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NEW Poll: Overwhelming Majority of Georgia Voters Back Female-Only Sports and Private Spaces

U.S. Senators from Georgia Vote Against Protecting Women's Sports

ATLANTA – Georgia voters overwhelmingly support female-only sports and private spaces, reveals [a new poll](#) conducted by SurveyUSA on behalf of the Independent Council on Women's Sports (ICONS). A staggering **89% of respondents** said it is *very important* (76%) or *somewhat important* (13%) that women and girls in their communities have access to female-only sports and changing facilities.

“Men in women’s sports is the defining issue of our day because it’s a public betrayal of women,” said ICONS Co-Founder and former Stanford All-American **Kim Jones**. “The awareness is too big; the frustration is mounting and the issue is too visible. The poll numbers show how critical this issue is to voters, and the public is demanding we stand up for women and girls.”

Some **81% of respondents** said female athletes entering the women’s or girls’ category should face female opponents only. Additionally, **84% of respondents** said only female athletes should shower and change in the women’s and girls’ locker room. SurveyUSA interviewed more than a thousand registered voters across the state of Georgia for their views on women’s sports and locker rooms. Respondents represented a wide range of demographics including different age brackets, political leanings, as well as minority Black, Hispanic, and LGBTQ+ identifying voters in every bracket.

Still, U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff (D-GA) and U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock (D-GA) opposed their state constituents on March 3 and [voted against](#) federal legislation to clarify protections for women’s sports. The bill known as S. 9, *The Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act*, was written to ensure women’s sports are for female athletes only.

“Trust in elected officials is eroding for those who are unwilling to legislate and ensure that men cannot participate in women’s sports,” Jones said. “No one is being fooled and every poll is reflecting it.”

In 2024, Riley Gaines and 18 female athletes [filed a lawsuit](#) in Atlanta’s federal court against the NCAA, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, Georgia Tech and its President Angel Cabrera. The school hosted the 2022 NCAA Swimming & Diving Championships where a male athlete, Lia Thomas, competed and won a national title in the women’s category. He was also present and undressed in the women’s locker room where female athletes were undressing and preparing for their races.

“Georgia voters mirror the nation,” said **Kara Dansky, JD**, a lifelong Democrat and author of *The Reckoning: How the Democrats and the Left Betrayed Women and Girls*. A bombshell [New York Times poll](#) conducted in January 2025 revealed **79% of the nation** supports a separate sex category for female athletes. Georgia now shockingly exceeds that percentage. “Large majorities, including most Democrats, agree that women and girls deserve our own sports and spaces,” Dansky said. “Senators Ossoff and Warnock, along with the other Senate Democrats, are far out of step not just with Georgians overall, but with Democrats in general.”

Despite an Executive Order issued in January 2025 from President Donald Trump, some states have defied the order and federal Title IX law. National governing sports bodies like the NCAA have also yet to implement a policy aligning with the Executive Order to protect female athletes competing in the women’s and girls’ sports category.

ICONS is a non-partisan international network of athletes and their allies dedicated to protecting fair and safe play in women’s sports.

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