

Public Funding of Abortion in Ontario

A Study of Public Opinion

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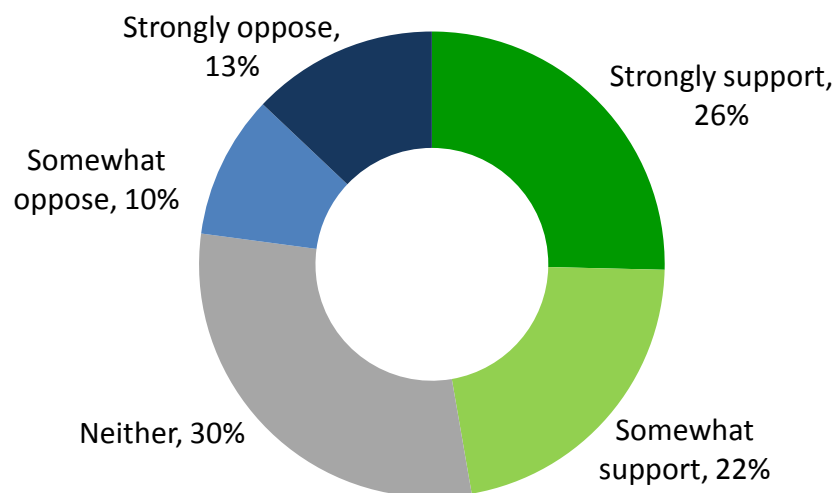
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1.0 Disclosure of Abortion Spending

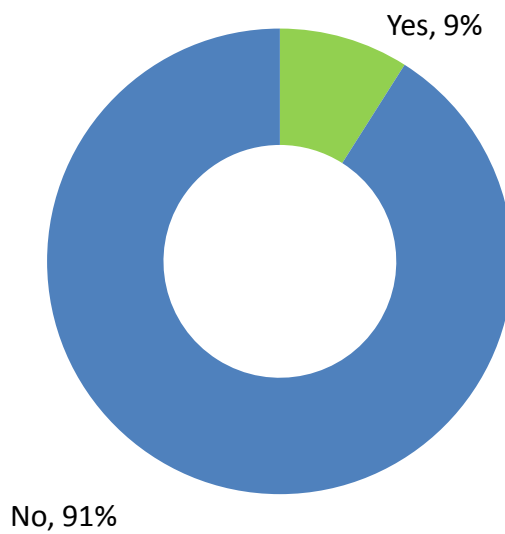
Question: Ontario releases only limited information regarding the total number of abortions carried out in the province and how much they cost taxpayers. Do you support or oppose the provincial government requiring clinics and hospitals to disclose all statistics regarding abortion?



Overall, 48% of Ontarians either strongly or somewhat supported full disclosure of all statistics. However, the most popular response was 'neither support nor oppose', suggesting a relatively high degree of indifference.

2.0 Awareness of Spending

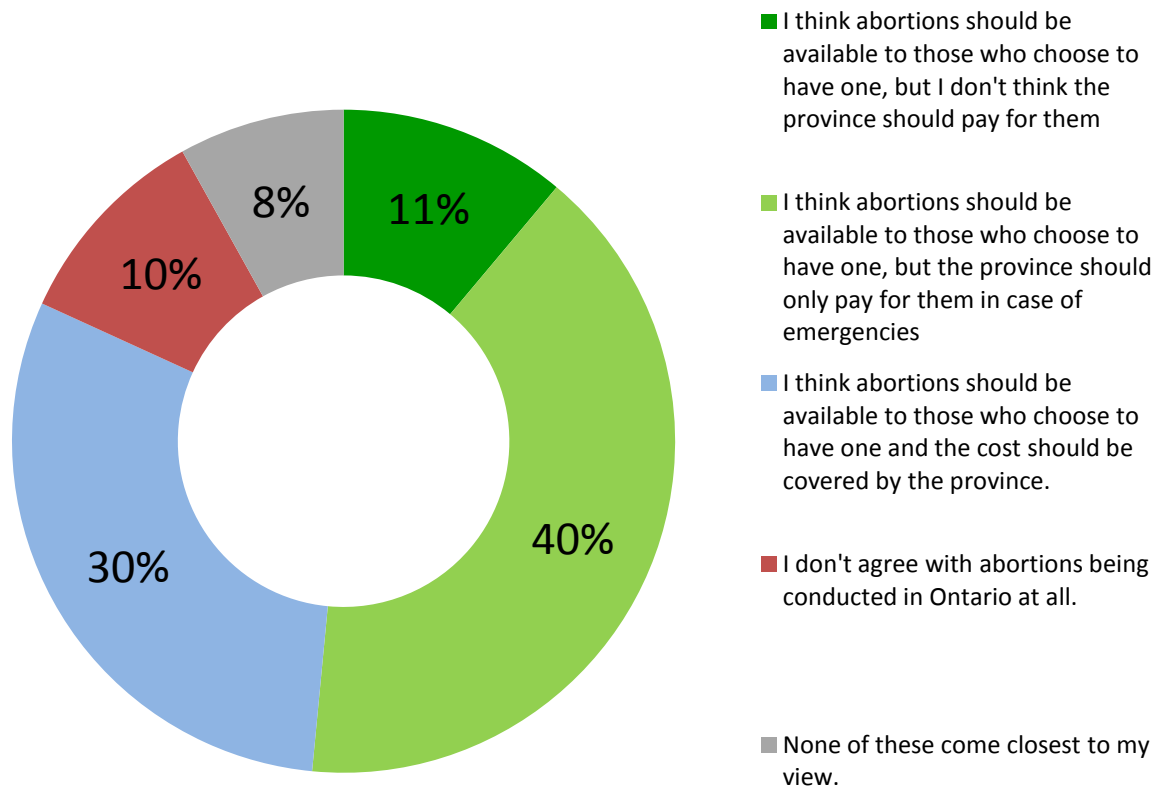
Question: Before today, were you aware that publicly subsidized abortions in Ontario cost taxpayers at least \$30 million per year?



As hypothesized, an overwhelming majority of Ontarians were unaware of the amount of money the Ontario government spends to subsidize abortions in Ontario.

3.0 Testing Statements

Question: Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?



While overall a significant majority (81%) of Ontarians feel that abortions should be available to those who choose to have one, a majority (61%) also oppose government funding of all abortions, including many of those who support access to abortion.

4.0 Methodology


From October 3rd to 4th, 2011 Abacus Data Inc. conducted an online survey among 1,015 randomly selected adults from an online panel of Ontarians.


Although there is no margin of error for non-probability sampling, a sample of 1,015 has a margin of error comparable to +/- 3.1%, 19 times out of 20.


Results of the survey were statistically weighted by gender, age, region, education, and past federal vote using census data from Statistics Canada and by past vote using Elections Ontario results from the 2007 General Election. Totals may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Region	Unweighted Count (All Respondents)	Weighted Count (All respondents)
Eastern Ontario	161	144
Greater Toronto Area	231	223
Northern Ontario	69	62
Southwestern Ontario	200	209
Metro Toronto	208	196
Hamilton/Niagara	100	99
Central Ontario	46	82
Total	1,015	1,014

When considering sub samples and the demographic breakdown of results, it is important to consider the change in the effective margin of error, particularly among groups of less than 100 respondents.

 Ontario Omnibus Study n=1,014, October 3-4, 2011 MoE comparable to +3.2%		Ontario releases only limited information regarding the total number of abortions carried out in the province and how much they cost taxpayers. Do you support or oppose the provincial government requiring clinics and hospitals to disclose all statistics re					
		Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Count
		Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Unweighted Count
Gender	Ontario	26%	22%	30%	10%	13%	1014
	Male	30%	22%	28%	9%	11%	494
Age Group	Female	21%	22%	32%	11%	14%	520
	18 to 29	26%	25%	30%	7%	12%	158
	30 to 44	22%	20%	33%	9%	15%	263
	45 to 60	26%	22%	28%	10%	14%	372
	60 and over	28%	22%	29%	12%	9%	221
Region	Northern	24%	26%	28%	10%	11%	69
	Eastern	20%	24%	30%	15%	12%	161
	Central	30%	14%	37%	5%	14%	46
	GTA	27%	23%	31%	8%	11%	231
	Toronto	26%	24%	28%	7%	15%	207
	Southwestern	26%	21%	28%	12%	14%	200
Religion	Hamilton/Niagara	26%	19%	32%	10%	12%	100
	Roman Catholic	31%	24%	23%	9%	13%	306
	Protestant	20%	26%	31%	13%	11%	245
	Evangelical Christian	54%	11%	18%	5%	12%	57
	Muslim	51%	7%	23%	0%	19%	16
Religiosity	No affiliation/Atheist	21%	23%	36%	7%	13%	180
	Very important	46%	16%	22%	5%	10%	213
	Somewhat important	18%	26%	32%	11%	12%	326
	Somewhat unimportant	19%	23%	33%	14%	12%	223
Provincial Vote Intention	Very unimportant	24%	21%	32%	8%	16%	252
	Liberal	27%	23%	24%	13%	14%	338
	PC	30%	25%	28%	7%	11%	287
	NDP	19%	19%	36%	9%	16%	244
	Green	24%	16%	40%	14%	5%	48
	Other	42%	0%	24%	11%	23%	9
	Undecided	22%	19%	45%	6%	8%	88

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	Female	8%	92%	520
Age Group	18 to 29	14%	86%	158
	30 to 44	9%	91%	263
	45 to 60	9%	91%	372
	60 and over	8%	92%	221
Region	Northern	8%	92%	69
	Eastern	7%	93%	161
	Central	2%	98%	46
	GTA	7%	93%	231
	Toronto	11%	89%	207
	Southwestern	12%	88%	200
Religion	Hamilton/Niagara	14%	86%	100
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	Somewhat important	8%	92%	326
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	Green	4%	96%	48
	Other	0%	100%	9
	Undecided	1%	99%	88

 Ontario Omnibus Study n=1,014, October 3-4, 2011 MoE comparable to +3.2%		Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?					
		I think abortions should be available to those who choose to have one, but I don't think the province should pay for the	I think abortions should be available to those who choose to have one, but the province should only pay for them in case	I think abortions should be available to those who choose to have one and the cost should be covered by the province.	I don't agree with abortions being conducted in Ontario at all.	None of these come closest to my view.	Count
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