

## Questions/Results from Ontario Survey

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 N=504  
 n=251 male  
 n=253 female

STUDY # 01328  
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1. Which one of the following statements most closely describes your own position on the issue of abortion...?  
**(READ & ROTATE TOP-TO-BOTTOM / BOTTOM-TO-TOP)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Abortions should never be legal.   | 10% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Abortions should be legal only when the life of the mother is in danger.                               | 16% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Abortions should be legal only when the life of the mother is in danger or in cases of rape or incest. | 23% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Abortions should be legal for any reason during the first three months of pregnancy.                   | 26% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Abortions should be legal for any reason during the first six months of pregnancy.                     | 7%  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Abortions should be legal for any reason at any time during a woman's pregnancy.                       | 13% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | UNSURE / REFUSED (DNR)   | 5%  |

2. Do you support or oppose abortion?

**IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:** And would you say you are strongly or only somewhat (supportive of / opposed to) it?

Support / strongly.....	21%	
Support / somewhat.....	22%	<b>44%</b>
UNSURE / REFUSED (DNR) .....	20%	
Oppose / somewhat.....	12%	
Oppose / strongly.....	24%	<b>36%</b>

23. Would you describe yourself as -- pro-choice or pro-life -- on the abortion issue?

**IF RESPONSE GIVEN, ASK:** Do you consider yourself strongly (Pro-life / Pro-choice) or not-so-strongly (Pro-life / Pro-choice)?

Pro-life / strongly .....	24%	
Pro-life / not-so-strongly .....	7%	
UNSURE / REFUSED (DNR) .....	15%	
Pro-choice / not-so-strongly .....	20%	
Pro-choice / strongly .....	34%	<b>54%</b>

23M. And if you had the option, would you prefer not to be described as **(ROTATE)** -- pro-life or pro-choice -- but rather as someone who is thinking about it?

No, I prefer Pro-life .....	21%
No, I prefer Pro-choice.....	28%
Yes, Thinking about it .....	39%
LABELS ARE OK WITH ME BUT POSITION IS UNSTATED (DNR).....	2%
UNSURE / REFUSED (DNR).....	10%

24. Are you more likely to find abortion to be an acceptable or unacceptable solution to an unplanned pregnancy? **IF RESPONSE GIVEN, ASK:** Do you feel strongly about that?

Acceptable / somewhat .....	20%	
Acceptable / somewhat .....	21%	<b>41%</b>
UNSURE / DEPENDS (DNR) .....	12%	
Unacceptable / somewhat .....	11%	
Unacceptable / strongly .....	36%	<b>47%</b>

Now I would like to read you some information about unplanned pregnancies and abortions. For each item I read, please tell me if that information makes you more likely to support or oppose abortion.

		SUPPORT		OPPOSE		Depends	No Diff /
(Randomize Questions)		<u>Strng</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Strng</u>	<u>(dnr)</u>	<u>(dnr)</u>
31.	There is financial and emotional help available for girls and women with unplanned pregnancies.	<u>26%</u>	<u>14%</u>	<u>13%</u>	<u>33%</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>9%</u>
32.	Many women are encouraged or coerced into abortions by their boyfriends who don't want the responsibility of a child.	<u>16%</u>	<u>10%</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>6%</u>
33.	Women who have abortions may suffer deep regret and depression for years afterward.	<u>20%</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>16%</u>	<u>38%</u>	<u>4%</u>	<u>7%</u>
34.	Reports show thirty-seven percent of abortions performed today are repeat abortions; that is, the second, third or fourth abortion for the same person.	<u>12%</u>	<u>9%</u>	<u>11%</u>	<u>61%</u>	<u>2%</u>	<u>5%</u>
35.	There are ten thousand people on waiting lists to adopt a child and they wait one to eight years to adopt, but there are only three thousand seven hundred babies available each year in Canada.	<u>22%</u>	<u>11%</u>	<u>13%</u>	<u>41%</u>	<u>4%</u>	<u>9%</u>
36.	Abortion was legalized over thirty years ago, before we understood about a baby's life prior to birth through sonograms and medical advancements.	<u>20%</u>	<u>18%</u>	<u>14%</u>	<u>35%</u>	<u>4%</u>	<u>9%</u>
37.	There's no law currently prohibiting partial birth abortions -- which involves partially delivering a live fetus in the last half of a woman's pregnancy, killing the fetus, and then completing the delivery.	<u>10%</u>	<u>9%</u>	<u>14%</u>	<u>56%</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>8%</u>
38.	When we think about it, aborting unborn babies shows a lack of respect for human life -- just like the lack of respect for African-Americans during slavery and for Jewish people in Nazi Germany during World War II.	<u>20%</u>	<u>11%</u>	<u>11%</u>	<u>40%</u>	<u>4%</u>	<u>15%</u>

41. Having now heard more about it -- do you support or oppose abortion?  
**IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:** And would you say you are strongly or only somewhat (supportive of / opposed to) it?

Support / strongly .....	25%	
Support / somewhat .....	18%	<b>43%</b>
UNSURE / REFUSED (DNR) .....	9%	
Oppose / somewhat .....	12%	
Oppose / strongly .....	36%	<b>47%</b>

42. And having now heard more about it -- are you more likely to find abortion to be an acceptable or unacceptable solution to an unplanned pregnancy? **IF RESPONSE GIVEN, ASK:** Do you feel strongly about that?

Acceptable / somewhat .....	20%	
Acceptable / somewhat .....	17%	<b>37%</b>
UNSURE / DEPENDS (DNR) .....	12%	
Unacceptable / somewhat .....	11%	
Unacceptable / strongly .....	40%	<b>51%</b>

Now I would like to read you some more information about unplanned pregnancies and abortions. For each item I read, please tell me if that information makes you more likely to support or oppose abortion

(Randomize Questions)	SUPPORT		OPPOSE		Depends (dnr)	No Diff / Unsure (dnr)	
	Strng	Smwht	Smwht	Strng			
51. An unborn baby's heart begins to beat at twenty-one days after fertilization.	<u>19%</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>14%</u>	<u>37%</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>10%</u>	
52. An unborn baby's brain waves can be measured as early as 40 days into the pregnancy.	<u>18%</u>	<u>16%</u>	<u>13%</u>	<u>38%</u>	<u>4%</u>	<u>10%</u>	
53. By twelve weeks, an unborn baby in the womb is breathing fluid steadily and continues to do so until birth.	<u>19%</u>	<u>14%</u>	<u>14%</u>	<u>40%</u>	<u>4%</u>	<u>7%</u>	
54. An ultrasound image showing an unborn baby sucking a thumb or waving arms and legs can be seen as early as seven weeks into a pregnancy.	<u>16%</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>14%</u>	<u>40%</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>9%</u>	
55. In 1988, the Supreme Court of Canada struck down all restrictions on abortion, leaving Canada with no abortion law, thereby sanctioning abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy for any or no reason.	<u>15%</u>	<u>13%</u>	<u>16%</u>	<u>45%</u>	<u>4%</u>	<u>6%</u>	
56. Over two hundred seventy-five abortions occur each day in Canada.	<u>16%</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>14%</u>	<u>38%</u>	<u>6%</u>	<u>10%</u>	
57. A 1994 study reviewing all available research on the reasons for abortion in Canada, concluded that quote as the procedure of abortion is not therapeutic, and as there is mounting evidence abortion is harmful to women's health, funding of abortion by government under health care cannot be justified.	<u>19%</u>	<u>17%</u>	<u>17%</u>	<u>34%</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>9%</u>	
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61. Having heard more about it -- do you support or oppose abortion? <b>IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:</b> And would you say you are strongly or only somewhat (supportive of / opposed to) it?							
	Support / strongly .....					25%	<b>44%</b>
	Support / somewhat.....					19%	
	UNSURE / REFUSED (DNR) .....					11%	
	Oppose / somewhat.....					9%	
	Oppose / strongly .....					36%	<b>45%</b>
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62. And having heard more about it -- are you more likely to find abortion to be an acceptable or unacceptable solution to an unplanned pregnancy? <b>IF RESPONSE GIVEN, ASK:</b> Do you feel strongly about that?							
	Acceptable / somewhat .....					20%	<b>37%</b>
	Acceptable / somewhat .....					17%	
	UNSURE / DEPENDS (DNR) .....					12%	
	Unacceptable / somewhat .....					11%	
	Unacceptable / strongly .....					40%	<b>51%</b>

71. Keeping in mind that the funds must come from taxpayers, do you think the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) should or should not pay for the following?... **(Randomize)**

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>UNSURE / NOT ASKED</u>
A) Cosmetic procedures such as cosmetic surgery	<u>15%</u>	<u>74%</u>	<u>11%</u>
B) Annual health exams for adults	<u>91%</u>	<u>6%</u>	<u>3%</u>
C) Abortion	<u>36%</u>	<u>53%</u>	<u>11%</u>
D) Reversal of sterilization procedures	<u>43%</u>	<u>47%</u>	<u>10%</u>
E) In vitro fertilization	<u>50%</u>	<u>36%</u>	<u>14%</u>

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only --

D1. What is your age, please?

18-24 .....	16%
25-29 .....	11%
30-34 .....	12%
35-39 .....	7%
40-44 .....	12%
45-54 .....	19%
55-64 .....	8%
65-69 .....	3%
70-74 .....	3%
75-79 .....	3%
80-84 .....	1%
85-89 .....	*
90 or over.....	*
Unsure / refused .....	5%

D2. What is the last grade of formal education you completed?  
**(DO NOT READ CHOICES, RECORD ONLY)**

Less than high school (Grades 1-11) ...	12%
High school graduate (Grade 12) .....	24%
Technical / Vocational training .....	2%
Some college (Grades 13-15) .....	19%
Four yr. college graduate (Grade 16) ...	30%
Post graduate work or degree .....	9%
UNSURE / REFUSED .....	4%

D3. What is your current marital status -- are you --  married,  single and never been married,  divorced / separated, or  widowed?

Married .....	52%
Single and never been married .....	29%
Divorced / Separated .....	10%
Widowed .....	4%
OTHER (DNR) .....	1%
UNSURE / REFUSED (DNR) .....	4%

D4. What is your race? Are you Anglo, Black, Asian, Hispanic, or some other race?

Anglo / White .....	65%
Black .....	3%
Asian .....	6%
Hispanic .....	1%
French Canadian .....	4%
NATIVE INDIAN (DNR) .....	1%
OTHER (DNR) .....	15%
UNSURE / REFUSED (DNR) .....	5%

D5. What is your religious preference? **(DO NOT READ CHOICES, RECORD ONLY)**  
**IF PROTESTANT, ASK:** What denomination would that be?

CHRISTIAN

Assembly of God .....	0%
Baptist .....	3%
Catholic .....	29%
Church of Christ .....	1%
Church of God .....	*
Church of the Nazarene .....	0%
Episcopalian .....	1%
Latter Day Saints / Mormon .....	*
Lutheran .....	1%
Mennonite .....	*
Methodist / United Methodist .....	3%
Moravian Churches .....	0%
Pentecostal / Charismatic .....	1%
Presbyterian .....	5%
Reformed Churches .....	1%
Seventh Day Adventist .....	*
Other Christian Churches .....	16%

NON-CHRISTIAN

Agnostic / Atheist .....	3%
Jewish .....	1%
Muslim / Islam .....	1%
Other Non-Christian .....	7%
None .....	17%
UNSURE / REFUSED .....	8%

D6. And how often do you attend church (or synagogue)?  
**(Do not read - Record only)**

Once a week or more .....	22%
Several times a month .....	7%
Once a month .....	7%
Several times a year .....	17%
Only on holidays .....	9%
Never / Don't attend .....	29%
Unsure (vol) .....	3%
Refused (vol) .....	6%

D7. Sex **(By observation)** **Ask of everyone:** Are you employed outside the house, self-employed, a homemaker, or retired?

Male / employed .....	38%
Male / not-employed .....	9%
Male / refused .....	3%
Female / employed .....	32%
Female / not-employed .....	16%
Female / refused .....	2%