

LOS ANGELES TIMES POLL #176 National Survey/March 3–10, 1989

Abortion

METHODOLOGY

This Los Angeles Times poll is the one hundred seventy-sixth in a series of opinion studies designed to measure public attitudes on a number of critical issues. This particular survey focuses on attitudes about abortion.

The sampling frame for this survey is all telephone residences in the nation, including the states of Alaska and Hawaii. Two thousand four hundred six men and women 18 years of age or older were contacted by telephone during the eight days ending March 10, 1989. Replies were weighted to take into account household size and times at home and to adjust for variations in the sample relating to geographic residence, age, gender, employment, race, and education. Telephone numbers were generated by computer randomly within strata to insure that both listed and unlisted households were properly included in the sample.

In addition, an oversample of 1,177 women was drawn for this study by selecting all telephone residences in the nation and speaking to randomly-selected respondents only if they were women. Responses from the national sample and the oversample were weighted according to the relative probability of their selection within the sample.

The margin of error for this sample was four percentage points in either direction.

Readers are reminded that, since survey research normally questions only a small proportion of the population, one must allow a certain margin for error. When considering all of the responses to a study such as this, percentages with less than six points between them would not normally be regarded as statistically significant at the 95% confidence level. For the 2,533 women interviewed, the chances are approximately 95 in 100 that differences of more than six percentage points are real and not due to chance alone.

Confidence limits for subgroups may, of course, be larger. For example, results based on the 198 women who admitteed having abortions will have a sampling error of no more than ten percentage points in either direction from what would have been obtained by interviewing every adult in the population in the same way.

Respondents were considered to have participated in abortions if they told interviewers that the result of the unwanted pregnancy was abortion in Question 92, or said they had been involved in an abortion at least once as the father or mother in Question 94, or if they admitted in later questioning to having had an abortion after first denying that fact in either of the above questions. Because of these criteria, ten percent of respondents denied having been involved in an unwanted or dangerous pregnancy even though they admitted to having had an abortion. Also, one percent of respondents said they had never been involved in an abortion even though they said abortion was the result of an unwanted or life-threatening pregnancy.

Surveys of this kind are sometimes subject to different kinds of inaccuracies for which precise estimates cannot be calculated and which may, in some cases, be even larger than the effects associated with sampling procedures. For example, findings may be influenced by events which take place while the survey is in the field and, of course, events occurring since the time the interviews were conducted could have changed the opinions reported here. Undetected flaws in the way the sampling and interviewing procedure were carried out could have a significant effect on the findings. Changing the wording of questions and the sequence in which they are asked can produce different results. Sometimes questions are inadvertently biased or misleading. And people who responded to the survey may not necessarily replicate the views of those who refused to be interviewed or who could not be found at home during the time the survey was conducted. Moreover, while every precaution has been taken to make these findings completely accurate, other errors may have resulted from the various practical difficulties associated with taking any survey of public opinion.

At the time this survey was conducted I. A. Lewis was the director of the Los Angeles Times Poll, which was conducted under the general supervision of John Brownell, assistant managing editor. Susan Pinkus was the assistant director of the poll, Roger Richardson was the field supervisor, Jill Milburn was the systems analyst and Claudia Vaughn was the data coordinator.

Further information regarding this study is available by writing to the Los Angeles Times Poll, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, California 90053, or by calling (213) 237-2027.

This report conforms to the standards of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls and the American Association for Public Opinion Research.

SURVEY RESULTS

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as president? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	-ABORT	'ION-	HAD	ED	UCATIO	N		INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	NORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
APP/STR	18	23	14	16	18	24	17	21	22	20
APP/SOM	41	35	32	37	36	37	28	39	40	36
DIS/SOM	9	12	14	11	10	10	13	10	11	10
DIS/STR	8	4	10	6	6	5	7	5	4	6
NOT SURE	23	24	28	28	28	22	33	23	22	26
REFUSED	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
COMBINED	RESPONS	ES FRO	M ABOV	Ε:						
APPROVE	59	57	45	53	55	61	45	60	62	56
DISAPPR	17	16	25	17	16	15	20	15	14	16
D/KNOW	24	27	30	30	29	24	35	25	24	28

9. And looking back over the last eight years, do you approve or disapprove of the way Ronald Reagan handled his job as president? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	-ABORT	ION-	HAD	EDUCATION			INCOME			
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
APP/STR	30	32	25	26	29	35	21	30	37	30
APP/SOM	30	28	23	28	31	29	25	31	30	29
DIS/SOM	14	18	20	20	16	14	21	16	14	16
DIS/STR	24	16	26	19	19	20	24	19	17	20
NOT SURE	2	5	6	6	4	2	8	3	2	4
REFUSED	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
COMBINED	RESPONS	ES FRO	M ABOV	Ε:						
APPROVE	60	59	48	54	60	64	47	61	67	59
DISAPPR	38	35	47	39	35	33	45	35	31	36
D/KNOW	2	6	5	7	5	3	8	4	2	5

20. Generally speaking, are you in favor of the death penalty for persons convicted of murder, or are you opposed to that - or haven't you heard enough about that yet to say? (IF IN FAVOR OR OPPOSED) Is that (in favor/opposed) strongly or (in favor/opposed) somewhat?

	-ABOR	TION-	HAD	EI	DUCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO) HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
N/AWARE	2	4	5	7	3	2	6	3	3	4
FAV/STR	52	46	50	44	52	46	43	50	51	48
FAV/SOM	22	19	19	16	21	24	21	20	22	21
OPP/SOM	5	9	8	10	6	8	7	8	7	8
OPP/STR	12	11	13	9	8	13	10	11	10	10
NOT SURE	6	9	4	11	8	6	10	7	6	8
REFUSED	1	2	1	3	2	1	3	1	1	1
COMBINED	RESPON	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Έ:						
N/AWARE	2	4	4	7	3	2	6	3	3	4
FAVOR	74	65	69	60	73	70	64	69	73	69
OPPOSE	17	20	21	20	14	22	18	19	17	18
D/KNOW	7	11	6	13	10	6	12	9	7	9

21. Generally speaking, would you say the nation is undergoing a period of moral improvement, or a period of moral decline? (ACCEPT "NEITHER" OR "BOTH" AS A VOLUNTARY RESPONSE)

	-ABORT	ΓΙΟΝ-	HAD	EI	DUCATIO	ON		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO) HS GI	R MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
IMPROVE	25	19	24	20	21	28	19	23	27	23
NEITHER	5	5	6	5	4	7	5	4	7	5
DECLINE	64	68	63	64	69	58	64	68	60	64
BOTH	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2
NOT SURE	4	5	5	9	4	5	10	4	3	6
REFUSED	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

22. When you hear about some dispute between a business and a labor union, do you find that you usually sympathize more with the business, or more with the labor union, or do you sympathize about equally with both? (IF SYMPATHIZE WITH BUSINESS OR LABOR) Do you almost always take that side or do you usually take that side?

	-ABORT	CION-	HAD	EI	DUCATIO	N		-INCOME	:	
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO	HS GR	NORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
ALW/BUS	8	6	4	4	5	11	3	7	9	7
USU/BUS	18	13	13	14	12	19	9	15	20	14
EQUALLY	45	51	50	49	53	45	51	50	47	49
USU/LAB	16	18	21	17	17	15	18	16	16	17
ALW/LAB	9	5	9	7	7	5	8	7	5	6
NOT SURE	3	6	3	8	5	4	10	4	3	6
REFUSED	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
COMBINED	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Έ:						
BUSINESS	26	19	17	18	16	29	11	22	29	21
EQUALLY	45	51	50	49	53	46	52	50	46	49
LABOR	25	23	30	24	25	20	27	23	21	23
D/KNOW	4	7	3	9	6	5	10	5	4	7

23. Do you think that sometimes you have to make other people do things for their own good... or do you think that what people do is their own business, just so long as they don't hurt anyone but themselves?

	-ABORT	rion-	HAD	ED	DUCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC) HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
MAKE	35	39	36	35	33	37	28	36	41	35
LET	60	54	59	57	61	56	63	58	54	58
NOT SURE	4	6	4	7	5	6	8	5	5	6
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1

24. There has been much talk recently about changing women's status in society today. On the whole, do you favor or oppose most of the efforts to strengthen and change women's status in society today? ((WAIT FOR REPLY) Do you feel strongly about that, or not so strongly?

	-ABORT	-NOI	HAD	EI	DUCATIO	N		-INCOME	:	
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO) HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
FAV/STR	47	28	60	28	38	48	30	39	45	38
FAV/SOM	35	37	26	34	37	33	35	36	35	35
OPP/SOM	8	14	7	14	9	8	13	11	7	10
OPP/STR	4	9	2	10	6	5	8	6	6	7
NOT SURE	5	10	5	13	9	5	13	7	6	9
REFUSED	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

FAVOR	82	65	85	61	75	81	65	75	80	73
OPPOSE	12	23	10	24	15	13	21	17	13	17
D/KNOW	6	12	5	15	10	6	14	8	7	10

25. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "It is much better for everyone involved if the man is the achiever outside the home and the woman takes care of the home and the family." Do you agree or disagree with that? ((WAIT FOR REPLY) Is that (agree/disagree) strongly or (agree/disagree) somewhat?

	-ABORT	TION-	HAD	EDUCATION-			INCOME			
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
AGR/STR	16	31	16	34	21	15	31	22	16	23
AGR/SOM	14	22	14	14	20	17	21	16	16	18
DIS/SOM	23	20	21	19	25	23	18	23	25	22
DIS/STR	42	22	48	25	31	41	24	35	39	33
NOT SURE	4	4	1	7	3	3	6	3	3	4
REFUSED	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
COMBINED :	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Ε:						
AGREE	30	53	30	49	41	32	52	37	32	40
DISAGREE	65	42	69	44	56	64	42	59	64	55
D/KNOW	5	5	1	7	3	4	6	4	4	5

26. Do you believe that motherhood must always be a woman's most important and satisfying role, or do you believe that motherhood can sometimes keep a woman from fulfilling her true potential in life? ((WAIT FOR REPLY) Do you feel strongly about that, or not so strongly?

	-ABORT	TION-	HAD	EI	DUCATIO	N		-INCOME	 -	
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC) HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
SAT/STR	25	38	22	40	29	22	33	29	26	30
SAT/NOT	11	16	10	16	13	12	13	12	15	13
BURD/NOT	27	20	30	19	25	28	22	27	25	25
BURD/STR	26	14	24	14	19	25	17	19	22	19
NOT/SURE	9	10	12	10	12	11	14	11	9	11
REFUSED	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	3	2
COMBINED :	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	E:						
SATIS	36	54	33	56	42	33	46	41	41	43
BURDEN	52	34	53	33	44	53	40	46	47	44
NOT SURE	12	12	14	11	14	14	14	13	12	13

27. Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of homosexual rights — or haven't you heard enough about that yet to say? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Is that (approve/disapprove) strongly or (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	-ABORT	ΓΙΟΝ-	HAD	ED	UCATIO	7—		-INCOME	:	
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
N/AWARE	11	10	7	17	11	11	16	11	11	13
APR/STR	21	6	23	7	11	19	8	12	17	12
APR/SOM	26	9	32	13	15	21	12	17	21	16
DIS/SOM	6	12	5	8	8	10	7	8	12	9
DIS/STR	28	56	26	49	44	32	47	44	32	42
NOT SURE	7	5	5	5	9	6	8	7	5	7
REFUSED	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1
COMBINED 1	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Έ:						
N/AWARE	11	10	7	16	11	11	16	11	11	12
APPROVE	47	15	55	20	26	40	20	29	38	29
DISAP	34	68	31	58	52	42	54	52	44	51
D/KNOW	8	7	7	6	11	7	10	8	7	8

41. Some people say they would vote against a political candidate if he or she took what they considered to be the wrong stand on abortion. How about you? Is the abortion issue so important to you that you would switch your vote from your original choice and vote for somebody else because you disagreed on abortion, or not?

	-ABORT	rion-	HAD	ED	UCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
YES	30	46	41	33	32	31	35	31	29	32
NO	65	44	52	54	61	62	52	62	66	59
NOT SURE	5	9	7	11	7	6	12	6	5	8
REFUSED	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	1

42. Generally speaking, do you think a political candidate's position on abortion — whatever it may be — is an important factor in deciding whether or not to vote for that candidate or not?

	-ABOR	CION-	HAD	EI	DUCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC) HS GR	NORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
YES	41	61	57	39	43	48	44	44	43	44
NO	57	34	41	51	54	49	47	53	55	51
NOT SURE	2	5	2	9	3	2	8	3	2	4
REFUSED	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1

43. Generally speaking, do you think that making abortion illegal will reduce the number of abortions in the United States, or not?

	-ABOR	rion-	HAD	HAD —EDUCATION—			INCOME				
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GF	R MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL	
YES	23	45	29	30	30	33	29	31	34	31	
NO	72	47	70	60	64	63	60	64	63	62	
NOT SURE	4	7	1	9	5	4	10	5	2	6	
REFUSED	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	

44. What is your impression of Pro-Abortion movement leaders? As of today, is it very favorable, or somewhat favorable, or somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable — or haven't you heard enough about them yet to say?

	-ABOR	rion-	HAD	ED	UCATIO	N		-INCOME	 -	
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
N/AWARE	25	28	24	37	33	23	37	31	24	31
V/FAV	18	2	17	5	7	11	7	6	11	8
S/FAV	28	12	24	13	17	25	13	21	22	19
S/UNFAV	12	22	15	16	18	21	15	17	23	18
V/UNFAV	10	28	14	20	16	14	20	16	14	16
NOT SURE	7	7	4	8	8	6	8	8	5	7
REFUSED	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	1
COMBINED	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Ε:						
N/AWARE	25	28	24	37	33	23	37	31	24	31
FAVORABL	46	26 14	41	18	24	36	19	27	33	26
UNFAVOR	22	50	29	36	34	34	35	33	37	35
D/KNOW	7	8	6	9	9	7	9	9	6	8

45. What is your impression of Anti-Abortion movement leaders? As of today, is it very favorable, or somewhat favorable, or somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable — or haven't you heard enough about them yet to say?

	-ABOR	TION-	HAD	EI	DUCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO) HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
N/AWARE	15	26	20	32	28	15	34	24	17	25
V/FAV	3	18	8	9	9	8	12	7	8	9
S/FAV	9	22	8	13	15	17	13	16	18	15
S/UNFAV	28	17	25	15	23	29	16	25	25	22
V/UNFAV	39	10	35	20	16	26	16	21	26	21
NOT SURE	6	7	3	10	8	4	9	6	5	7
REFUSED	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
COMBINED	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Ε:						
N/AWARE	15	26	20	32	28	15	34	24	17	25
FAVORABL	12	40	16	23	25	25	25	23	26	24
UNFAVOR	67	27	60	35	39	55	32	46	52	43
D/KNOW	6	7	4	10	8	5	9	7	5	8

46. Is the subject of abortion the kind of thing you have great difficulty talking about, or some difficulty, or little difficulty, or would you say that the subject of abortion is the kind of thing you would have hardly any difficulty talking about?

	-ABORT	rion-	HAD	EI	DUCATIO	N		-INCOME	 -	
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC) HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
GREAT	5	4	2	10	4	2	6	5	3	5
SOME	7	9	12	9	10	7	10	10	6	9
LITTLE	15	13	13	10	16	15	13	17	14	14
HARD/ANY	72	72	73	67	69	75	68	68	76	70
NOT SURE	1	1	0	3	1	1	2	0	1	1
REFUSED	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
COMBINED 1	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Ε:						
SOME	11	13	14	19	14	9	16	14	9	14
LITTLE	87	85	86	77	85	90	81	85	90	84
D/KNOW	2	2	0	4	1	1	3	1	1	2

47. Generally speaking, are you in favor of abortion, or are you opposed to it, or are you indifferent on the subject — or haven't you heard enough about it yet to say? (IF IN FAVOR OR OPPOSED) Is that (in favor/opposed) strongly or (in favor/opposed) somewhat?

	-ABORT	rion-	HAD	ED	UCATIO	N	INCOME			
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
N/AWARE	0	0	0	7	3	1	6	2	2	3
FAV/STR	50	0	44	13	15	23	13	17	22	17
FAV/SOM	50	0	21	12	16	22	11	19	20	17
INDIFF	0	0	16	18	21	14	17	19	17	18
OPP/SOM	0	32	6	11	14	13	13	13	13	13
OPP/STR	0	68	10	34	27	23	35	26	21	27
NOT SURE	0	0	2	5	4	3	5	4	4	4
REFUSED	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
COMBINED	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Ε:						
FAVOR	100	0	64	25	31	45	24	36	42	34
OPPOSE	0	100	17	45	41	36	48	39	34	40
NO/OPIN	0	0	19	30	28	19	28	25	24	26

48. Would you say you are very concerned about the abortion issue, or somewhat concerned, or somewhat unconcerned, or very unconcerned about the abortion issue.

	-ABORT	TION-	HAD	EI	UCATIO)N		-INCOME	:	
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GF	R MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
V/CON	26	37	38	24	23	31	25	25	28	26
S/CON	51	47	50	38	52	50	42	51	50	47
S/UNCON	18	11	6	25	17	15	20	19	17	19
V/UNCON	3	3	6	6	7	3	8	4	4	5
NOT SURE	2	2	0	6	1	1	5	1	1	3
REFUSED	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
COMBINED	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Ε:						
CONCERN	77	84	87	62	75	81	67	76	78	73
NOT/CON	21	14	12	31	24	18	27	23	21	24
D/KNOW	2	2	1	7	1	1	6	1	1	3

49. Generally speaking, are you in favor of the Supreme Court decision which permits a woman to get an abortion from a doctor at any time within the first three months of her pregnancy, or are you opposed to that, or are you indifferent on the subject — or haven't you heard enough about that yet to say? (IF IN FAVOR OR OPPOSED) Is that (in favor/opposed) strongly or (in favor/opposed) somewhat?

	-ABOR	rion-	HAD	EI	—EDUCATION— ——INCOME——					
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
N/AWARE	3	4	2	5	7	4	7	6	3	5
FAV/STR	60	3	56	21	25	36	20	27	34	27
FAV/SOM	24	10	13	13	20	22	16	21	19	19
INDIFF	4	8	7	10	12	7	11	12	8	10
OPP/SOM	3	20	8	13	12	10	12	11	12	11
OPP/STR	4	52	9	34	22	18	31	21	21	24
NOT SURE	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	3
REFUSED	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
COMBINED	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Ε:						
FAVOR	84	13	69	34	44	58	36	48	54	46
OPPOSE	7	72	16	47	34	28	43	32	32	35
NO/OPIN	9	15	15	19	22	14	21	20	14	19

50. As you know, the Bush Administration has asked the Supreme Court to strike down its Roe versus Wade decision which essentially supports abortion. If the Court complies, will that make you more likely to support the Bush Administration, or less likely to support it, or will that have no effect on your support for the Bush Administration.

	-ABORT	ΓΙΟΝ-	HAD	EI	DUCATIO)N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO	HS GR	R MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
MORE/SUP	4	33	8	17	15	15	16	16	15	15
NO/EFF	56	52	45	59	64	56	56	63	60	60
LESS/SUP	36	9	41	14	17	27	18	18	22	19
NOT SURE	3	5	4	9	3	2	9	3	2	5
REFUSED	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	1

51. If the Supreme Court overturns its Roe versus Wade decision, will that make you more likely to support the Democrats in the next election, or less likely to support the Democrats, or will that have no effect on your vote in the next election.

	-ABORT	rion-	HAD	ED	UCATI	ON		-INCOME	 -	
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS G	R MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
MORE/SUP	27	5	31	14	10	16	10	14	15	13
NO/EFF	65	73	59	67	77	73	71	74	75	73
LESS/SUP	3	12	5	6	7	6	6	7	7	7
NOT SURE	4	9	5	11	5	4	12	4	3	6
REFUSED	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	1

52. Generally speaking, are you in favor of using public funds for abortions when the mother cannot afford it, or are you opposed to that? (IF IN FAVOR OR OPPOSED) Is that (in favor/opposed) strongly or (in favor/opposed) somewhat? (ACCEPT "HAVEN'T HEARD ENOUGH" AND "INDIFFERENT" AS VOLUNTEERED RESPONSES)

	-ABORT	TION-	HAD	EI	DUCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO) HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
N/AWARE	1	1	0	2	2	1	3	2	1	2
FAV/STR	34	5	38	15	15	22	14	18	20	17
FAV/SOM	30	10	26	18	20	26	18	20	26	21
INDIFF	3	1	0	2	3	3	3	2	3	3
OPP/SOM	16	20	14	19	23	17	19	23	17	20
OPP/STR	13	57	19	36	32	28	36	31	29	32
NOT SURE	3	5	3	7	5	3	7	4	4	5
REFUSED	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
COMBINED	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Έ:						
FAVOR	64	15	63	33	35	47	32	38	46	38
OPPOSE	29	78	33	55	55	45	55	54	46	52
NO/OPIN	7	7	4	12	10	8	13	8	8	10

53. Generally speaking, are you in favor of wiping out nationwide standards about abortion and permitting each state to decide whether abortions are legal within its own boundaries, or are you opposed to that? (IF IN FAVOR OR OPPOSED) Is that (in favor/opposed) strongly or (in favor/opposed) somewhat?

	-ABORT	ΓΙΟΝ-	HAD	EI	UCATIO:	N		INCOME LESS \$20K- MORE T		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
N/AWARE	2	2	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	2
FAV/STR	18	14	20	19	15	12	18	16	12	15
FAV/SOM	16	17	17	17	23	16	19	19	21	19
INDIFF	4	3	3	6	4	4	3	7	3	5
OPP/SOM	20	17	12	16	19	20	17	18	20	18
OPP/STR	34	38	42	27	29	39	27	31	37	32
NOT SURE	6	8	5	11	8	5	12	6	5	8
REFUSED	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	1
COMBINED	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Ε:						
FAVOR	34	31	37	36	38	29	37	35	33	34
OPPOSE	54	55	55	42	48	59	44	49	57	50
NO/OPIN	12	14	8	22	14	12	19	16	10	16

54. A new abortion pill, called R-U 486, has been developed in France that can be purchased at a drugstore with a doctor's prescription and is 95 percent effective during the first seven weeks of pregnancy. Generally speaking, would you be in favor of such a pill if it were available here in America, or would you be opposed to that? (IF IN FAVOR OR OPPOSED) Is that (in favor/opposed) strongly or (in favor/opposed) somewhat? (ACCEPT "HAVEN'T HEARD ENOUGH" AND "INDIFFERENT" AS VOLUNTEERED RESPONSES)

	-ABORT	rion-	HAD	EI	DUCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO) HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
N/AWARE	9	3	4	7	5	7	6	7	7	6
FAV/STR	36	4	37	17	15	21	13	18	21	18
FAV/SOM	18	6	20	11	15	16	12	15	16	14
INDIFF	2	2	0	3	3	2	3	3	2	3
OPP/SOM	11	14	14	13	15	13	14	14	13	14
OPP/STR	18	66	23	43	39	34	45	37	34	39
NOT SURE	6	5	2	6	7	7	7	6	6	6
REFUSED	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
COMBINED	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Έ:						
FAVOR	54	9	57	28	31	37	25	33	37	32
OPPOSE	28	80	37	56	54	47	59	51	48	52
NO/OPIN	18	11	6	16	15	16	16	16	15	16

55. Generally speaking, are you in favor of abortion when it is used as a form of birth control, or are you opposed to that? (IF IN FAVOR OR OPPOSED) Is that (in favor/opposed) strongly or (in favor/opposed) somewhat? (ACCEPT "HAVEN'T HEARD ENOUGH" AND "INDIFFERENT" AS VOLUNTEERED RESPONSES)

	-ABORT	TION-	HAD	EI	UCATIO	N	INCOME			
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
N/AWARE	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
FAV/STR	12	3	8	7	5	6	8	5	6	6
FAV/SOM	11	3	9	7	5	9	6	7	9	7
INDIFF	3	1	2	4	3	2	2	3	2	3
OPP/SOM	22	13	19	18	19	17	16	22	16	18
OPP/STR	50	78	61	59	64	63	63	59	65	62
NOT SURE	2	2	1	4	3	2	4	3	2	3
REFUSED	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
COMBINED	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Ε:						
FAVOR	22	5	17	14	10	16	14	12	15	13
OPPOSE	72	91	80	77	83	80	79	81	81	80
NO/OPIN	6	4	3	9	7	4	7	7	4	7

56. Generally speaking, are you in favor of requiring a woman to get the consent of the natural father before she has an abortion, or are you opposed to that? (IF IN FAVOR OR OPPOSED) Is that (in favor/opposed) strongly or (in favor/opposed) somewhat? (ACCEPT "HAVEN'T HEARD ENOUGH" AND "INDIFFERENT" AS VOLUNTEERED RESPONSES)

	-ABORT	rion-	HAD	EI	DUCATIO)N		INCOME	:	
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO	HS GR	NORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
N/AWARE	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1
FAV/STR	23	48	18	42	37	28	41	35	31	36
FAV/SOM	15	19	16	14	19	17	17	18	18	17
INDIFF	2	2	1	3	2	3	3	2	2	2
OPP/SOM	21	11	20	15	17	20	15	16	21	17
OPP/STR	33	13	43	19	16	26	15	23	22	20
NOT SURE	5	6	2	5	7	5	8	5	3	6
REFUSED	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	1

FAVOR	38	67	34	56	56	46	58	53	49	53
OPPOSE	54	23	63	34	33	45	30	39	43	37
NO/OPIN	8	10	3	10	11	9	12	8	8	10

57. Generally speaking, are you in favor of an amendment to the United States Constitution that would prohibit abortions, or are you opposed to that? (IF IN FAVOR OR OPPOSED) Is that (in favor/opposed) strong-ly or (in favor/opposed) somewhat? (ACCEPT "HAVEN'T HEARD ENOUGH" AND "INDIFFERENT" AS VOLUNTEERED RESPONS-ES)

	-ABORT	ΓΙΟΝ-	HAD	ED	UCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
N/AWARE	2	2	0	4	1	1	2	2	2	2
FAV/STR	5	42	10	25	20	16	25	19	17	20
FAV/SOM	2	15	2	9	9	6	9	8	8	8
INDIFF	1	2	2	4	2	2	4	2	1	2
OPP/SOM	18	16	18	21	23	17	22	22	17	21
OPP/STR	70	16	66	30	39	54	29	43	52	42
NOT SURE	2	7	1	7	6	4	9	4	3	5
REFUSED	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COMBINED 1	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	E:						
FAVOR	7	57	12	34	29	23	34	27	25	28
OPPOSE	89	32	84	51	62	71	51	65	69	62
NO/OPIN	4	11	4	15	9	6	15	8	6	10

58. Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if there is a strong chance of serious defect in the baby.

	-ABORT	CION-	HAD	EI	DUCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
YES	90	58	91	69	76	77	70	76	76	74
NO	5	32	3	20	15	16	19	17	15	17
NOT SURE	4	10	3	10	8	6	10	6	8	8
REFUSED	1	0	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

59. Should a pregnant woman be able to get a legal abortion, or not, if she is married and does not want any more children?

	-ABORT	rion-	HAD	ED	UCATIO	ON		——INCOME—— LESS \$20K- MORE 26 36 46 63 55 47 11 8 6 0 1 1		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GI	R MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
YES	63	9	67	28	35	44	26	36	46	36
NO	28	86	29	61	57	46	63	55	47	54
NOT SURE	8	4	2	10	8	9	11	8	6	9
REFUSED	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	1

60. How about when a woman's health is seriously endangered by a pregnancy? Do you think it should, or should not, be possible for a woman to obtain a legal abortion in that case?

	-ABORT	CION-	HAD	ED	UCATIO	N		INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
YES	97	79	95	85	88	92	84	90	92	88
NO	2	12	1	9	7	5	9	6	5	6
NOT SURE	1	8	4	5	5	3	7	3	3	5
REFUSED	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1

61. Should a pregnant woman be able to obtain a legal abortion if the family has a very low income and cannot afford any more children, or not?

	-ABORT	ΓΙΟΝ-	HAD	EI	UCATIO)N				
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	NORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
VIII.C	71	10	7.0	20	39	47	25	40	40	41
YES	/ 1	12	76	38	39	4/	33	42	48	41
NO	21	81	19	52	53	43	55	48	44	49
NOT SURE	7	7	5	9	8	9	10	9	7	9
REFUSED	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1

62. If a woman became pregnant as the result of a rape or incest, should it be possible for a woman to obtain a legal abortion, or not?

	-ABORT	TION-	HAD	ED	UCATIO)N		-INCOME	:	
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GF	R MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
YES	96	68	94	78	86	87	79	86	87	84
NO	3	21	4	14	8	10	14	10	8	10
NOT SURE	1	11	1	7	6	3	7	4	5	6
REFUSED	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

63. If an unmarried woman who is pregnant does not want to marry the man, should she be able to get a legal abortion, or not?

	-ABORT	-NOI	HAD	EI	DUCATIO	ON		-INCOME	:	
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO) HS GI	R MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
YES	72	9	75	33	37	49	30	40	49	40
NO	21	84	23	57	55	43	61	50	45	51
NOT SURE	7	6	2	9	8	7	8	9	5	8
REFUSED	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1

64. Do you think a pregnant woman should, or should not, be able to get a legal abortion no matter what the reason?

	-ABORT	ΓΙΟΝ-	HAD	EI	UCATIO)N		-INCOME	:	
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GF	R MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
YES	61	8	67	29	31	42	27	31	44	34
NO	31	84	30	64	60	49	62	60	49	57
NOT SURE	7	7	3	6	8	8	10	8	6	8
REFUSED	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

65. If abortion were to become illegal again, who do you think should be punished for breaking the law? Do you think the woman should be punished, or the father of the child, or the doctor who performed the abortion, or somebody else — or do you think no one should be punished for breaking the law?

	-ABORT	ΓΙΟΝ-	HAD	EI	UCATIO)N		INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GF	R MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
NO ONE	40	6	44	17	18	30	20	19	28	22
WOMAN	5	14	5	12	10	5	11	9	7	9
FATHER	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
DOCTOR	26	42	27	29	38	33	30	38	34	34
S/ELSE	3	3	4	4	3	3	4	3	3	3
NOT SURE	13	9	5	15	11	11	14	11	11	12
REFUSED	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	2
EVERYONE	10	23	13	20	17	15	18	17	15	17

66. If abortion were to become illegal again, would you be in favor of using public funds to support the adoption of the babies that would result from that policy, or would you be opposed to that? (IF IN FAVOR OR OPPOSED) Is that (in favor/opposed) strongly or (in favor/opposed) somewhat?

	-ABOR	rion-	HAD	EI	UCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
N/AWARE	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
FAV/STR	36	39	39	33	35	42	33	36	42	36
FAV/SOM	26	26	33	25	28	28	26	27	28	27
INDIFF	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
OPP/SOM	11	13	10	13	13	11	13	14	11	12
OPP/STR	18	15	11	20	15	13	17	17	12	16
NOT SURE	5	5	3	7	6	4	8	4	4	6
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1
COMBINED	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Ε:						
FAVOR	62	65	71	58	63	69	59	63	70	64
OPPOSE	29	28	22	33	28	24	30	31	23	28
NO/OPIN	9	7	7	9	9	7	11	6	7	8

67. In principle, who do you think ought to pay the expenses of an abortion? Should the government pay, or medical insurance, or some private agency, or the church, or the pregnant mother, or should the natural father pay, or should the relatives of the mother pay, or the relatives of the father, or do you think that somebody else should pay the expenses of an abortion?

	-ABORT	rion-	HAD	EI	DUCATIO)N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
BOTH F+M	19	17	15	13	20	21	17	17	22	18
GOV'T	5	2	5	4	4	5	3	4	5	4
INSURNCE	14	6	17	8	8	12	7	10	11	10
AGENCY	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
CHURCH	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
MOTHER	25	31	27	25	30	25	27	28	27	27
FATHER	21	24	24	34	22	16	29	25	17	24
M/REL	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1
S/ELSE	3	2	3	1	3	2	1	2	3	2
NOT SURE	10	11	8	11	9	13	12	9	11	11
REFUSED	2	4	0	2	2	3	2	2	3	3

68. Do you believe abortion is morally right or morally wrong? (IF RIGHT OR WRONG) are you completely convinced about that, or do you sometimes have doubts? (ACCEPT "HAVEN'T HEARD ENOUGH" AND "INDIFFERENT" AS VOLUNTEERED RESPONSES)

	-ABORT	rion-	HAD	ED	DUCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
N/AWARE	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
CONV/R	24	5	19	10	10	15	9	11	16	12
DOUBT/R	18	3	20	7	10	13	5	13	12	10
INDIFF	6	1	4	3	4	6	4	4	4	4
DOUBT/W	23	22	21	25	25	21	23	24	23	24
CONV/W	12	66	16	42	37	31	45	36	30	37
NOT SURE	15	3	18	11	12	12	12	10	13	11
REFUSED	2	0	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1
COMBINED I	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Ε:						
RIGHT	43	8	39	18	20	28	14	23	28	22
WRONG	34	88	37	67	63	52	68	60	54	61
NO/OPIN	23	4	24	15	17	20	18	17	18	17

	-ABORT	TION-	HAD	ED	UCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
CONVINCD	36	72	35	52	48	46	55	46	46	48
DOUBTFUL	41	24	41	33	35	34	28	37	36	34
NO/OPIN	23	4	24	15	17	20	17	17	18	18

69. As a general rule, which would you say is hardest for unmarried women: to have a child out of wedlock and raise it, or to give up the child for adoption, or to have an abortion?

	-ABOR	ΓΙΟΝ-	HAD	EI	DUCATIO)N		-INCOME	 -	
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO) HS GF	R MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
RAISE	28	24	22	19	20	31	21	22	28	24
GIVE UP	43	33	52	43	40	32	41	40	36	38
ABORTION	18	32	18	25	27	23	23	26	24	25
NOT SURE	10	10	7	11	12	13	14	11	11	12
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1

70. Do you think the government should make contraceptives more widely available, or not?

-ABORT	-NOI	HAD	EI	UCATIO	N		-INCOME	 	
FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
80	61	88	67	72	71	62	74	75	70
16	31	11	21	22	24	26	21	20	23
4	7	1	11	6	4	11	4	4	6
0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
	80 16 4	80 61 16 31 4 7	FAVOR OPPOS ABORT 80 61 88 16 31 11 4 7 1	FAVOR OPPOS ABORT DROPO 80 61 88 67 16 31 11 21 4 7 1 11	FAVOR OPPOS ABORT DROPO HS GR 80 61 88 67 72 16 31 11 21 22 4 7 1 11 6	FAVOR OPPOS ABORT DROPO HS GR MORE 80 61 88 67 72 71 16 31 11 21 22 24 4 7 1 11 6 4	FAVOR OPPOS ABORT DROPO HS GR MORE LESS 80 61 88 67 72 71 62 16 31 11 21 22 24 26 4 7 1 11 6 4 11	FAVOR OPPOS ABORT DROPO HS GR MORE LESS \$20K- 80 61 88 67 72 71 62 74 16 31 11 21 22 24 26 21 4 7 1 11 6 4 11 4	FAVOR OPPOS ABORT DROPO HS GR MORE LESS \$20K- MORE 80 61 88 67 72 71 62 74 75 16 31 11 21 22 24 26 21 20 4 7 1 11 6 4 11 4 4

71. Generally speaking, do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Legal abortions have encouraged people to become sexually promiscuous." Do you agree or disagree with that? (IF AGREE OR DISAGREE) Is that (agree/disagree) strongly or (agree/disagree) somewhat?

	-ABORT	CION-	HAD	ED	UCATIO)N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GF	R MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
AGR/STR	14	41	17	25	31	22	29	29	22	27
AGR/SOM	17	26	17	25	21	19	22	22	20	21
DIS/SOM	20	14	19	16	19	20	15	19	21	18
DIS/STR	45	10	45	18	23	34	19	24	33	25
NOT SURE	4	8	2	15	6	4	14	6	4	8
REFUSED	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
COMBINED	RESPONS	SES FRO	M ABOV	Ε:						
AGREE	31	67	34	50	52	41	51	50	42	48
DISAGREE	65	24	64	34	41	54	34	43	53	43
D/KNOW	4	9	2	16	7	5	15	7	5	9

72. How about this statement: "If men had babies, it would be a lot easier to get an abortion"? Do you agree or disagree with that? (IF AGREE OR DISAGREE) Is that (agree/disagree) strongly or (agree/disagree) somewhat?

	-ABORT	ΓΙΟΝ-	HAD	EI	UCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
AGR/STR	34	15	39	23	21	26	23	24	25	23
AGR/SOM	18	18	15	15	17	21	19	19	15	18
DIS/SOM	14	16	15	17	18	12	17	17	14	16
DIS/STR	24	31	23	25	29	29	22	28	32	28
NOT SURE	9	17	7	18	14	9	17	11	12	13
REFUSED	1	3	1	2	1	3	2	1	2	2

AGREE	53	33	54	38	39	47	42	43	40	41
DISAGREE	37	47	38	42	46	41	39	44	46	43
D/KNOW	10	20	8	20	15	12	19	13	14	16

73. How about this statement: "Minors should have to get their parents' permission before they get an abortion"? Do you agree or disagree with that? (IF AGREE OR DISAGREE) Is that (agree/disagree) strongly or (agree/disagree) somewhat?

	-ABORT	ΓΙΟΝ-	HAD	EI	UCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
AGR/STR	51	77	53	72	66	55	70	65	59	64
AGR/SOM	19	14	15	13	17	21	13	18	19	17
DIS/SOM	11	2	11	5	6	9	6	5	9	6
DIS/STR	15	3	18	6	7	10	5	8	10	8
NOT SURE	4	3	2	3	4	4	5	3	2	4
REFUSED	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
COMBINED I	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Ε:						
AGREE	70	91	68	85	83	76	84	83	78	81
DISAGREE	26	5	29	11	12	19	11	13	19	14
D/KNOW	4	4	3	4	5	5	5	4	3	5

74. What point of view should be the deciding factor when someone has to decide about having an abortion? Should it be the advice of a clergyman, or of a doctor, should it be the preference of the natural father, or should it be what the law says, or what the neighbors will say, or the feelings of the pregnant woman's parents, or of the woman herself, or what? I could repeat those, if you wish. ((WAIT FOR REPLY) Is there another point of view that ought to be respected almost as highly? (IF YES, REPEAT POINTS OF VIEW, LEAVING OUT THE ONE ALREADY MENTIONED. ACCEPT UP TO THREE REPLIES.)

	-ABORT	TION-	HAD	ED	UCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC) HS GR	MORE		\$20K-		TOTAL
CLERGY	11	20	10	16	14	14	15	15	14	14
DOCTOR	36	33	24	30	36	34	33	36	32	34
FATHER	37	40	40	40	37	40	39	36	41	39
THE LAW	6	9	4	6	7	8	7	8	8	7
NEIGHBRS	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
PARENTS	12	15	16	15	14	12	14	14	12	14
WOMAN	87	67	86	74	77	80	73	80	78	77
OTHER	1	3	1	3	1	2	1	2	3	2
NOT SURE	4	6	1	5	5	4	6	3	4	5
REFUSED	0	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1

75. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Abortion is murder"? (IF AGREE OR DISAGREE) Is that (agree/disagree) strongly or (agree/disagree) somewhat?

	-ABORT	CION-	HAD	EI	DUCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC) HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
AGR/STR	14	75	20	51	42	32	55	40	29	42
AGR/SOM	12	15	13	16	17	14	14	16	18	16
DIS/SOM	23	4	17	9	18	18	9	17	19	15
DIS/STR	44	2	46	14	15	29	11	20	27	19
NOT SURE	6	4	4	9	7	6	11	6	6	7
REFUSED	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
COMBINED	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Ε:						
AGREE	26	90	33	68	59	46	70	56	46	57
DISAGREE	67	6	63	23	33	47	19	37	47	35
D/KNOW	7	4	4	9	8	7	11	7	7	8

76. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? "I personally feel that abortion is morally wrong, but I also feel that whether or not to have an abortion is a decision that has to be made by every woman for herself." (IF AGREE OR DISAGREE) Is that (agree/disagree) strongly or (agree/disagree) somewhat?

	-ABORT	ION-	HAD				-INCOME	:		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	NORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
AGR/STR	57	37	55	54	50	45	52	50	47	49
AGR/SOM	20	28	18	24	26	23	23	27	23	25
DIS/SOM	9	11	8	7	9	11	7	8	11	9
DIS/STR	10	19	15	10	12	15	13	10	14	12
NOT SURE	3	4	2	4	3	4	5	3	4	4
REFUSED	1	1	2	1	0	2	0	2	1	1
COMBINED	RESPONS	ES FRO	M ABOV	Ε:						
AGREE	77	65	74	78	76	69	75	77	70	74
DISAGREE	19	31	23	17	21	25	20	18	26	21
D/KNOW	4	4	3	5	3	6	5	5	4	5

77. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "I am in favor of abortion because every woman has the right to control her own body"? (IF AGREE OR DISAGREE) Is that (agree/disagree) strongly or (agree/disagree) somewhat?

	-ABORT	ΓΙΟΝ-	HAD			INCOME				
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
AGR/STR	62	9	62	35	31	36	31	35	35	34
AGR/SOM	19	10	16	16	18	19	16	18	18	17
DIS/SOM	9	16	5	10	16	14	14	15	14	14
DIS/STR	9	60	14	33	30	28	33	27	31	30
NOT SURE	1	4	2	5	4	2	6	4	1	4
REFUSED	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
COMBINED I	RESPONS	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Ε:						
AGREE	81	19	78	51	49	55	48	53	53	51
DISAGREE	17	76	19	43	46	42	46	42	45	44
D/KNOW	2	5	3	6	5	3	6	5	2	5

78. Do you believe that life begins at conception, or at birth, or somewhere in-between - or haven't you heard enough about that yet to say?

	-ABOR	TION-	HAD)N	INCOME			
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO) HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
N/AWARE	9	6	6	13	10	7	12	9	8	10
CONCPT'N	23	64	26	36	45	42	44	43	37	41
IN-BETW	38	16	41	30	24	27	24	28	30	27
BIRTH	23	9	22	15	14	16	13	14	18	15
NOT SURE	7	4	5	6	7	7	7	6	6	6
REFUSED	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
COMBINED	RESPON	SES FRO	OM ABOV	Œ:						
N/AWARE	9	6	6	13	10	7	13	9	8	10
CONCPT'N	23	64	26	36	45	42	44	43	37	41
LATER	61	25	63	45	38	43	36	42	48	42
D/KNOW	7	5	5	6	7	8	7	6	7	7

79. If it came down to a question of saving the life of the mother or of saving the life of the baby, which would you save: the mother's life or the baby's life?

	-ABORTION- HAD FAVOR OPPOS ABORT		HAD	EDUCATION-			INCOME			
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
MOTHER	84	65	74	68	73	78	69	75	76	73
BABY	4	12	7	11	8	5	9	8	6	8
NOT SURE	11	20	17	19	17	14	19	15	15	17
REFUSED	1	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	3	2

80. Do you think women who have abortions feel a sense of guilt or don't you think they feel guilty about it?

	-ABOR	rion-	HAD	EI	UCATIO	N		-INCOME	} -		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL	
YES	75	82	81	76	80	78	74	80	81	78	
NO	6	8	11	7	6	6	10	5	5	7	
NOT SURE	18	10	8	17	13	14	15	14	13	14	
REFUSED	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	

81. There are a number of different ways to think about abortion: Some people think of abortion mainly as a moral or religious question, having to do mainly with what is right or wrong... Some people think of abortion mainly as a way to shape the future of a woman and her child, of rescuing them perhaps from grief and economic distress... Some people think of abortion mainly as a human right that guarantees a woman control over her own body... And some people think of abortion mainly as a realistic solution, a necessary evil for a personal dilemma.

What is your opinion about abortion? Do you see it mainly as a moral question, or as a way to shape the future of a woman and her child, or as a human right, or as a realistic solution, or what?

	-ABORT	CION-	HAD	ED	UCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
MORAL	17	66	16	40	42	36	44	39	37	39
RESCUE	8	4	14	6	5	8	6	5	9	6
RIGHT	39	10	32	26	23	26	23	27	25	25
REALISM	28	10	28	12	20	22	13	18	22	18
OTHER	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2
NOT SURE	6	7	9	14	8	5	12	9	5	9
REFUSED	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1

82. If you had a daughter who became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion, would you help her get the abortion, or would you oppose it? (IF R. REFUSES BECAUSE HE OR SHE DOESN'T HAVE A DAUGHTER, SAY "YES, BUT IF YOU DID, WOULD YOU HELP HER, OR OPPOSE IT?" IF R. INSISTS, ACCEPT "NO DAUGHTER" AS A VOLUNTEERED RESPONSE.)

		-ABOR	ΓΙΟΝ-	HAD	—EDUCATION— DROPO HS GR MORE		INCOME				
		FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO	HS GI	R MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
NO D	AUTR	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	2
HELP		69	5	66	29	31	44	25	35	43	34
OPPO	SE	18	84	23	59	50	38	59	46	42	49
NOT	SURE	12	8	10	10	16	15	13	16	13	14
REFU	SED	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	1

83. Do you think the solution to abortion is adoption, or not?

	-ABORT	ΓΙΟΝ-	HAD	EI	EDUCATION			-INCOME	}		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO	HS GF	R MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL	
YES	39	70	39	52	57	51	51	56	53	54	
NO	50	22	54	31	34	42	35	34	39	35	
NOT SURE	10	7	7	15	8	6	12	9	7	10	
REFUSED	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	

84. When you speak about support for abortion, do you use the label "Pro-abortion," or the label "Pro-choice," or do you use both labels interchangeably?

	-ABORT	rion-	HAD	EI	UCATIO	ON		-INCOME	:	
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS G	R MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
PRO-AB	9	19	8	9	11	16	11	13	12	12
BOTH	28	28	29	26	28	27	22	27	32	27
PRO-CH	42	15	39	18	28	37	23	29	34	28
NOT SURE	17	31	17	42	27	13	39	24	17	27
REFUSED	4	7	7	5	6	7	5	7	5	6

85. When you speak about opposition to abortion, do you use the label "Anti-abortion," or the label "Pro-life," or do you use both labels interchangeably?

	-ABORT	rion-	HAD	—ЕІ	EDUCATION-			-INCOME	I		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO) HS GI	R MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL	
ANTI-AB	40	22	35	20	25	37	23	27	35	28	
BOTH	28	29	28	26	32	31	25	31	33	30	
PRO-LIFE	12	23	13	14	17	17	16	16	16	16	
NOT SURE	16	21	20	35	22	11	32	22	12	22	
REFUSED	4	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	

86. Have you, yourself, ever been involved in the abortion movement... that is to say, have you ever tried to make it easier for people to have abortions or tried to convince people not to have abortions? (IF YES) Which side did you take?

	-ABORT	rion-	HAD	—EDUCATION— T DROPO HS GR MORE		INCOME				
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	NORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
NO	92	85	76	89	92	87	88	91	90	90
YES/HAVE	5	2	13	2	2	5	2	3	4	3
YES/NOT	3	13	10	8	6	7	8	6	6	7
NOT SURE	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0
REFUSED	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

87. Have you, yourself, ever been involved in someone else's abortion... that is to say, have you ever tried to make it easier for someone to have an abortion or tried to convince that person not to have an abortion? (IF YES) Which side did you take?

	-ABORT	CION-	HAD	ED	UCATIO)N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	NORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
NO	78	80	57	84	80	78	81	80	80	80
YES/HAVE	15	4	26	4	8	11	5	8	10	8
YES/NOT	4	16	11	10	10	9	11	10	7	10
NOT SURE	2	0	5	2	2	1	2	1	2	2
REFUSED	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0

88. To the best of your knowledge, has anyone in your immediate family ever had an abortion — by "immediate family" I mean mother, sister, wife, or daughter? ((WAIT FOR REPLY) Which one is that?

	-ABOR'	ΓΙΟΝ-	HAD	ED	UCATIO	N		INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
NO	85	93	67	93	90	86	91	91	87	90
YES,MOM	1	0	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
YES,SIS	7	4	19	2	6	7	5	5	5	5
YES,WYF	2	1	2	1	1	2	0	1	3	1
YES,DOT	2	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
NOT SURE	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
REFUSED	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1

89. Did you know about the abortion at the time it was taking place, or not?

	-ABORT	ΓΙΟΝ-	HAD	ED	UCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
YES	60	37	68	40	52	50	36	49	58	49
NO	39	62	32	60	46	49	64	51	40	50
REFUSED	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1

90. (ASKED OF MEN) Was there ever a time in your life when you caused an unwanted pregnancy, or caused a pregnancy in which the mother's health or the baby's health was in danger, or not? (ASKED OF WOMEN) Was there ever a time in your life when you had an unwanted pregnancy, or had a pregnancy in which your health or the baby's health was in danger, or not?

	-ABORT	CION-	HAD	ED	UCATIO)N				
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	R MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
NO	83	89	10	88	87	86	87	88	85	87
YES	17	11	89	11	13	12	12	11	14	12
NOT SURE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
REFUSED	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1

91. Were you married to each other at the time, or not? (IF NOT) Was your partner single or married at that time? ((WAIT FOR REPLY) Were you single or married at that time?

	-ABORT	-NOI	HAD	EI	UCATIO)N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GF	NORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
SPOUSES	38	55	36	63	43	34	59	35	41	45
SINGLES	59	42	57	36	55	61	38	63	56	52
R/SINGLE	2	2	5	1	2	3	2	1	3	2
MARRIEDS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOT SURE	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
REFUSED	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1

92. What was the result of that pregnancy? Was the child born, or was there a miscarriage, or was there an abortion, or what? (IF THE CHILD WAS BORN, ASK) Did the two of you together keep the child, or did you, yourself, keep the child, or did your partner keep the child, or did a relative keep the child, or was it given out for adoption?

	-ABORT	rion-	HAD	EI	UCATIO)N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
COUPLE	19	47	4	47	26	29	42	30	29	33
MOTHER	4	14	1	15	14	4	18	13	2	11
FATHER	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
RELATIVE	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
ADOPTION	2	2	0	2	1	2	1	2	1	1
MISCARRY	12	14	5	10	12	13	14	7	14	12
ABORTION	62	21	89	26	44	51	25	45	53	42
NOT SURE	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1
REFUSED	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

93. How did that pregnancy affect the relationship? Did you remain married to each other, or did you get married to your partner as a result of the pregnancy, or did you get married to someone else as a result, or did you continue the relationship without being married, or did you break up as a result of the pregnancy, or what?

	-ABORT	ΓΙΟΝ-	HAD	EI	UCATIO)N		-INCOME	:	
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
STAY/MAR	35	54	28	58	38	34	58	31	38	42
GOT/MAR	12	13	11	7	10	21	3	17	18	13
MAR/OTHR	2	7	5	4	5	2	6	3	3	4
LIVE/TOG	22	11	21	7	20	21	11	24	15	17
BROKE UP	27	14	31	23	25	19	21	21	25	22
NOT SURE	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1
REFUSED	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	1

94. How many times have you been involved in an abortion as the (father/mother) of the child?

	-ABORT	-NOI	HAD	ED	UCATIO)N		INCOME	:	
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	NORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
NEVER	87	96	1	95	92	91	95	93	89	93
ONCE	10	3	82	3	6	7	3	6	8	5
TWICE	2	0	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
THREE	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FIVE	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SIX	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
REFUSED	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
AD/LATER	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

95. Do you mostly regret the abortion(s) or do you mostly consider (it was/they were) for the best?

	-ABORT	rion-	HAD	EI	UCATIO)N		-INCOME	 -	
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	NORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
YES	13	67	26	45	28	18	32	31	21	27
NO	79	13	66	24	65	67	43	58	65	58
NOT SURE	5	4	7	6	5	6	7	7	5	6
REFUSED	3	16	1	25	2	9	18	4	9	9

96. Thinking back on it, what was the main reason why you had your (first) abortion? Would you say it was because you didn't want people to know, or because you were too young, or because of the nature of the relationship with your partner, or because you didn't want to get married, or because you didn't want another child, or because there was a possibility of the child being deformed, or because of a threat to the mother's health, or because of incest, or rape, or was it because of your parents, or because you were unable to support the child, or what?

	-ABORT	rion-	HAD	—ЕІ	DUCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO) HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
SHAME	1	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	1	2
TOO/YNG	34	27	29	18	48	25	18	38	36	33
RELATION	14	5	10	8	8	14	11	12	10	10
N/MARRY	3	10	2	0	3	8	2	2	8	5
AN/CHILD	8	11	8	14	5	7	0	10	7	7
DEFORMED	3	6	7	4	3	5	6	7	0	4
M/HEALTH	10	9	17	7	15	6	19	9	7	10
INCEST	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
RAPE	2	0	3	0	1	3	0	3	1	1
PARENTS	1	4	3	3	0	2	4	3	0	2
SUPPORT	14	5	10	9	9	11	11	8	11	10
OTHER	5	5	7	4	3	7	8	1	7	5
NOT SURE	2	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	3	2
REFUSED	3	15	1	24	1	10	18	3	9	9

97. Who did you talk to most before you decided to have an abortion, or didn't you discuss it with anybody? (IF DISCUSSED) Was it with the mother/father of the child, or with your parents, or with a physician, or with a professional counselor, with a clergyman, or with a personal friend, or who? ((WAIT FOR REPLY) Was there someone else who played an important part in your decision? (IF YES, REPEAT LIST, LEAVING OUT THE ONE ALREADY MENTIONED. ACCEPT UP TO TWO REPLIES)

	-ABORT	ΓΙΟΝ-	HAD	EI	UCATIO	N		-INCOME		
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
NO ONE	20	27	22	18	25	21	16	29	16	22
M OR F	40	30	43	30	34	41	28	42	36	36
PARENTS	19	12	20	9	28	8	10	16	21	17
PHYSIC'N	15	16	19	28	13	10	19	15	13	15
COUNSELR	4	1	6	5	1	4	6	3	2	3
FRIEND	19	12	14	2	18	20	5	13	23	16
S/ELSE	13	7	10	7	10	12	23	4	11	10
NOT SURE	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
REFUSED	3	16	1	24	2	10	18	3	9	9

98. Have you told your parents about your (first) abortion? (WAIT FOR REPLY) Have you told your spouse or your lover, if you have one? (WAIT FOR REPLY) Have you told your children, if you have any? (WAIT FOR REPLY) Or haven't you told anybody until now about your abortion? (ACCEPT UP TO THREE REPLIES)

	-ABORT	ΓΙΟΝ-	HAD	EI	UCATIO	N		-INCOME	:	
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	${\tt TOTAL}$
NO ONE	37	17	20	18	31	32	18	32	31	29
PARENTS	36	34	51	31	48	32	40	44	35	39
SPOUSE	46	36	56	42	42	36	43	32	44	40
CHILDREN	6	12	9	20	5	5	9	10	5	7
NOT SURE	1	4	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	1
REFUSED	5	25	2	23	6	14	19	11	11	13

99. Do you feel a sense of guilt about having had an abortion, or don't you feel guilty about it?

	-ABORTION-		HAD	EDUCATION-			INCOME			
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
YES	51	70	56	63	63	44	52	52	61	55
NO	47	14	43	18	35	48	30	44	33	37
REFUSED	2	16	1	19	2	8	18	4	6	8

100. (At the time of your [first] abortion, did/At the present time, do) you use any form of contraception, or not? (IF YES) Do you practice abstinence as a form of contraception, or have you used an abortion as contraception, or do you use a cervical cap, or condoms, or a diaphragm, or an intra-uterine device (I-U-D), or do you take the pill, or do you use a rhythm method like N-F-P, or do you use spermicidal jelly, or the sponge, or have you had some form of surgery like a vasectomy or a tubal ligation, or what? (WAIT FOR REPLY) Do you use another form of contraception, or not? (IF YES, REPEAT LIST, LEAVING OUT THE ONE ALREADY MENTIONED. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES)

	-ABORTION-		HAD	EDUCATION			INCOME			
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPC	HS GR	MORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
NONE	51	60	47	66	56	47	67	54	47	56
ABSTAIN	2	2	2	1	2	4	4	2	3	3
CAP	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONDOMS	17	11	8	15	12	17	9	15	19	14
DIAPHRGM	2	2	6	1	1	4	1	2	3	2
I-U-D	1	1	5	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
PILL	17	11	23	9	15	15	9	16	14	13
RHYTHM	0	1	3	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
JELLY	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
SPONGE	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
SURGERY	11	8	8	7	11	9	5	10	12	9
OTHER	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
NOT SURE	0	2	0	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
REFUSED	2	4	0	2	2	5	3	2	3	3

101. In your opinion, what is the most reliable form of contraception, or don't you think any of them is reliable?

	-ABORTION-		HAD	EI	DUCATIO	N	INCOME			
	FAVOR	OPPOS	ABORT	DROPO) HS GR	NORE	LESS	\$20K-	MORE	TOTAL
NONE	8	11	6	14	11	7	12	10	10	10
ABSTAIN	13	14	13	11	10	16	13	13	12	13
CONDOMS	14	11	7	13	13	10	11	13	13	12
DIAPHRGM	2	2	0	1	2	2	2	1	1	2
I-U-D	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
PILL	34	27	40	19	31	34	22	29	35	29
RHYTHM	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
JELLY	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
SURGERY	14	10	20	8	13	14	8	13	15	12
OTHER	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
NOT SURE	11	19	5	28	17	12	27	17	11	18
REFUSED	1	3	1	3	1	2	2	1	1	2

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