

Abortion Survey

CATI Fieldwork : 2nd-4th May 2008

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

Q.1 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

"Women who are considering whether to have an abortion should be given a statutory legal right to be told of all the physical and psychological risks known to be associated with it"

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age						Social Class				Region					
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1014	449	565	91	132	187	207	191	206	338	205	183	288	265	265	252	142	90
Weighted base	1014	487	527	120	161	201	171	151	211	264	294	213	243	266	266	250	143	89
Agree	899 89%	414 85%	486 92%	105 88%	144 90%	179 89%	152 89%	141 94%	177 84%	242 92%	258 88%	189 89%	210 86%	227 85%	227 85%	233 93%	129 90%	83 93%
Disagree	71 7%	44 9%	27 5%	8 7%	11 7%	19 10%	10 6%	6 4%	16 8%	13 5%	23 8%	16 7%	19 8%	26 10%	25 10%	13 5%	2 2%	5 5%
Don't know	43 4%	29 6%	15 3%	7 5%	5 3%	2 1%	8 5%	3 2%	18 8%	8 3%	13 5%	8 4%	14 6%	12 5%	14 5%	5 2%	11 8%	2 2%

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Table 2

Q.2 In Great Britain the upper time limit for abortion is 24 weeks. By comparison in most other EU countries the limit is 12 weeks or lower. In light of this difference what do you think the limit should be in Britain?

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	Gender			Age						Social Class				Region				
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It should be extended above 24 weeks.	32 3%	23 5%	9 2%	8 6%	5 3%	5 3%	8 5%	2 1%	4 2%	8 3%	10 3%	7 3%	6 3%	13 5%	7 3%	7 3%	3 2%	2 2%
It should remain at 24 weeks.	319 32%	211 43%	109 21%	53 44%	48 30%	46 23%	62 36%	41 27%	69 33%	100 38%	83 28%	63 30%	74 30%	81 31%	87 33%	76 30%	46 32%	29 33%
It should be reduced to 20 weeks.	114 11%	34 7%	80 15%	7 6%	13 8%	26 13%	31 18%	20 13%	17 8%	26 10%	35 12%	29 14%	24 10%	28 11%	31 11%	28 11%	14 10%	13 14%
It should be reduced to 16 weeks.	137 13%	45 9%	91 17%	12 10%	12 7%	43 21%	21 13%	26 17%	22 11%	34 13%	43 15%	28 13%	32 13%	30 11%	35 13%	42 17%	19 13%	11 13%
It should be reduced to 12 weeks.	210 21%	81 17%	128 24%	14 12%	53 33%	40 20%	21 12%	34 23%	47 22%	47 18%	66 22%	50 23%	47 19%	53 20%	57 21%	55 22%	30 21%	15 16%
It should be reduced to less than 12 weeks.	105 10%	30 6%	75 14%	19 16%	20 12%	19 10%	13 8%	14 9%	20 9%	25 9%	29 10%	21 10%	30 13%	33 12%	25 9%	23 9%	14 10%	10 11%
Abortion should be banned	26 3%	13 3%	13 3%	2 2%	2 1%	5 3%	3 2%	6 4%	8 4%	5 2%	9 3%	3 1%	10 4%	10 4%	6 2%	3 1%	5 3%	3 3%
Don't know	70 7%	49 10%	22 4%	5 4%	8 5%	16 8%	11 7%	7 5%	22 11%	19 7%	20 7%	11 5%	19 8%	18 7%	19 7%	16 6%	12 8%	7 8%

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Table 3

Q.3 In the last year for which figures are available, government statistics show that 52 babies survived having been born earlier than 24 weeks. At one specialist neo-natal unit in Britain, 5 out of 7 babies born at 22 weeks gestation survived. In light of this, do you think that the upper time limit for abortion should be kept at 24 weeks, increased, or decreased?

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Increased	43 4%	26 5%	17 3%	8 6%	4 2%	4 2%	10 6%	6 4%	12 5%	9 3%	10 3%	9 4%	15 6%	14 5%	9 3%	13 5%	5 4%	2 3%
Maintained	274 27%	179 37%	95 18%	45 37%	35 22%	43 21%	50 29%	37 25%	64 30%	85 32%	75 25%	51 24%	63 26%	68 26%	79 30%	72 29%	31 22%	24 27%
Decreased	606 60%	227 47%	379 72%	65 54%	113 70%	134 67%	99 58%	91 61%	103 49%	153 58%	178 61%	136 64%	139 57%	161 61%	151 57%	148 59%	90 63%	54 61%
Unsure	77 8%	47 10%	30 6%	2 1%	8 5%	14 7%	11 7%	13 8%	29 14%	14 5%	24 8%	16 7%	23 9%	20 7%	24 9%	16 6%	13 9%	5 5%
Abortion should be banned	15 1%	8 2%	6 1%	2 1%	-	5 3%	2 1%	3 2%	3 1%	3 1%	7 2%	1 1%	4 1%	3 1%	2 1%	1 1%	3 2%	4 5%