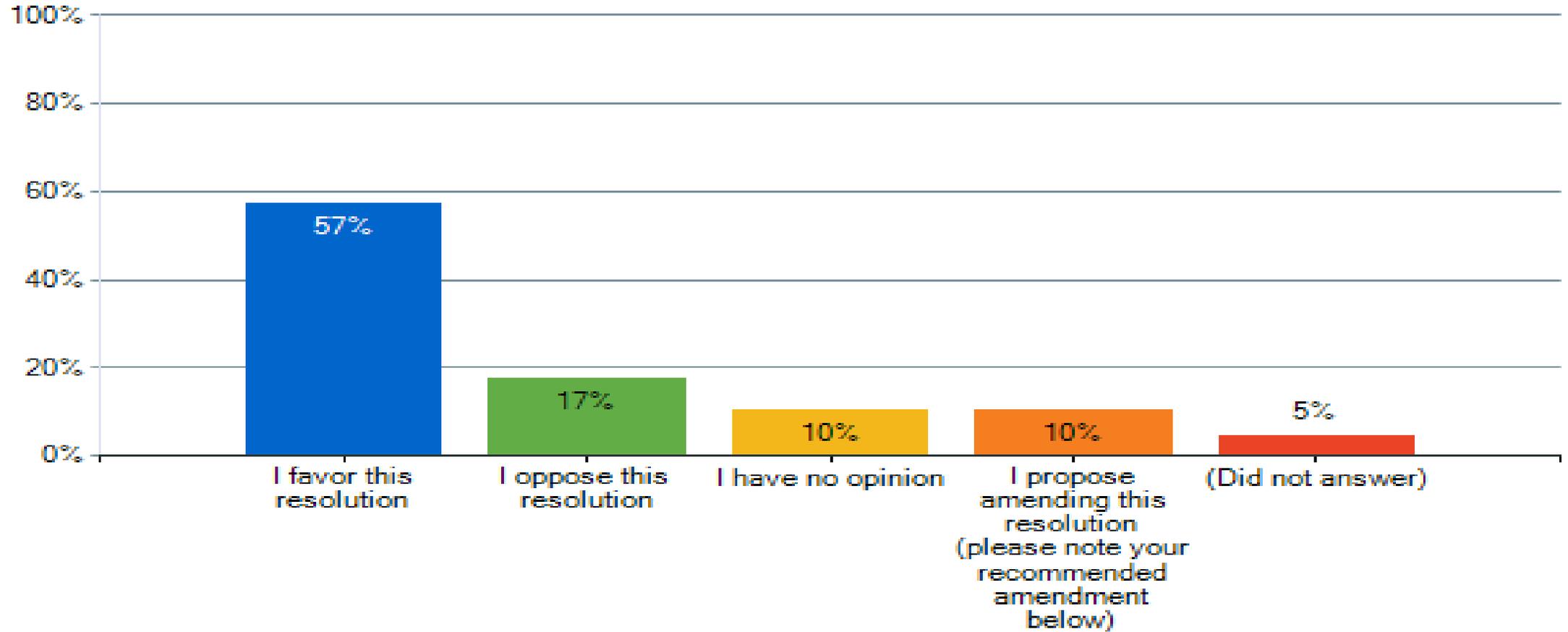
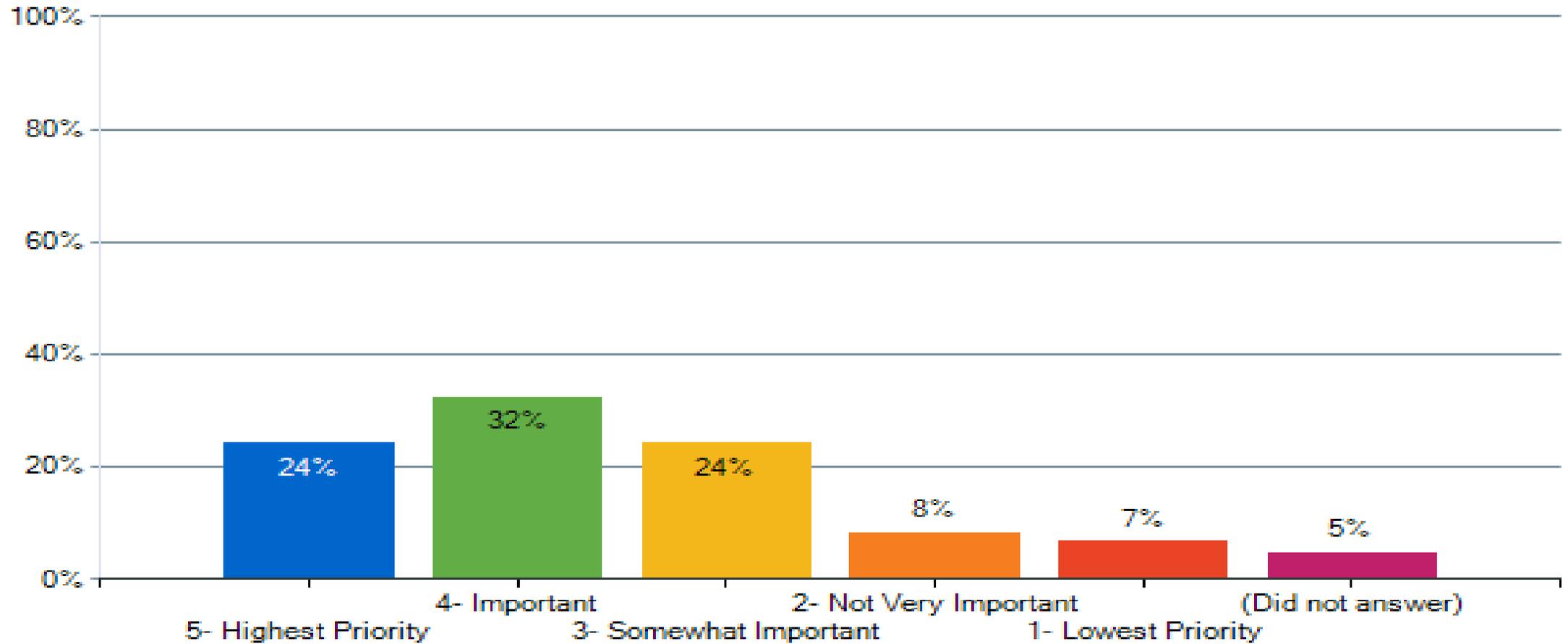


Ending Abortion



186 Responses

Please indicate your view of this resolution as an ISMS priority.



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SR No.	Response No.	Response Text
1	5	I agree with free birth control. I don't agree to ending abortion .
2	13	I agree with the resolved that birth control should be made free, but the title of this resolution is misleading. Making birth control free and more available does not necessarily end abortion, and I firmly believe that women should have control over their bodies and have the right to decide whether they want to be pregnant or not. A woman's access to abortion should not be limited if the fetus is not at a point of viability.
3	20	Does this include minors?
4	23	I favor this resolution in regards to free birth control options, and do agree that prevention is more ideal than abortion, given the physical and emotional toll that abortion may cause. However, abortion access is critical and we are living in a political climate where many policies exist to "end abortion" meaning to ban abortion. To avoid this policy being misconstrued as a harmful abortion ban recommendation, the title should be adapted to represent the ACTUAL goal of the policy -- Preventing Unwanted Pregnancy.
5	27	support for contraceptive coverage should address title 10 funding and confidentiality of access and services for adolescents , and the title of the resolution should not be about abortion
6	29	Suggested revision: Whereas each year people become pregnant when not desired nor wanted; Whereas prevention may be a more acceptable solution to abortion; and Whereas legal provocation and conviction has not led to a decreased usage; therefore be it Resolved that ISMS endorse the provision of free birth control preventatives for all people of reproductive age; and be it further Resolved that a similar resolution be forwarded to the AMA The resolution as currently drafted excludes transgender and nonbinary people (note that nonbinary is a legally recognized gender in Illinois). It is possible for a trans woman and a cisgender woman to initiate pregnancy together. Finally, I feel strongly that we as a medical society should not be using ANY language that advocates for ending abortion. "Preventing unplanned pregnancy" is more descriptive of the resolution's actual contents, and does not suggest that we as a medical society are advocating against medical treatments that can be lifesaving for pregnant people. I do not support this resolution unless the language is updated to 1) reflect existing gender diversity within our patient population and 2) remove any indication that we support "ending" abortion
7	36	While I absolutely support increased access to birth control in all forms, I feel like some of this language is confusing

and could be taken out of context and used for the exact opposite purpose. Starting with the name - "Ending abortion" sounds like an amendment to ban abortion. It would be pertinent to amend the language to highlight Ending the necessity of abortion due to disparities in healthcare access and sexual health resources/education. I fear that taken at face value, this amendment sounds like it is limiting access to medical abortion. Furthermore, some of the language comes across as paternalist/reductionist. Particularly: ISMS advocates sexual abstinence, sexual responsibility and sex education programs for unmarried teens as prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS, and unwanted teenage pregnancy. (HOD 1995; Last BOT Review 2014) Expressly, I believe that the ISMS should NOT lobby for abstinence education and "sexual responsibility" as these terms are both counterproductive to comprehensive health. Sexual health is indeed a part of health as a whole - to argue against sex, or reduce it down to an act of irresponsibility seems inherently patronizing. Such charged language [intentionally or not] implies judgement on the part of providers and the ISMS; judgement should be left out of the decision making process when evaluating health policy. Precision of language is paramount in resolutions that touch on extremely charged/politicized subjects such as abortion and sexual health. Ambiguity/judgmental overtone can leave room for inappropriate interpretation of the medical societies mission.

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| 8 | 43 | Propose changing title to: Preventing unwanted pregnancies |
| 9 | 44 | The title of this resolution is inappropriate. Abortion is a legal medical procedure. Retitle it to something like Improved Access to Contraception. |
| 10 | 50 | Support |
| 11 | 61 | Eliminate the word "free" from the resolve. |
| 12 | 63 | The language here is odd and very broad. |
| 13 | 65 | I oppose this resolution. Continue to support: 1) condemn age-based, cost-based, and other non-medical barriers to contraceptive drug access 2) support equitable access to over-the-counter (OTC) contraceptives, including those forms of contraception recommended for OTC sale, forms of screening, and prescribing by non-physicians 3) prohibit cost-sharing obstacles to OTC contraceptive drug access, and full coverage of all contraception without regard to prescription or OTC utilization, since all contraception is essential preventive health 4) advocate for simpler FDA OTC drug approval applications and registration, as well as regulations that promote access to sufficient varieties of OTC contraception in the marketplace 5) advocate for the legislative and/or regulatory mechanisms needed to grant these improvements to OTC contraceptive drug access and quality care. (HOD 2017) |

14	69	"Ending abortion" is an odd title for this. Perhaps "Coverage of contraceptives" or "Provision of contraceptives"
15	71	How does provision of free birth control equate to "ending abortion"? Is this state society proposed policy aiming to reverse Roe vs. Wade? Preventing pregnancies is not the same as "ending abortion. The ISMS should be reminded that the Constitution of the United States protects a pregnant woman's liberty to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction.
16	73	Agree. Providing free birth control will work as a preventative measure for unwanted pregnancies.
17	75	Nothing is free. Whoever pays has the ability to exert control. Abstinence is the only "free" form of birth control. However menopause may be considered in the same light.
18	76	Absolutely not. I do not believe that this is an appropriate way to end abortion especially since birth control has been proven to have abortifacient activity. https://aaplog.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/FINAL-CO-7-Embryocidal-Potential-of-Modern-Contraception-7.31.20.pdf Also, OCPs have risks that cannot be ignored. Patients need counseling about how and when to take these medications and explanation of the risks involved.
19	77	This resolution sounds misleading- is the ISMS limiting the right of a woman to terminate an unwanted pregnancy? Men and women should have access to contraception, however this legislation suggests that it could be intended to limit women's right.
20	79	That title is very misleading. While I support the birth control initiative, there is going to be a visceral reaction from many if it remains titled "End Abortion." I favor this resolution only and applaud the preventative aspect, but only support it if it does not also seek to limit the availability of abortion as an option to those who seek it.
21	84	I couldn't agree with this more.
22	93	Only in favor of if title is changed.
23	103	I strongly support free contraceptive care, but I take issue with this policy's proposed title, which seems to betray its actual agenda. Abortion is a crucial facet of birth control, and to aim to "end" it is not in line with safe or evidence-based medicine, nor does it appear to be in line with ISMS's past policy adoptions. If this policy aims to endorse free male condom provision, which seems to be the gap in care it aims to fill based on the existing ISMS policies it cites, such a resolution is poorly supported by the whereas statements as written. Furthermore, the cis-normative language employed in line 3 is neither medically sound nor accurate.
24	104	Get rid of the "abortion" cause. Access to safe abortion is a separate issue.

25	111	If they are old enough to copulate they are old enough to buy condoms. Currently it is not excusable to drive through a red light. I don't want to pay for your condoms.
26	114	This is a great proposal that would go a long way to reducing unwanted pregnancies - the title of the resolution is unnecessarily provocative though
27	125	Not again, every year this comes up
28	161	While I strongly support the intention of this resolution, there is no such thing as free medicine.
29	165	Who pays for this. Taxes? They all have funds for other things !!
30	168	This will only cause division. There is no good reason to start this fight in the ISMS. It also dictates coverage choices which may not apply to everyone.
31	173	I support this resolution as a primary prevention strategy to reduce unintended pregnancy. This would significantly diminish the need for voluntary therapeutic pregnancy termination. However, a significant number of pregnancy terminations are therapeutic and are performed because of fetal disorders or maternal medical morbidity. The need for these medical interventions will still exist. Additionally, the term "Abortion" also includes spontaneous abortions and other disorders which result in a pregnancy loss. "Ending " these conditions is a medical impossibility and not the apparent reason for this resolution. Therefore, the title of this resolution and subsequent wording should more accurately reflect the intent of preventing unintended pregnancy and give Illinois residents more control of their reproductive options. Edward S Linn, MD
32	178	I would not title this Resolution: Ending Abortion. Rather, it is providing access to women to control their contraceptive needs (which by the way is the standard in most countries outside of the US).
33	180	Access is the issue not paying for what is a nominal fee. Should probably be non prescription.
34	181	This resolution is poorly researched and strangely worded. I agree that ISMS should advocate for access to free birth control, preferably making it over the counter as it is in some countries. Research shows this will decrease the number of abortions. However, titling this resolution "ending abortion" is extremely misleading. Access to affordable (preferably free) birth control and access to abortion should not be thought of as mutually exclusive. They are both part of comprehensive reproductive healthcare that all women deserve timely, affordable access to.
35	184	What is the position of ACOG on this ? Do we not now have policy on this ? Am surprised if AMA does not already have policy addressing the issue. We should check AMA before mechanically sending this up to them even if we pass it. The title is misleading.

36	186	I think this is a dangerous proposed resolution with faulty reasoning. Many anti abortion activists also consider hormonal abortions to be a "sin" . It also expands the scope of practice of pharmacists , some of whom I assume would not like the responsibility of being solely responsible to determine which women get a morning after pill.
37	194	NO. Misguided. Contraception is widely available and inexpensive. The problem is nonadherence and free product won't really help. To say that this will reduce abortions is conjecture and highly unlikely. More fundamentally, how can we argue that contraception is more important than free insulin, asthma inhalers, etc? It's more sociopolitical than medical.
38	220	are we convinced free birth control is the answer?
39	230	Who will have to pay for this? I do support anything that decreases abortions.
40	231	I do not like that the resolution is entitled ending abortion, but I do favor free birth control