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	Gender		Age									
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	NET: 18-34	NET: 35-54	NET: 55+
Significance Level: 95%		a	b	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
Unweighted Total	2191	1034	1157	436	444	353	328	281	349	880	681	630
Total	2191	1069	1122	243	379	351	388	324	506	622	738	830
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
I don't think there should be any such restrictions on speaking about the issue of abortion outside abortion clinics	437 20%	240 22% b	197 18%	51 21%	79 21%	74 21%	69 18%	71 22%	92 18%	130 21%	143 19%	164 20%
Restrictions should only be imposed on specific individuals if they are found to be harassing a woman	525 24%	283 26% b	242 22%	55 23%	124 33% acdefhi	79 22%	89 23%	65 20%	113 22%	179 29% acdefhi	168 23%	178 21%
'Buffer zones' should only be introduced on specific clinics if there are ongoing problems outside a specific location	318 15%	142 13%	176 16%	53 22% bcdeghi	54 14% e	41 12%	56 14% e	26 8%	88 17% ce	107 17% ceh	97 13% e	114 14% e
'Buffer zones' should be introduced at every abortion clinic in the country	471 21%	190 18%	281 25% a	30 12%	62 16%	82 23% abg	90 23% abg	98 30% abcdfgh	109 22% ag	92 15% ag	171 23% abg	208 25% abg
Don't know	441 20%	215 20%	225 20%	55 23% b	60 16%	75 21% b	84 22% b	63 20%	103 20%	116 19%	158 21% b	167 20%

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	Total	Regions												Social grade		
		Northern Ireland	Scotland	North-West	North-East	Yorkshire and the Humber	Wales	West Midlands	East Midlands	South-West	South-East	Eastern	London	NET: England	ABC1	C2DE
Significance Level: 95%		a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	a	b
Unweighted Total	2191	30	154	247	123	177	132	228	165	163	313	154	305	1875	1048	1143
Total	2191	66	185	245	89	179	106	189	155	189	298	204	287	1834	1214	977
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Restrictions should only be imposed on specific individuals if they are found to be harassing a woman	525 24%	11 17%	46 25%	73 30%	16 18%	31 17%	14 13%	45 24%	41 26%	41 22%	79 27%	30 15%	98 34%	454 25%	318 26%	207 21%
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	2019 Past Vote										2016 EU Vote		
	Total	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	The Brexit Party	Green	SNP	Plaid Cymru	Another party	Did not vote	Leave	Remain	Did not vote
		a	b	c	*d	*e	f	*g	h	i	a	b	c
Significance Level: 95%													
Unweighted Total	2191	561	505	99	9	22	59	12	41	519	662	649	550
Total	2191	700	499	113	8	25	72	12	65	420	787	734	438
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