualtrics survey platform and participants were enrolled through CloudResearch’s vetted panel.

## FINDINGS

Q: Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE boys being circumcised?

| Year | Oppose |
|------|--------|
| 2024 | 28.2%  |
| 2021 | 22.5%  |
| 2018 | 18.3%  |
| 2014 | 12.0%  |

There were significant racial disparities to opposition: Whites 29.1%, Blacks 15.5%, Hispanic 42.1%, Asian 28.9%. Men were slightly more likely to oppose (32.2%) than women (25.4%). Age was not a factor.

Q: What do you think are the most CONTROVERSIAL parenting practices related to babies and young children in America today? (selected from a list of nine choices<sup>1</sup>)

Circumcision moved up to 3rd place from 5th place in 2021, and 6<sup>th</sup> place in 2019 and 2018, but remaining below Vaccinations and Spanking. Spanking moved to 1<sup>st</sup> place in this year’s survey.

Q: What is your OPINION of newborn circumcision? (compared to the 2021 survey)

- Required, 5% (down from 9.5%)
- Necessary, 17% (down from 26.2%)
- Optional, 47% (about same as 49.9%)
- Unnecessary, 19% (up from 9.3%)
- Harmful, 12% (up from 4.7%)

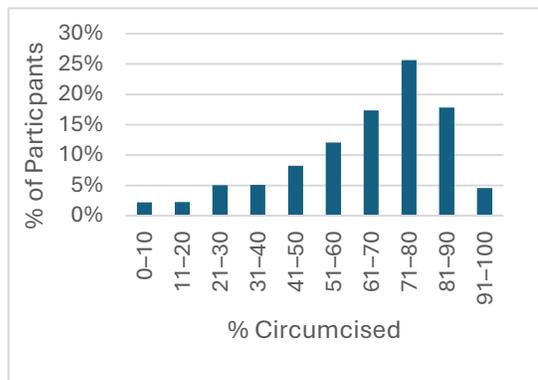
Men were more likely to say it was harmful (14.4%) than women (10.4%), age was not a factor.

<sup>1</sup> Vaccinations, Ear Piercing, Circumcision, Caesareans, Disp. v Cloth Diapers, Breast v Formula, Co-sleeping, Spanking, and Home Birthing.

Q: Which of these do you think BEST completes this sentence? Circumcision removes...

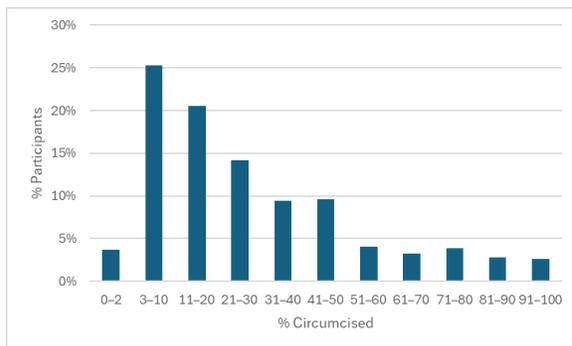
- ...an unimportant part, 3%
- ...a problematic part, 4%
- ...extra skin, 38%
- ...a small flap of skin, 32%
- ...a large portion of skin, 8%
- ...an important part, 15.1% (up from 4.1% in 2021)

Q: What percentage of ALL NEWBORN BOYS do you think are CURRENTLY being circumcised in the United States?



Participants could enter any number from 0–100, data was later organized into ranges for the chart. About 75% of U.S. boys are being circumcised. While the distribution is a smooth bell curve and it does generally indicate the truth, more than half were mistaken.

Q: What percentage of ALL NEWBORN BOYS do you think are currently being circumcised as part of a RELIGIOUS RITUAL in the United States?



Participants could enter any number from 0–100, data was later organized into ranges for the chart. The correct answer is less than 2%. Almost all participants were mistaken.

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

Of parents who had circumcised their son, 7% said YES, and 15% said MAYBE, women were more likely to change their minds.

Q: At age 18, what was your penile status?

Asked of men, 6% were mistaken about their penile status and 5% were unsure.