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Views on Abortion

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Methodology

- ❖ From August 22 to August 24, 2008, Angus Reid Strategies conducted an online survey among a randomly selected, representative sample of 1,004 adult Canadians. The margin of error for the total sample is +/- 3.1%, 19 times out of 20. The results have been statistically weighted according to Statistics Canada's most current education, age, gender and region Census data to ensure a representative sample of the entire adult population of Canada. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.
- ❖ Angus Reid Strategies polls are conducted using the Angus Reid Forum online panel (www.angusreidforum.com), which is recruited via an industry-leading process that incorporates a randomized, widespread invitation approach and a triple opt-in screening procedure. The panel is maintained through state-of-the-art sampling techniques and frequent verifications of personal identity, contact information, and demographic characteristics. This premier online survey platform presents respondents with highly visual, interactive, and engaging surveys, ensuring that panel members provide thoughtful and reliable responses.



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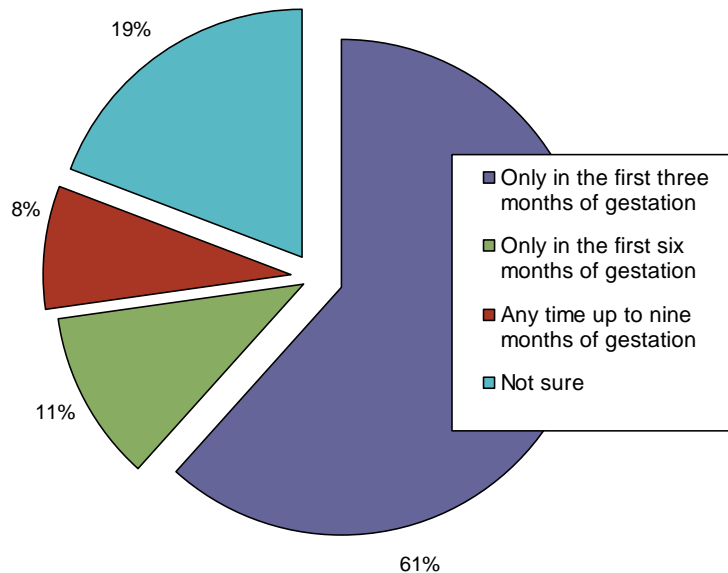
Detailed Survey Results

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When Can Abortion Be Performed?

- ❖ When asked when abortion can be performed in Canada, the majority of respondents (61%) said that it can only be performed in the first three months of gestation.
- ❖ 11% said it can be performed only in the first six months of gestation and 8% said *correctly* any time up to nine months of gestation. Two-in-five (19%) were unsure.

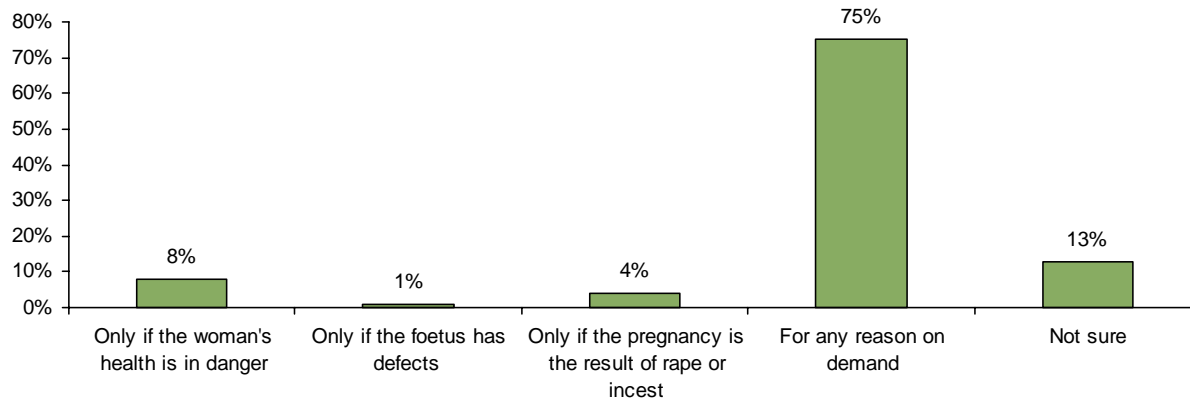


- ❖ Most likely to say the first three months: Atlantic Provinces (69%), females (68%), respondents aged 55+ (65%) and college diploma holders (69%)
- ❖ Most likely to say the first six months: Manitoba and Saskatchewan (17%), younger adults (15%), those earning more than 100K in their households (17%) and university graduates (16%)
- ❖ Most likely to say the first nine months: Alberta (17%), males (11%), respondents aged 35-54 (10%) and university graduates (16%)



Circumstances Allowing For Abortion

- ❖ When asked under what circumstances abortion can be performed in Canada, three quarters of Canadians said **correctly** for any reason on demand.
- ❖ 8% said only if the woman's health is in danger, 4% said only if the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest, 1% said only if the foetus has defects and 13% were unsure.
- ❖ Most likely to say "only if the woman's health is in danger:" Manitoba & Saskatchewan (15%), males (9%), older adults (10%).
- ❖ Most likely to say "only if the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest": respondents living in Quebec (3%) and those with a high school degree or less (3%).
- ❖ Most likely to say "only if the foetus has defects:" Canadians living in Quebec (10%) and those with household incomes of \$50K or less (7%).
- ❖ Most likely to say **correctly** "for any reason on demand:" Ontarians (81%), males and females (75%), younger adults and those in the middle-age bracket (78%), respondents with household incomes of \$100K or more (80%) and university graduates (84%).



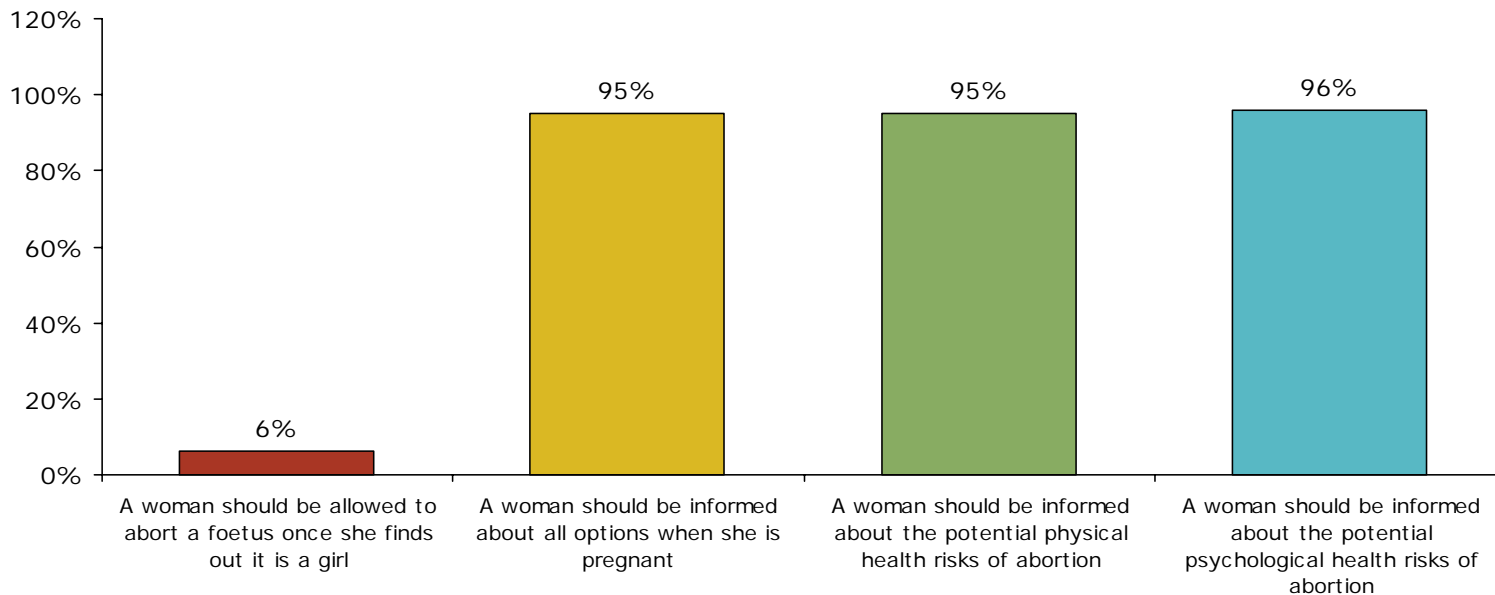
Abortion Views – Agree / Disagree

	Strongly Agree Moderately Agree
Abortion is a private matter between a woman and her doctor	81%
I would never personally choose abortion, but I do not want to force my moral views on others	63%
Abortion takes a human life and should therefore never be sanctioned except if the pregnancy threatens the mother's life	29%
I personally believe having an abortion is wrong	32%
The government should dictate how many children a woman can have	5%
The government should limit the number of abortions a woman can have in her lifetime	38%
I consider abortion an elective medical procedure—taxpayers should not pay for abortions	47%

- ❖ The vast majority of respondents (81%) think abortion is a private matter between a woman and her doctor. Three-in-five (63%) say that while they would never choose abortion, they also would not force their moral views on others.
- ❖ Almost half (47%) say they consider abortion an elective medical procedure and that taxpayers should not pay for abortions and 38% say the government should put a cap on the number of abortions a woman can have in her lifetime.
- ❖ One third (32%) say having an abortion is wrong and 29% say abortion should never be sanctioned unless the pregnancy threatens the mother's life. Only 5% say the government should dictate how many children a woman can have.

Pregnancy & Options – Strongly Agree / Moderately Agree

- ❖ Most respondents strongly or moderately agree that a woman should be informed about all her options when she is pregnant (95%) as well as about the potential physical risks of abortion (95%).
- ❖ Slightly more Canadians (96%) think a woman should be informed about the potential psychological health risks of abortion.
- ❖ Only 6% think a woman should be allowed to abort a foetus once she finds out it is a girl.





Thank you for your time.