

Table 29

a1. Next, we'd like to ask you some questions about abortion. What is your personal feeling about abortion?

			Total	Region					Gender		Age			Social Grade	
			(A)	London (A)	Rest of South (B)	Midlands and Wales (C)	North (D)	Scotland (E)	Male (A)	Female (B)	18-34 (A)	35-54 (B)	55+ (C)	ABC1 (A)	C2DE (B)
	All Respondents	BASE	2,010	255	649	432	496	179	974	1,036	566	725	719	1,026	984
		UNWT	2,010	260	645	461	474	170	893	1,117	562	674	774	973	1,037
	Abortion should be permitted in all cases	COL %	18%	18%	18%	18%	18%	15%	20%	16%	17%	18%	17%	19%	16%
		SIG							B						
		COUNT	354	45	118	76	87	27	192	162	98	132	123	193	161
	Abortion should be permitted, but with the same restrictions that are currently in place	COL %	39%	38%	41%	40%	36%	44%	40%	39%	36%	41%	40%	42%	36%
		SIG												B	
		COUNT	787	97	264	171	177	78	387	399	202	300	285	430	357
	Abortion should be permitted, but subject to greater restrictions than now	COL %	18%	15%	17%	20%	21%	15%	16%	20%	17%	18%	19%	20%	17%
		SIG													
		COUNT	364	39	109	88	102	27	160	205	94	133	137	201	163
	Abortion should be permitted only in cases such as rape, incest to save the woman's life	COL %	14%	12%	14%	13%	15%	15%	13%	15%	13%	13%	16%	11%	17%
		SIG													A
		COUNT	280	32	92	55	75	27	123	157	74	91	116	110	170
	Abortion should only be permitted to save the woman's life	COL %	5%	7%	4%	5%	6%	6%	5%	5%	8%	4%	5%	4%	7%
		SIG									B				A
		COUNT	107	17	28	22	29	11	53	54	44	30	33	39	68
	Not sure	COL %	6%	10%	6%	5%	5%	5%	6%	6%	9%	5%	4%	5%	7%
		SIG									B C				
		COUNT	117	24	38	20	25	10	58	59	53	39	25	52	65

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Table 30

a2. Do you think abortion should be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?

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			(A)	London (A)	Rest of South (B)	Midlands and Wales (C)	North (D)	Scotland (E)	Male (A)	Female (B)	18-34 (A)	35-54 (B)	55+ (C)	ABC1 (A)	C2DE (B)
	All Respondents	BASE	2,010	255	649	432	496	179	974	1,036	566	725	719	1,026	984
		UNWT	2,010	260	645	461	474	170	893	1,117	562	674	774	973	1,037
	Abortion should be legal under any circumstances	COL %	36%	36%	37%	36%	36%	32%	35%	36%	36%	40%	31%	39%	33%
		SIG										C			B
		COUNT	721	93	237	155	179	58	344	377	204	292	225	397	324
	Abortion should be legal only under certain circumstances	COL %	55%	53%	55%	53%	55%	62%	57%	53%	49%	52%	63%	53%	57%
		SIG											A B		
		COUNT	1,108	134	359	230	272	111	556	551	280	376	452	546	562
	Abortion should be illegal in all circumstances	COL %	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	5%	3%	3%	3%	3%
		SIG									B C				
		COUNT	68	5	21	18	17	7	29	40	31	18	19	34	34
	Not sure	COL %	6%	9%	5%	7%	6%	2%	5%	7%	9%	5%	3%	5%	7%
		SIG			E						B C				
		COUNT	113	23	31	28	28	3	45	68	51	39	23	49	64

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Table 31

a3. In Great Britain, abortions may be funded by the National Health Service (NHS). Which of these statements comes closer to your own point of view?

			Total	Region					Gender		Age			Social Grade		
			(A)	London (A)	Rest of South (B)	Midlands and Wales (C)	North (D)	Scotland (E)	Male (A)	Female (B)	18-34 (A)	35-54 (B)	55+ (C)	ABC1 (A)	C2DE (B)	
	All Respondents	BASE	2,010	255	649	432	496	179	974	1,036	566	725	719	1,026	984	
		UNWT	2,010	260	645	461	474	170	893	1,117	562	674	774	973	1,037	
	The NHS should fund abortions whenever they are requested	COL %	36%	35%	37%	37%	36%	32%	34%	39%	36%	40%	33%	37%	35%	
		SIG								A		C				
	The NHS should only fund abortions in the event of medical emergencies	COL %	49%	44%	47%	49%	51%	55%	51%	47%	42%	47%	56%	49%	49%	
		SIG							B				A B			
	The NHS should not fund abortions at all circumstances	COL %	6%	10%	7%	6%	6%	3%	7%	5%	10%	5%	5%	7%	6%	
		SIG									B C					
	Not sure	COL %	8%	11%	8%	8%	7%	9%	7%	9%	12%	8%	6%	7%	10%	
		SIG									B C				A	
			COUNT	167	27	55	33	35	17	73	94	68	55	44	69	98

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Table 32

a4. In Great Britain, it is only legal to have an abortion during the first 24 weeks of pregnancy, provided that certain criteria are met. Thinking about this, which of these statements comes closest to your own point of view?

			Total	Region					Gender		Age			Social Grade		
			(A)	London (A)	Rest of South (B)	Midlands and Wales (C)	North (D)	Scotland (E)	Male (A)	Female (B)	18-34 (A)	35-54 (B)	55+ (C)	ABC1 (A)	C2DE (B)	
	All Respondents	BASE	2,010	255	649	432	496	179	974	1,036	566	725	719	1,026	984	
		UNWT	2,010	260	645	461	474	170	893	1,117	562	674	774	973	1,037	
	The time limit on abortion should be reduced to less than 24 weeks	COL %	47%	41%	48%	49%	46%	51%	37%	57%	46%	48%	47%	45%	50%	
		SIG														A
		COUNT	948	105	310	212	231	91	359	590	260	350	338	458	490	
	The time limit on abortion should remain at 24 weeks	COL %	36%	35%	37%	36%	34%	38%	42%	31%	33%	36%	38%	40%	32%	
		SIG								B						B
		COUNT	723	90	239	157	169	68	406	317	187	262	274	408	315	
	The time limit on abortion should be extended to more than 24 weeks	COL %	4%	3%	3%	3%	7%	5%	6%	2%	6%	3%	4%	5%	4%	
		SIG								B						
		COUNT	85	8	22	13	33	8	62	23	31	23	31	47	38	
	Not sure	COL %	13%	20%	12%	12%	13%	6%	15%	10%	16%	12%	11%	11%	14%	
		SIG		B C E						B		C				A
		COUNT	254	51	77	50	64	11	147	107	88	90	76	114	140	

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Table 33

a5. In your view, should women under the age of 18 require the consent of their parents or legal guardians in order to have an abortion?

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	All Respondents	BASE	2,010	255	649	432	496	179	974	1,036	566	725	719	1,026	984
		UNWT	2,010	260	645	461	474	170	893	1,117	562	674	774	973	1,037
	Yes	COL %	50%	48%	48%	49%	56%	44%	50%	50%	44%	52%	52%	49%	51%
		SIG										A	A		
		COUNT	1,003	123	313	211	276	79	486	517	248	379	376	502	500
		COL %	34%	35%	34%	33%	31%	36%	34%	33%	39%	32%	31%	36%	31%
	No	SIG									B C			B	
		COUNT	675	90	221	144	155	64	333	343	223	230	222	366	309
	Not sure	COL %	17%	16%	18%	18%	13%	20%	16%	17%	17%	16%	17%	15%	18%
		SIG													
		COUNT	332	41	114	77	64	36	155	177	95	116	121	158	175

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Table 34

a6. From what you have seen, read or heard, would you say that pregnant women in Great Britain have access to enough information about alternatives to abortion, such as adoption, counselling for pregnant women, etc.?

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	All Respondents	BASE	2,010	255	649	432	496	179	974	1,036	566	725	719	1,026	984	
		UNWT	2,010	260	645	461	474	170	893	1,117	562	674	774	973	1,037	
	They DO have enough access to information about alternatives	COL %	41%	39%	38%	44%	41%	50%	41%	42%	36%	42%	45%	43%	39%	
		SIG												A		
		COUNT		831	100	249	189	204	89	395	435	205	301	324	443	387
			COL %	30%	24%	31%	32%	32%	28%	29%	32%	34%	27%	30%	30%	30%
	They DO NOT have enough access to information about alternatives	SIG														
		COUNT	606	60	199	140	157	50	278	328	190	199	216	310	296	
	Not sure	COL %	29%	37%	31%	24%	27%	22%	31%	26%	30%	31%	25%	27%	31%	
		SIG			C D E				B			C				
		COUNT	574	95	200	104	135	40	301	273	171	224	178	273	300	

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a7. Finally, which of the following statements comes closest to your own point of view?

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	All Respondents	BASE	2,010	255	649	432	496	179	974	1,036	566	725	719	1,026	984
		UNWT	2,010	260	645	461	474	170	893	1,117	562	674	774	973	1,037
	There is no point in re-opening a debate about abortion in Great Britain right now	COL %	49%	47%	46%	50%	50%	54%	55%	42%	48%	48%	50%	52%	45%
		SIG							B						B
	A debate about abortion is long overdue in Great Britain and should be re-opened	COUNT	977	119	300	215	247	96	540	437	273	347	358	530	447
		COL %	35%	34%	36%	34%	34%	33%	30%	38%	32%	35%	36%	33%	36%
	Not sure	SIG							A						
		COUNT	694	86	233	146	170	58	296	398	183	253	257	341	353
		COL %	17%	20%	18%	16%	16%	13%	14%	19%	19%	17%	15%	15%	19%
		SIG							A						A
		COUNT	339	50	115	71	79	24	138	201	110	125	104	156	184

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