

Results from Count on Mothers' July 2023 Survey on the "Parents Bill of Rights Act"

Count on Mothers **provides legislators with comprehensive first-hand data to help them make more informed decisions.** Each policy that we survey mothers on, across the country and political spectrum, is chosen based on what these surveyed mothers want to address. Every mother is welcomed.

Count on Mothers is proud to share your collective views from the "Parents Bill of Rights Act" survey. In July 2023, 277 Mothers completed the survey and shared their views. We take this aggregate data and share it with Congressional legislators so they are educated on mothers' views on the "Parents Bill of Rights Act."

Methodology

Design

The design is a quantitative, cross-sectional design.

Instrument

Survey questions are constructed based on main tenets of the Parents Bill of Rights Act as well as questions to assess mothers' political ideology and state/ zip code of residence that describe the sample.

Sampling Procedure

Count on Mothers employs both purposive and snowball sampling strategies. Concerted efforts were made to advertise and distribute the survey to as many mothers as possible via Instagram and Google advertisements as well via joining and announcing the survey on a wide array of mothers' Instagram groups – across political affiliation. Additionally, mothers who receive and/ or complete the survey were encouraged to distribute the survey to mothers they believe will be interested in completing the survey.

Sample

277 Mothers completed the survey and reflected a range of political ideologies from very conservative to very liberal. Mothers resided in 42 of 50 states.

Findings

8 in 10 Mothers surveyed believed:

- Parents must have the right to participate in School Board meetings.

7 in 10 Mothers surveyed believed:

- Parents must consent prior to school employees providing a medical examination/ screening to the child (or be informed soon after in case of an emergency).

4 in 10 Mothers surveyed believed:

- Parents must provide consent before allowing a child to change their sex-based accommodations, including locker rooms or bathrooms.

3 in 10 Mothers surveyed believed:

- The "Parents Bill of Rights Act" will have a positive impact on their families.
- Parents must provide consent before their child's preferred gender pronoun is acknowledged by school employees, on any school form.
- Parents must consent prior to school employees assisting the child with mental health/ bullying/ safety issues.

2 in 10 Mothers surveyed believed:

- Parents must have the right to review and provide comments to teachers and other staff on a school's curriculum and books every three weeks at a minimum and over a three day period.

Actionable Insight at a Glance

- This bill contains points of alignment and disagreement among Mothers.
- The majority of Mothers - across the political spectrum - supported parents: 1) participating in School Board Meetings and 2) consenting to their children receiving a medical examination when at all possible.
- However, the majority of Mothers did not support parents consenting: 1) for their children to use the locker rooms or bathrooms of their children's choice, 2) for school employees to address their children by the children's preferred gender pronoun, 3) for school employees to help their children with mental health and related issues – or for parents reviewing teachers' curriculum and books on an every-three week basis.
- Regarding political ideology, conservative and very conservative Mothers tended to be more unified in their responses versus liberal and very liberal Mothers who showed more variability in their answers.
- Overall, the majority of Mothers surveyed did not support the majority of the components of the Parents Bill of Rights with the exceptions noted above.

Bill Component Questions

29% of Mothers believe parents must have the right to review and provide comments to teachers and other staff on a school's curriculum and books every three weeks at a minimum and over a three day period.

Belief	# of Mothers Responding	Percent of Sample
Strongly Agree	55	19.9%
Agree	26	9.4%
Uncertain	26	9.4%
Disagree	59	21.3%
Strongly Disagree	111	40.0%
	277	100.0%

How Mothers answered the above item was split by their political ideologies.

- 81% of Mothers who identified as conservative and 82% who identified as very conservative strongly agreed with this statement. None of the conservative disagreed with this statement.
- In contrast, 49% who identified as liberal and 56% of Mothers who identified as very liberal strongly disagreed with this statement. For this question, there was more variation among liberal and very liberal Mothers with 14% of very liberal Mothers and 12% of liberal Mothers agreeing with conservative Mothers on this statement.

87% of Mothers believe that parents must have the right to participate in School Board meetings.

Belief	# of Mothers Responding	Percent of Sample
Strongly Agree	148	53.4%
Agree	92	33.2%
Uncertain	22	7.9%
Disagree	8	2.9%
Strongly Disagree	7	2.5%
	277	100%

On the above item, the trend showed that Mothers agreed - regardless of their political ideologies. For example,

- 93% of Mothers who identified as conservative and 100% who identified as very conservative strongly agreed with this statement.
- 43% who identified as liberal and 44% of Mothers who identified as very liberal strongly agreed with this statement.

37% of Mothers believe parents must provide consent before their child's preferred gender pronoun is acknowledged by school employees, on any school form.

Belief	# of Mothers Responding	Percent of Sample
Strongly Agree	73	26.4%
Agree	28	10.1%
Unsure	22	7.9%
Disagree	58	20.9%
Strongly Disagree	96	34.7%
	277	100.0%

How Mothers answered the above item was split by their political ideologies.

- 93% of Mothers who identified as conservative and 100% who identified as very conservative strongly agreed with this statement. Virtually, all conservative Mothers agreed with this issue.
- In contrast, 52% of Mothers who identified as liberal and 27% of Mothers who identified as very liberal strongly disagreed with this statement. For this question, there was more variation among liberal and very liberal Mothers with 14% of very liberal Mothers and 21% of liberal Mothers agreeing with conservative Mothers on this statement.

44% of Mothers believe parents must provide consent before allowing a child to change their sex-based accommodations, including locker rooms or bathrooms.

Belief	# of Mothers Responding	Percent of Sample
Strongly Agree	80	28.9%
Agree	44	15.9%
Unsure	43	15.5%
Disagree	47	17.0%
Strongly Disagree	63	22.7%
	277	100.0%

How Mothers answered the above item was split by their political ideologies.

- 96% of Mothers who identified as conservative and 100% who identified as very conservative strongly agreed with this statement. All conservative Mothers agreed with this issue.
- In contrast, 26% who identified as liberal and 46% of Mothers who identified as very liberal strongly disagreed with this statement. For this question, there was more variation among liberal and very liberal Mothers with 17% of very liberal Mothers and 29% of liberal Mothers agreeing with conservative Mothers on this statement.

78% of Mothers believe parents must consent prior to school employees providing a medical examination/ screening to the child (or be informed soon after in case of an emergency).

Belief	# of Mothers Responding	Percent of Sample
Strongly Agree	123	44.4%
Agree	85	30.7%
Unsure	30	10.8%
Disagree	24	8.7%
Strongly Disagree	15	5.4%
	277	100.0%

On the above item, the trend showed that Mothers largely agreed - regardless of their political ideologies. For example,

- 95% of Mothers who identified as conservative and 100% who identified as very conservative strongly agreed with this statement. All conservative Mothers agreed with this issue.
- In contrast, 25% who identified as liberal and 34% of Mothers who identified as very liberal strongly agreed with this statement. When considering those who agreed (versus strongly agreed) with this statement, 86% of liberal Mothers agreed. Still, over one third of liberal and very liberal Mothers (35%) disagreed with this statement.

36% of Mothers believe parents must consent prior to school employees assisting the child with mental health/ bullying/ safety issues.

Belief	# of Mothers Responding	Percent of Sample
Strongly Agree	66	23.8%
Agree	34	12.3%
Unsure	15	5.4%
Disagree	83	30.0%
Strongly Disagree	79	28.5%
	277	100.0%

How Mothers answered the above item was split by their political ideologies.

- 78% of Mothers who identified as conservative and 91% who identified as very conservative strongly agreed with this statement. The large majority of conservative and very conservative Mothers agreed with this statement.
- In contrast, 31% who identified as liberal and 44% of Mothers who identified as very liberal strongly disagreed with this statement. There was variation on this issue among liberal and very liberal Mothers with 24% of very liberal Mothers and 20% of liberal Mothers agreeing conservative Mothers on this statement.

39% of Mothers believe the "Parents Bill of Rights Act" will have a positive impact on their family.

Belief	# of Mothers Responding	Percent of Sample
Yes	94	39.2%
No	146	60.8%
	240	100.0%

How Mothers answered the above item was split by their political ideologies.

- 93% of Mothers who identified as conservative and 82% who identified as very conservative agreed with this statement.
- In contrast, 68% who identified as liberal and 63% of Mothers who identified as very liberal disagreed with this statement.

Political Ideology Question

In the overall sample, 39% of Mothers identify as Liberal while 27% of Mothers identify as Moderate and 9% of Mothers identify as Conservative.

Count on Mothers is committed to representing Mothers of all political ideologies on issues so that Congress can be informed. We look to national data to see how comparable the range of political ideology is in our sample.

While no national data was found on mothers' political ideologies, the closest data reflects women's political ideologies. According to the Gallup Poll (2021), 29% of women identified as Liberal, 37% of women identified as Moderate, and 32% of women identified as Conservative. Count on Mothers will continue to recruit Mothers to complete our surveys in order for our sample to closely mirror national trends.

	# of Mothers Responding	Percent of Sample
Very Liberal	39	14.1%
Liberal	107	38.8%
Moderate	75	27.2%
Conservative	26	9.4%
Very Conservative	22	8.0%
Other	7	2.5%
	276	100.0%

State of Residence Question

Mothers reside in 42 states. The states that have the most representation are California (56), Oregon (23), New York (19), Florida (13), North Carolina (11), and Texas (11).

Future Legislative Focus

These two additional top legislative issues should be the focus of future Count on Mothers' surveys.

- Gun Violence
- Schools