



Northern Ireland Abortion Poll

Methodology: ComRes surveyed 1,013 adults in Northern Ireland online between 8th and 15th October 2018. Data were weighted to be representative of all Northern Irish adults by gender, age and religion. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules. Full tables at www.comresglobal.com

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ONLINE Fieldwork : 8th - 15th October 2018

Absolutes/col percents

Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Summary Table

Base: All respondents

	Statements		
	In pregnancy the life of both the mother and the unborn child are important	The unborn child's life is always important but in some circumstances the mother's life is more important	The unborn child's life is not important
Unweighted base	1013	1013	1013
Weighted base	1013	1013	1013
Agree	944 93%	776 77%	24 2%
Disagree	34 3%	114 11%	940 93%
Don't know	21 2%	103 10%	36 4%
Prefer not to say	13 1%	20 2%	13 1%

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In pregnancy the life of both the mother and the unborn child are important
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	Gender		Age			Religion			Nationalist / Unionist			Support abortion on request for any reason up to 24 weeks		Highest educational level					Social grade				
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-34 (c)	35-54 (d)	55+ (e)	Catholic (f)	Prot-estant /Other Christian (g)	Other/ None (h)	Union-ist (i)	Nation-alist (j)	Neither (k)	Agree (l)	Disagree (m)	No qual-ific-ations (o)	Educ-ation up to 18 (p)	Appren-tice-ship (q)	Higher educ-ation (r)	Still in FT educ-ation (s)	AB (t)	C1 (u)	C2 (v)	DE (w)
Unweighted base	1013	471	539	188	414	411	288	487	205	379	195	398	418	408	41	446	19	487	7	389	247	140	236
Weighted base	1013	495	515	284	355	375	441	470	69	337	270	358	385	441	46*	448	16**	482	9**	395	234	146	237
Agree	944	457	487	263	325	357	414	444	59	318	246	341	348	431	42	415	15	455	8	369	219	136	219
	93%	92%	94%	93%	92%	95%	94%h	94%h	86%	94%	91%	95%	90%	98%l	91%	93%	91%	94%	92%	93%	94%	93%	92%
Disagree	34	13	21	11	14	10	16	16	2	10	16	9	27	8	1	18	1	15	-	14	10	5	6
	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	6%	2%	7% _m	2%	2%	4%	4%	3%	-	4%	4%	3%	2%
Don't know	21	16	5	6	9	6	4	10	6	8	4	7	8	2	3	11	1	5	1	7	5	1	8
	2%	3% _b	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	8% _{fg}	2%	2%	2%	2% _m	*	7% _r	2%	5%	1%	8%	2%	2%	1%	3%
Prefer not to say	13	9	2	4	7	2	7	1	2	1	4	2	2	*	-	4	-	7	-	5	-	4	4
	1%	2%	*	1%	2%	1%	2%	*	2% _g	*	2%	*	1%	*	-	1%	-	1%	-	1%	-	3% _u	2%

Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e - f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m - o/p/q/r/s - t/u/v/w

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The unborn child's life is always important but in some circumstances the mother's life is more important

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Agree	776	381	394	195	276	305	319	379	55	281	194	271	331	314	27	335	14	386	6	316	182	113	164
	77%	77%	77%	69%	78% ^c	81% ^c	72%	81% ^f	80%	83% ^{jk}	72%	76%	86% ^m	71%	60%	75%	83%	80% ^o	64%	80% ^w	78%	78%	69%
Disagree	114	50	63	52	32	29	57	49	6	28	36	44	28	75	9	51	-	50	3	39	27	15	31
	11%	10%	12%	18% ^{de}	9%	8%	13%	10%	8%	8%	13%	12%	7%	17% ^l	20%	11%	-	10%	36%	10%	12%	11%	13%
Don't know	103	54	50	31	39	34	60	36	6	21	37	41	26	46	8	53	3	39	-	33	24	14	32
	10%	11%	10%	11%	11%	9%	14% ^g	8%	9%	6%	14% ⁱ	11% ⁱ	7%	10%	18%	12%	17%	8%	-	8%	10%	9%	14%
Prefer not to say	20	10	8	6	8	7	5	7	2	7	3	2	1	6	1	10	-	7	-	6	*	4	10
	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	*	1%	2%	2%	-	1%	-	2%	*	2% ^u	4% ^w

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The unborn child's life is not important

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Agree	24 2%	18 4% ^b	7 1%	6 2%	12 3%	6 2%	9 2%	11 2%	3 4%	7 2%	10 4%	7 2%	19 5% ^m	3 1%	4 8% ^r	12 3%	1 4%	8 2%	-	11 3%	5 2%	5 4%	4 2%
Disagree	940 93%	450 91%	489 95% ^a	267 94%	319 90%	354 94% ^d	413 94% ^h	444 94% ^h	57 83%	315 94%	250 92%	333 93%	342 89%	433 98% ^l	40 87%	415 93%	14 84%	454 94%	9 100%	369 93%	219 94%	131 90%	219 92%
Don't know	36 4%	23 5%	14 3%	10 3%	16 5%	10 3%	15 3%	12 3%	7 11% ^{fg}	10 3%	10 4%	15 4%	22 6% ^m	4 1%	1 3%	16 4%	1 5%	18 4%	-	13 3%	8 3%	7 5%	9 4%
Prefer not to say	13 1%	4 1%	6 1%	1 *	7 2%	5 1%	3 1%	2 *	1 2% ^g	4 1%	1 1%	3 1%	3 1%	1 *	1 2%	6 1%	1 7%	3 1%	-	3 1%	2 1%	2 1%	6 2%

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At present, devolution means abortion law in Northern Ireland is decided by Stormont and lawful only when there is a risk to the mother's life or to her long-term physical or mental health. Some English MPs say that the Westminster Parliament should decide what the law is in Northern Ireland and make it available for any reason, up to 24 weeks into pregnancy. Do you agree or disagree with each of these statements on this issue? Changing the law on this issue should be a decision for the people of Northern Ireland and their elected representatives and not for MPs in other parts of the UK

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	64%	61%	66%	70% ^d	58%	64%	66% ^h	65% ^h	49%	65%	69%	60%	50%	82% ^l	66%	63%	67%	63%	87%	61%	66%	72% ^t	61%
Disagree	238	136	100	39	100	99	98	107	24	80	62	87	157	49	10	95	3	128	-	108	51	30	48
	23%	28% ^b	19%	14%	28% ^c	26% ^c	22%	23%	34% ^{fg}	24%	23%	24%	41% ^m	11%	22%	21%	20%	27%	-	27%	22%	20%	20%
Don't know	112	48	64	44	40	28	45	50	10	35	18	49	31	26	4	59	2	44	-	42	29	10	32
	11%	10%	12%	16% ^e	11%	8%	10%	11%	14%	10%	7%	14% ^j	8%	6%	8%	13%	13%	9%	-	11%	12%	7%	13%
Prefer not to say	19	7	10	2	11	7	6	7	1	3	5	-8	2	5	2	10	-	4	1	5	1	1	12
	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	4%	2%	-	1%	13%	1%	*	1%	5% ^{tu}

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