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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Should abortion be legal...	27-country average				United States	
	Yes	**No**	**Yes highest in:**	**No highest in:**	**Yes**	**No**
in **all or most cases**	**59%**	**26%**	Sweden (86%)	India (49%)	**54%**	**33%**
if the pregnancy **threatens the woman's life or health**	**80%**	**9%**	Sweden (91%)	Malaysia (20%)	**78%**	**10%**
if the pregnancy is the result of **a rape**	**76%**	**13%**	Belgium (90%) Sweden (90%)	Malaysia (40%)	**73%**	**15%**
if the **baby** is likely to be born **with severe disabilities or health problems**	**67%**	**17%**	France (85%)	Malaysia (36%)	**58%**	**21%**
for any woman in the **first 6 weeks** of a pregnancy	**62%**	**21%**	Sweden (80%)	Peru (43%)	**60%**	**26%**
for any woman in the **first 14 weeks** of a pregnancy	**45%**	**34%**	Sweden (70%)	Peru (66%)	**44%**	**36%**
for any woman in the **first 20 weeks** of a pregnancy	**27%**	**47%**	Sweden (44%)	Peru (75%)	**29%**	**49%**

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SUPPORT FOR ABORTION LEGALITY
% SAYING ABORTION SHOULD BE LEGAL IN ALL OR MOST CASES

CA 70%

US 54%

MX 52%

CO 40%

PE 31%

BR 48%

CL 55%

AR 52%

NL 78%   SE 86%
BE 78%   DE 70%
GB 74%   PL 60%
FR 83%   HU 70%
               RO 64%
ES 70%   TR 51%
    IT 73%

ZA 42%

CN 48%
IN 40%   KR 54%   JP 49%

MY 32%

AU 70%

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SUPPORT FOR ABORTION LEGALITY
BY COUNTRY

Q. Thinking of abortion, which of the following is closest to your personal opinion?

Abortion should be…

Total % should be legal

Net support: % should be legal minus % should be illegal

Country	Total % should be legal	Legal in all cases	Legal in most cases	Illegal in most cases	Illegal in all cases	Don't know/Prefer not to say	Net support
Global Country Average	59%	30%	29%	16%	10%	16%	+34
Sweden	86%	64%	22%	6%	3%	6%	+77
France	83%	57%	26%	4%	5%	9%	+74
Belgium	78%	47%	32%	8%	4%	10%	+67
Netherlands	78%	47%	31%	7%	5%	11%	+67
Great Britain	74%	44%	30%	9%	5%	12%	+60
Italy	73%	43%	30%	8%	5%	14%	+60
Canada	70%	46%	25%	9%	5%	16%	+57
Spain	70%	36%	34%	11%	5%	13%	+54
Australia	70%	45%	25%	9%	6%	15%	+55
Germany	70%	35%	34%	11%	6%	13%	+52
Hungary	70%	38%	32%	10%	4%	16%	+55
Romania	64%	37%	26%	14%	6%	16%	+43
Poland	60%	23%	37%	20%	6%	14%	+34
Chile	55%	22%	33%	18%	12%	15%	+25
South Korea	54%	15%	40%	25%	10%	11%	+20
United States	54%	26%	27%	22%	11%	14%	+21
Argentina	52%	23%	30%	21%	11%	16%	+20
Mexico	52%	20%	31%	24%	13%	12%	+15
Turkey	51%	22%	29%	15%	15%	19%	+21
Japan	49%	17%	32%	7%	2%	43%	+41
Brazil	48%	20%	27%	23%	13%	17%	+12
China	48%	14%	34%	20%	13%	20%	+15
South Africa	42%	20%	23%	21%	21%	16%	0
Colombia	40%	14%	27%	28%	16%	16%	-3
India	40%	16%	24%	27%	22%	11%	-9
Malaysia	32%	14%	18%	25%	20%	23%	-13
Peru	31%	8%	23%	26%	21%	22%	-17

Legend:
- Legal in all cases
- Legal in most cases
- Illegal in most cases
- Illegal in all cases
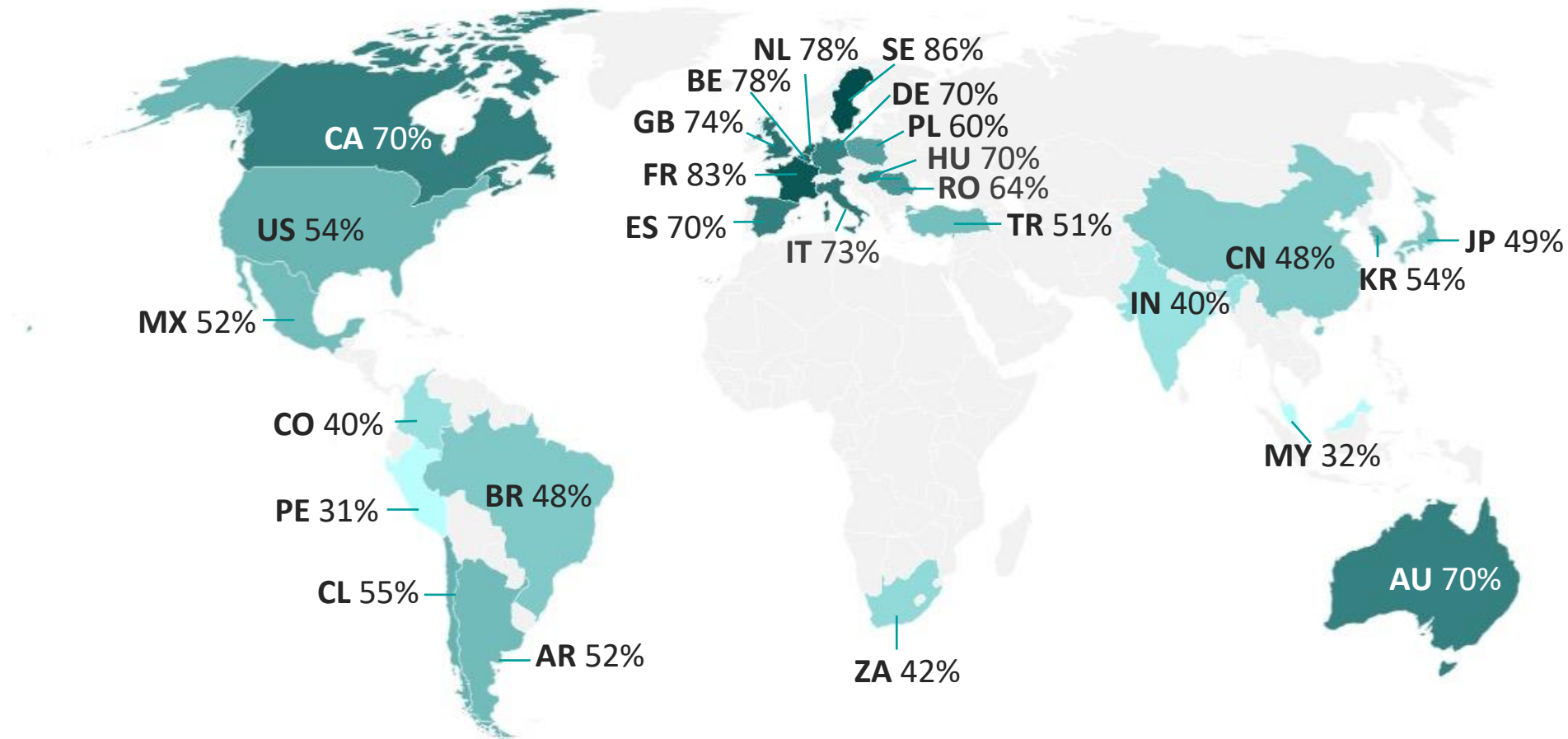- Don't know/Prefer not to say

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SUPPORT FOR ABORTION LEGALITY
GLOBALLY BY GENDER, AGE AND EDUCATION

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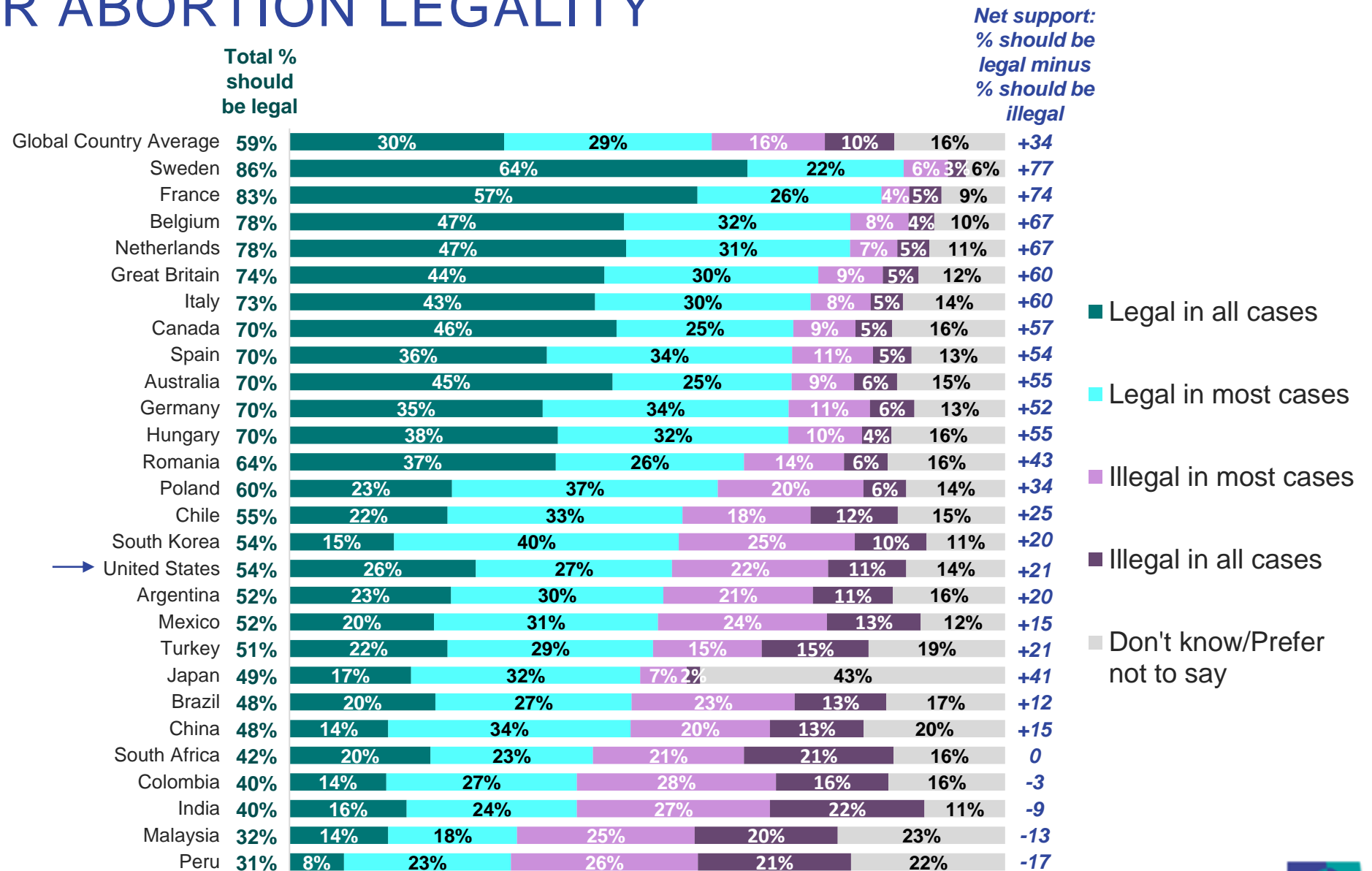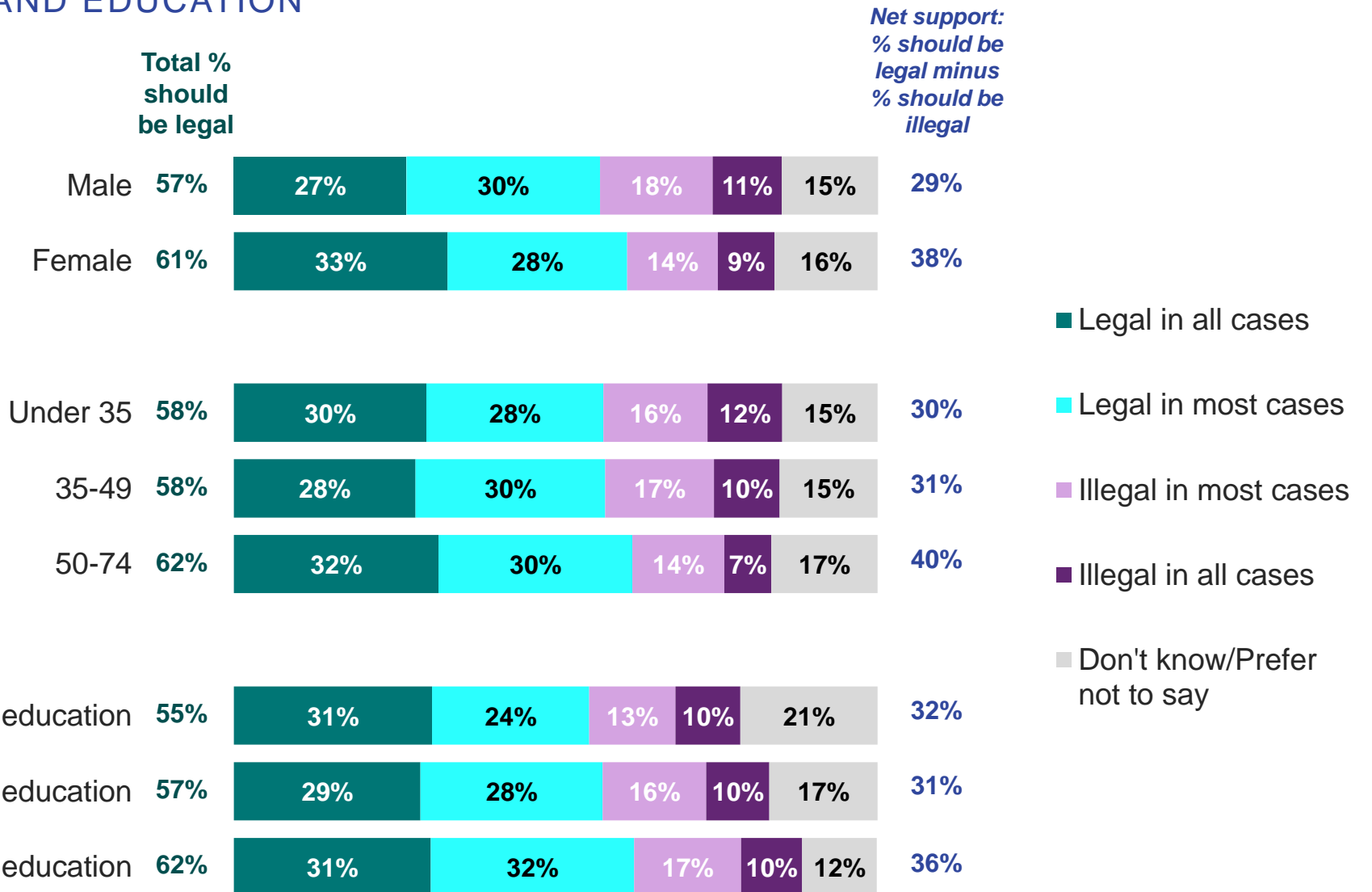
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Total % should be legal

Net support: % should be legal minus % should be illegal

	Total % should be legal	Legal in all cases	Legal in most cases	Illegal in most cases	Illegal in all cases	Don't know/Prefer not to say	Net support
Male	57%	27%	30%	18%	11%	15%	29%
Female	61%	33%	28%	14%	9%	16%	38%
Under 35	58%	30%	28%	16%	12%	15%	30%
35-49	58%	28%	30%	17%	10%	15%	31%
50-74	62%	32%	30%	14%	7%	17%	40%
Lower education	55%	31%	24%	13%	10%	21%	32%
Medium education	57%	29%	28%	16%	10%	17%	31%
Higher education	62%	31%	32%	17%	10%	12%	36%

Legend:
- Legal in all cases
- Legal in most cases
- Illegal in most cases
- Illegal in all cases
- Don't know/Prefer not to say

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AGE AND GENDER SKEWS IN LEGAL ABORTION SUPPORT

Who is more likely to say abortion should be legal in all or most cases:

MEN ← → WOMEN

AGED 50-74

AGED UNDER 35

Difference between % of those aged 50-74 and % of those under 35 in % saying abortion should be ng legal in all or most cases

Difference between % of females and % of males saying abortion should be legal in all or most cases

Data points: Germany, Romania, Sweden, Canada, France, Hungary, Belgium, Turkey, Australia, Netherlands, Japan, Great Britain, Mexico, South Korea, Argentina, India, China, Spain, South Africa, Italy, United States, Poland, Colombia, Peru, Chile, Malaysia, Brazil

Support for abortion skews **strongly higher** among:

Women in South Africa, Argentina, South Korea, Poland (10+ ppts higher than among men)

Younger adults in Brazil, Malaysia, Peru, Chile (10+ ppts higher among those under 35 than among those aged 50-74)

Older adults in Germany, Romania, Sweden (10+ ppts higher among those aged 50-74 than those under 35)

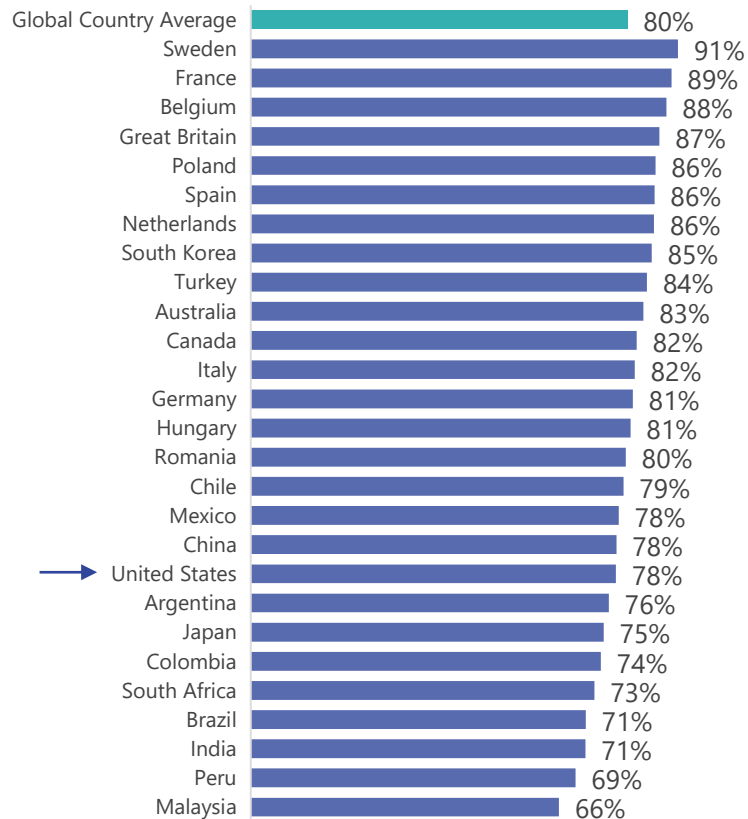# TRENDS IN SUPPORT FOR LEGAL STATUS OF ABORTION
BY COUNTRY SINCE 2014

Total % "abortion should be…"	"legal in all cases" or "legal in most cases"	"permitted whenever a woman decides she wants one" or "permitted in certrain circumstances, such as when a woman has been raped"							
Year	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Global Country Average*	**59**	**71**	**70**	**70**	**70**	**72**	**75**	**72**	**72**
Argentina	52	79	72	71	74	66	66	65	64
Australia	70	76	78	75	74	77	77	75	77
Belgium	78	79	87	87	83	87	90	85	85
Brazil	48	64	53	61	57	50	57	52	53
Canada	70	77	77	74	77	77	79	74	76
Chile	55	73	68	-	71	75	73	71	65
China	48								
Colombia	40	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	83	81	84	86	84	86	90	88	90
Germany	70	81	76	82	77	84	84	83	85
Great Britain	74	80	83	84	76	82	86	84	85
Hungary	70	79	78	78	81	84	83	77	79
India	40	63	63	64	64	68	70	63	61
Italy	73	77	70	73	73	71	74	74	73
Japan	49	67	66	65	62	60	65	67	67
Malaysia	32	30	24	28	27	-	-	-	-
Mexico	52	59	64	62	59	57	58	49	51
Netherlands	78	85	83	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peru	31	53	48	50	53	49	53	-	-
Poland	60	74	69	74	71	-	-	-	-
Romania	64	71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Russia	-	68	69	65	65	66	62	65	59
South Africa	42	62	64	80	84	80	80	77	74
South Korea	54	79	79	61	56	58	71	56	59
Spain	70	80	83	84	80	83	86	86	88
Sweden	86	88	88	84	88	87	93	87	91
Turkey	51	56	56	58	64	63	72	68	71
United States	54	66	64	68	68	68	69	68	64

All countries listed in this table that were surveyed that year
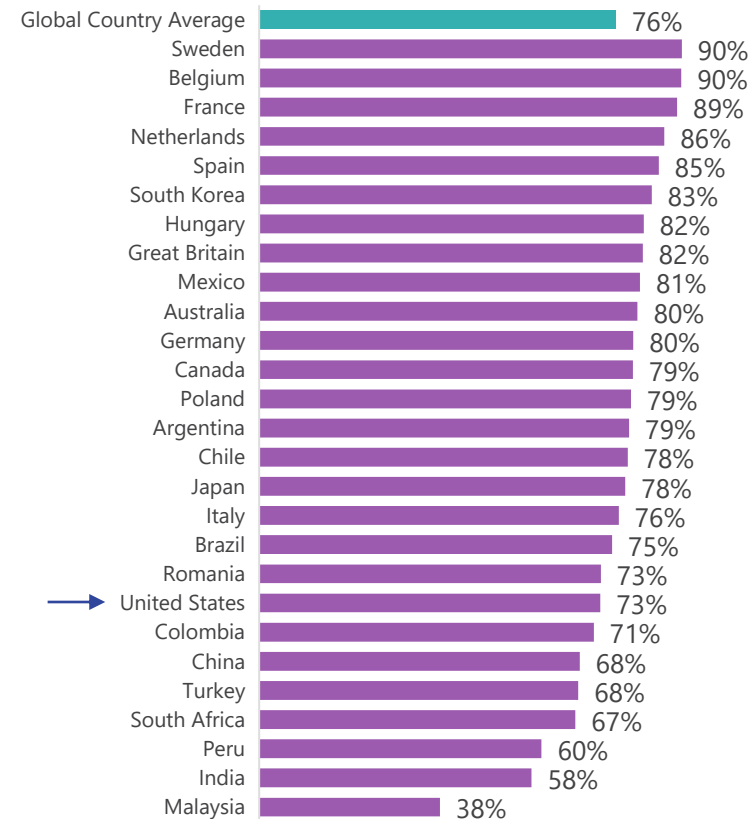
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CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN ABORTION SHOULD BE LEGAL
BY COUNTRY

Q. Do you think abortion should be legal in the following circumstances… (% Yes among all adults)
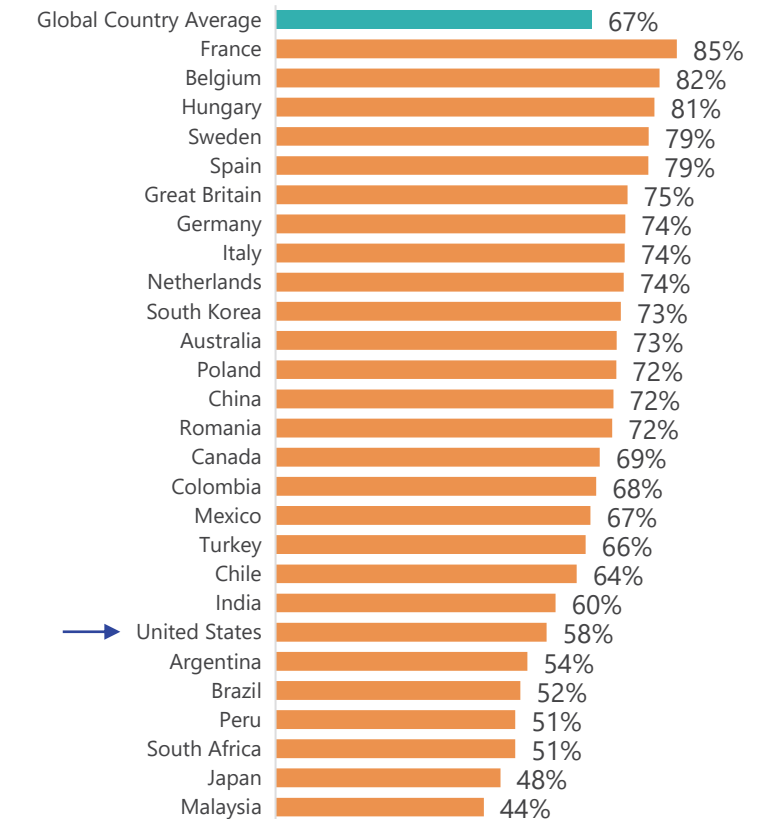
If the pregnancy threatens the woman's life or health

Country	%
Global Country Average	80%
Sweden	91%
France	89%
Belgium	88%
Great Britain	87%
Poland	86%
Spain	86%
Netherlands	86%
South Korea	85%
Turkey	84%
Australia	83%
Canada	82%
Italy	82%
Germany	81%
Hungary	81%
Romania	80%
Chile	79%
Mexico	78%
China	78%
→ United States	78%
Argentina	76%
Japan	75%
Colombia	74%
South Africa	73%
Brazil	71%
India	71%
Peru	69%
Malaysia	66%

If the pregnancy is the result of a rape

Country	%
Global Country Average	76%
Sweden	90%
Belgium	90%
France	89%
Netherlands	86%
Spain	85%
South Korea	83%
Hungary	82%
Great Britain	82%
Mexico	81%
Australia	80%
Germany	80%
Canada	79%
Poland	79%
Argentina	79%
Chile	78%
Japan	78%
Italy	76%
Brazil	75%
Romania	73%
→ United States	73%
Colombia	71%
China	68%
Turkey	68%
South Africa	67%
Peru	60%
India	58%
Malaysia	38%

If the baby is likely to be born with severe disabilities or health problems

Country	%
Global Country Average	67%
France	85%
Belgium	82%
Hungary	81%
Sweden	79%
Spain	79%
Great Britain	75%
Germany	74%
Italy	74%
Netherlands	74%
South Korea	73%
Australia	73%
Poland	72%
China	72%
Romania	72%
Canada	69%
Colombia	68%
Mexico	67%
Turkey	66%
Chile	64%
India	60%
→ United States	58%
Argentina	54%
Brazil	52%
Peru	51%
South Africa	51%
Japan	48%
Malaysia	44%

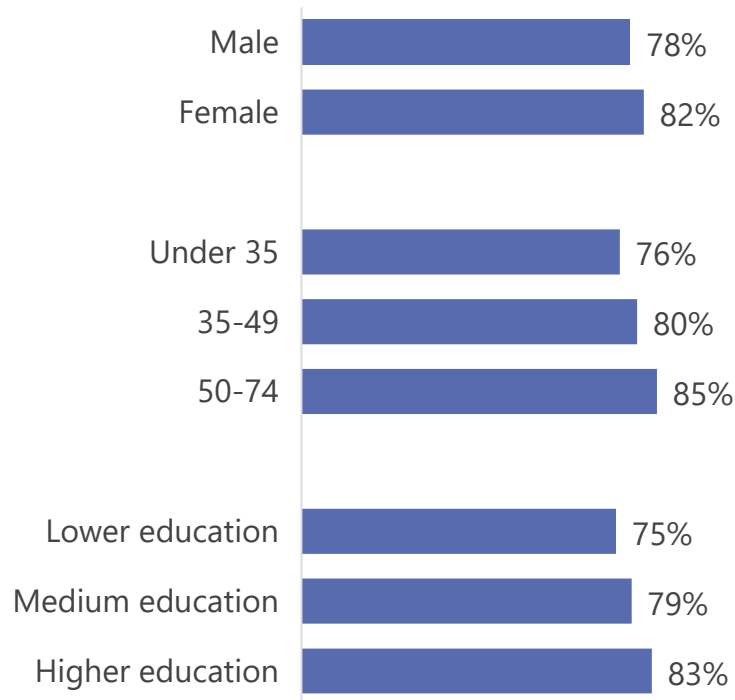Base: 20, 523 online adults across 27 countries
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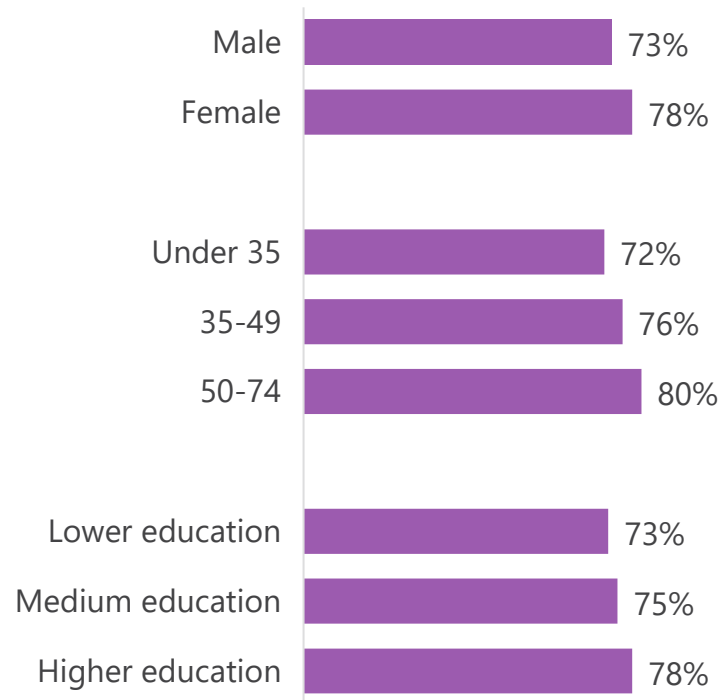# CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN ABORTION SHOULD BE LEGAL
BY GENDER, AGE AND EDUCATION

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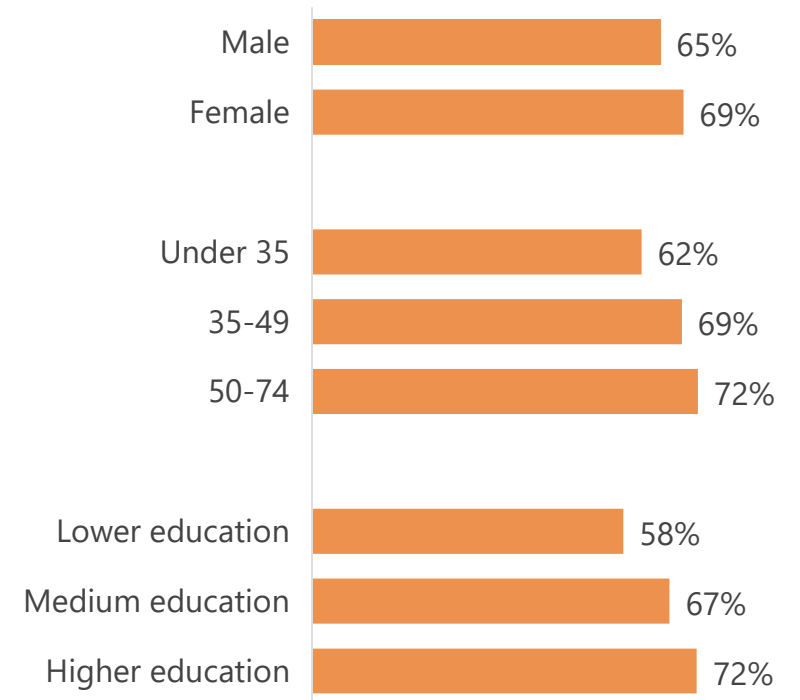
If the pregnancy threatens the woman's life or health

Male	78%
Female	82%
Under 35	76%
35-49	80%
50-74	85%
Lower education	75%
Medium education	79%
Higher education	83%

If the pregnancy is the result of a rape

Male	73%
Female	78%
Under 35	72%
35-49	76%
50-74	80%
Lower education	73%
Medium education	75%
Higher education	78%

If the baby is likely to be born with severe disabilities or health problems

Male	65%
Female	69%
Under 35	62%
35-49	69%
50-74	72%
Lower education	58%
Medium education	67%
Higher education	72%

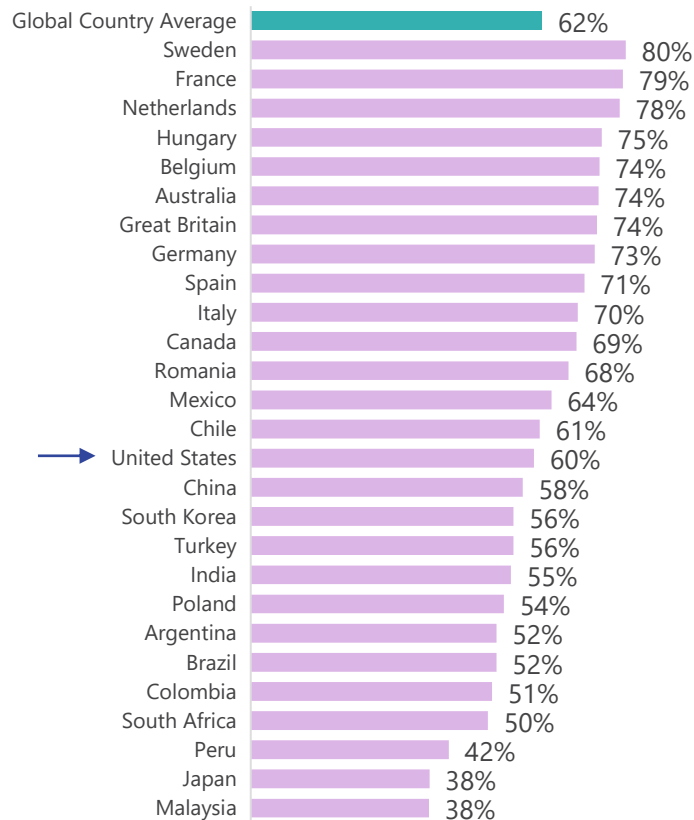Base: 20, 523 online adults across 27 countries
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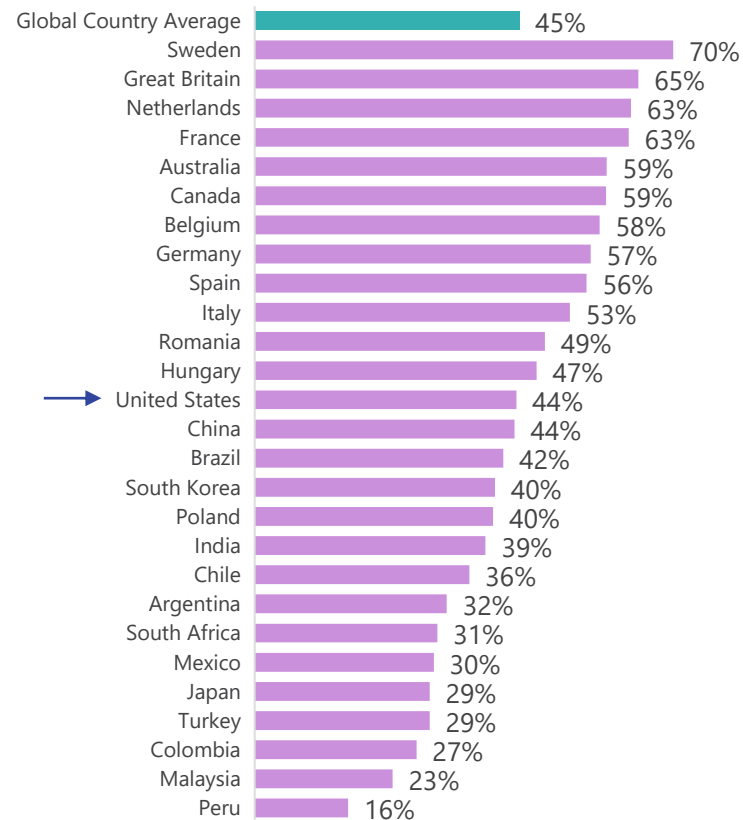# LENGTH OF PREGNANCY WHEN ABORTION SHOULD BE LEGAL
BY COUNTRY

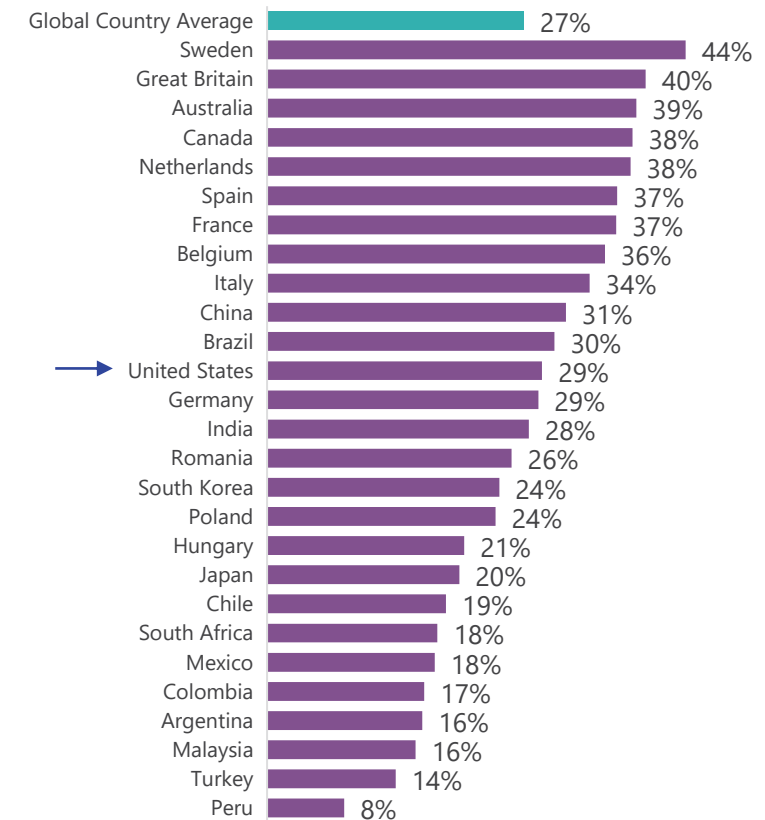Q. Do you think abortion should be legal in the following circumstances… (% Yes among all adults)

For any woman in the first 6 weeks of a pregnancy

Country	%
Global Country Average	62%
Sweden	80%
France	79%
Netherlands	78%
Hungary	75%
Belgium	74%
Australia	74%
Great Britain	74%
Germany	73%
Spain	71%
Italy	70%
Canada	69%
Romania	68%
Mexico	64%
Chile	61%
→ United States	60%
China	58%
South Korea	56%
Turkey	56%
India	55%
Poland	54%
Argentina	52%
Brazil	52%
Colombia	51%
South Africa	50%
Peru	42%
Japan	38%
Malaysia	38%

For any woman in the first 14 weeks of a pregnancy

Country	%
Global Country Average	45%
Sweden	70%
Great Britain	65%
Netherlands	63%
France	63%
Australia	59%
Canada	59%
Belgium	58%
Germany	57%
Spain	56%
Italy	53%
Romania	49%
Hungary	47%
→ United States	44%
China	44%
Brazil	42%
South Korea	40%
Poland	40%
India	39%
Chile	36%
Argentina	32%
South Africa	31%
Mexico	30%
Japan	29%
Turkey	29%
Colombia	27%
Malaysia	23%
Peru	16%

For any woman in the first 20 weeks of a pregnancy

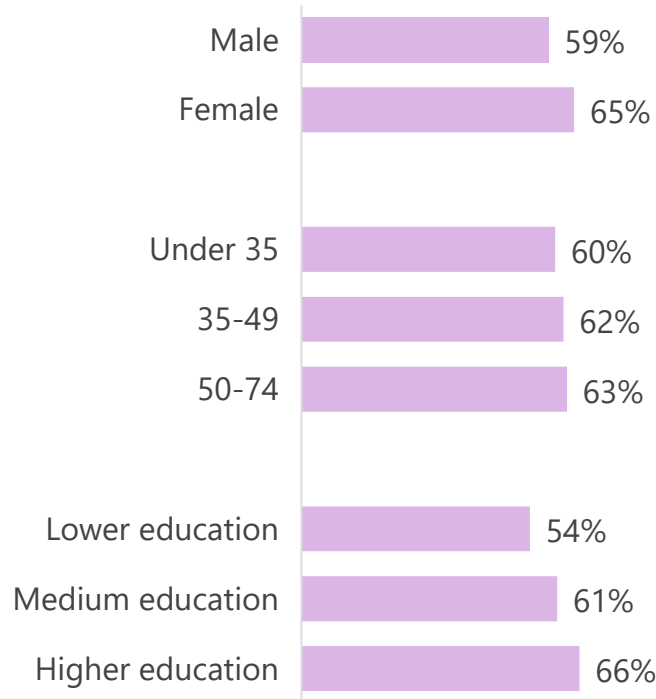| Country	%
Global Country Average	27%
Sweden	44%
Great Britain	40%
Australia	39%
Canada	38%
Netherlands	38%
Spain	37%
France	37%
Belgium	36%
Italy	34%
China	31%
Brazil	30%
→ United States	29%
Germany	29%
India	28%
Romania	26%
South Korea	24%
Poland	24%
Hungary	21%
Japan	20%
Chile	19%
South Africa	18%
Mexico	18%
Colombia	17%
Argentina	16%
Malaysia	16%
Turkey	14%
Peru	8%

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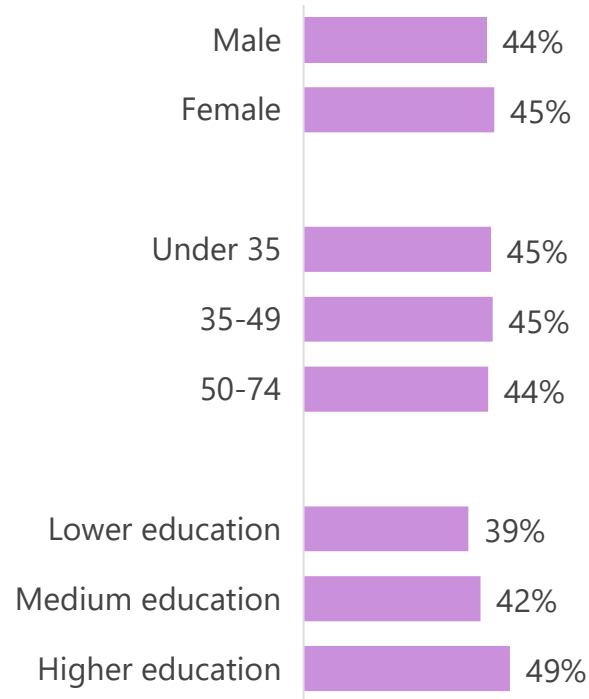
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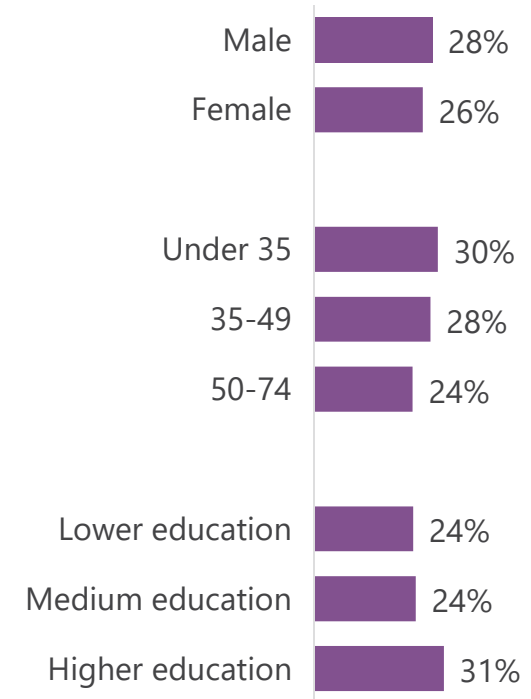Q. Do you think abortion should be legal for any woman … (% Yes among all adults)

For any woman in the first 6 weeks of a pregnancy

Male	59%
Female	65%
Under 35	60%
35-49	62%
50-74	63%
Lower education	54%
Medium education	61%
Higher education	66%

For any woman in the first 14 weeks of a pregnancy

Male	44%
Female	45%
Under 35	45%
35-49	45%
50-74	44%
Lower education	39%
Medium education	42%
Higher education	49%

For any woman in the first 20 weeks of a pregnancy

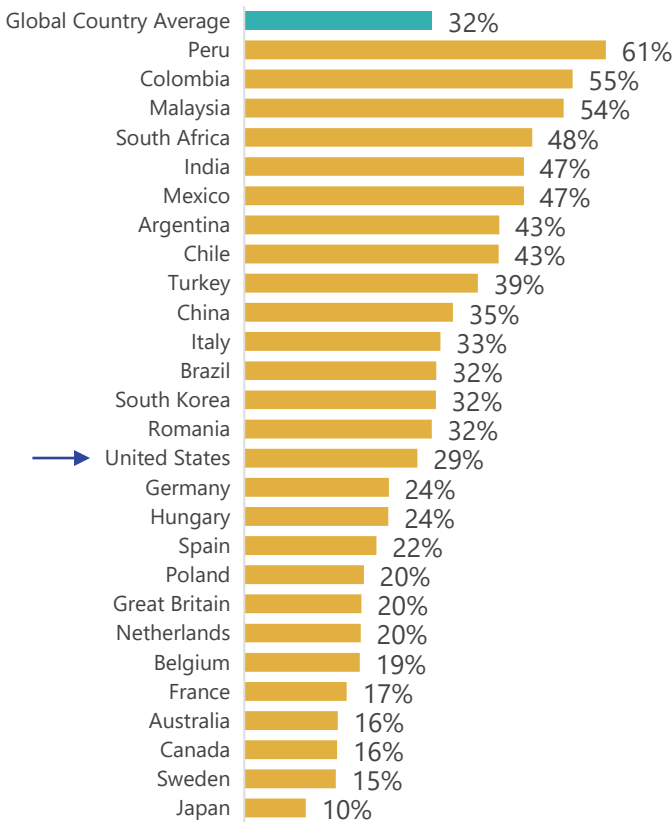|	
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Under 35	30%
35-49	28%
50-74	24%
Lower education	24%
Medium education	24%
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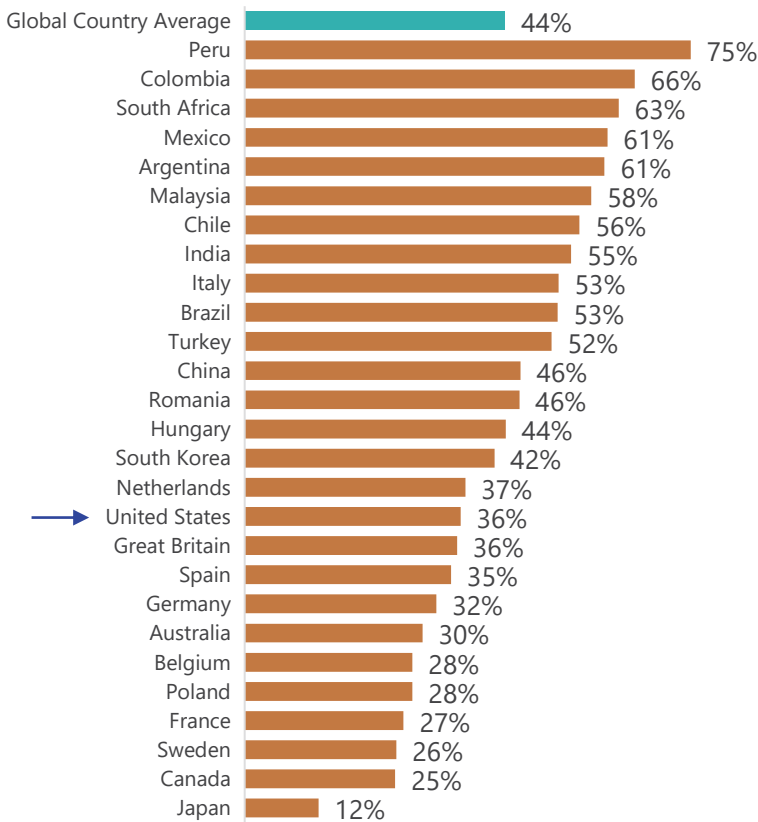
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SUPPORT FOR PENALIZING THOSE INVOLVED IN AN ILLEGAL ABORTION
BY COUNTRY

Q. If an abortion was carried out in a situation where it is illegal, do you think each of the following should face a penalty? (% Yes among all adults)
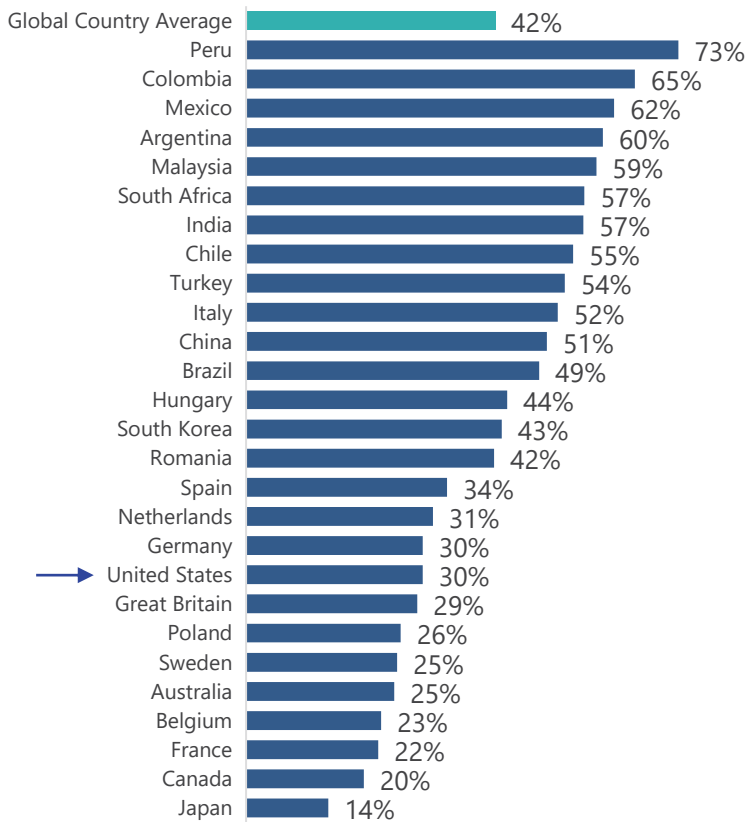
The woman who had an abortion

Country	%
Global Country Average	32%
Peru	61%
Colombia	55%
Malaysia	54%
South Africa	48%
India	47%
Mexico	47%
Argentina	43%
Chile	43%
Turkey	39%
China	35%
Italy	33%
Brazil	32%
South Korea	32%
Romania	32%
United States	29%
Germany	24%
Hungary	24%
Spain	22%
Poland	20%
Great Britain	20%
Netherlands	20%
Belgium	19%
France	17%
Australia	16%
Canada	16%
Sweden	15%
Japan	10%

The person who performed the abortion

Country	%
Global Country Average	44%
Peru	75%
Colombia	66%
South Africa	63%
Mexico	61%
Argentina	61%
Malaysia	58%
Chile	56%
India	55%
Italy	53%
Brazil	53%
Turkey	52%
China	46%
Romania	46%
Hungary	44%
South Korea	42%
Netherlands	37%
United States	36%
Great Britain	36%
Spain	35%
Germany	32%
Australia	30%
Belgium	28%
Poland	28%
France	27%
Sweden	26%
Canada	25%
Japan	12%

Someone else who arranged for the abortion

Country	%
Global Country Average	42%
Peru	73%
Colombia	65%
Mexico	62%
Argentina	60%
Malaysia	59%
South Africa	57%
India	57%
Chile	55%
Turkey	54%
Italy	52%
China	51%
Brazil	49%
Hungary	44%
South Korea	43%
Romania	42%
Spain	34%
Netherlands	31%
Germany	30%
United States	30%
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Sweden	25%
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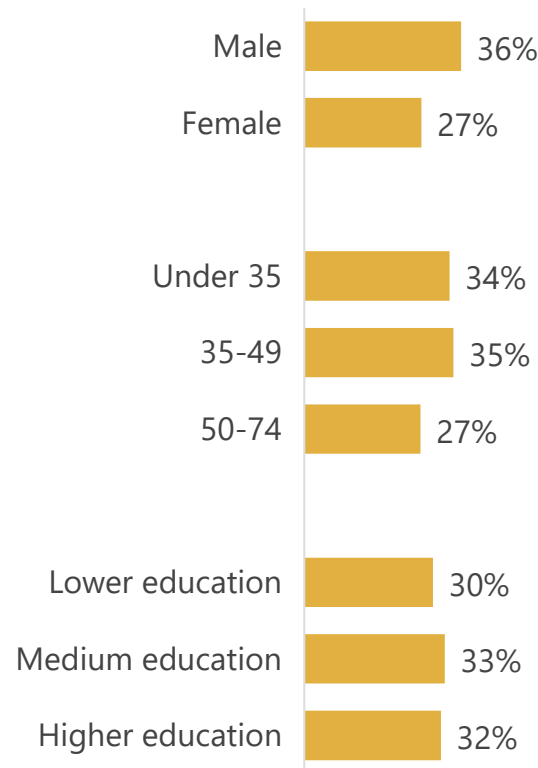
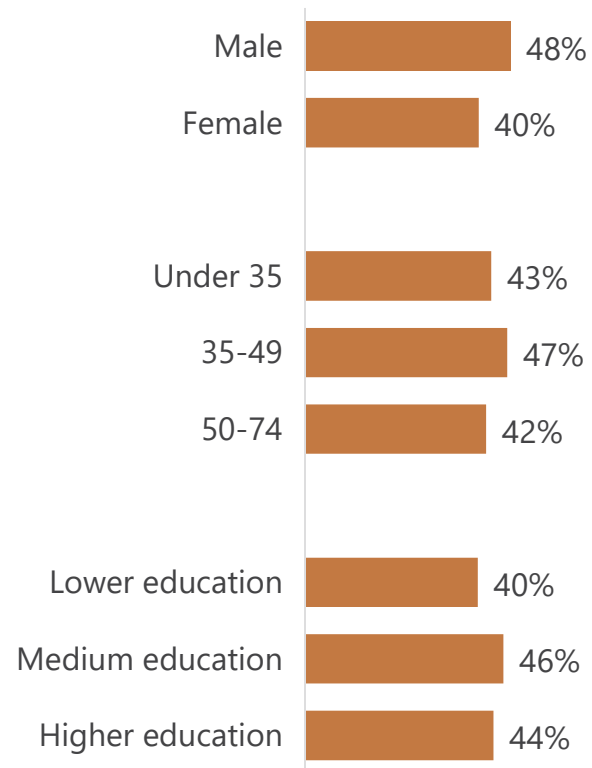# SUPPORT FOR PENALIZING THOSE INVOLVED IN AN ILLEGAL ABORTION
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Q. If an abortion was carried out in a situation where it is illegal, do you think each of the following should face a penalty? (% Yes among all adults)
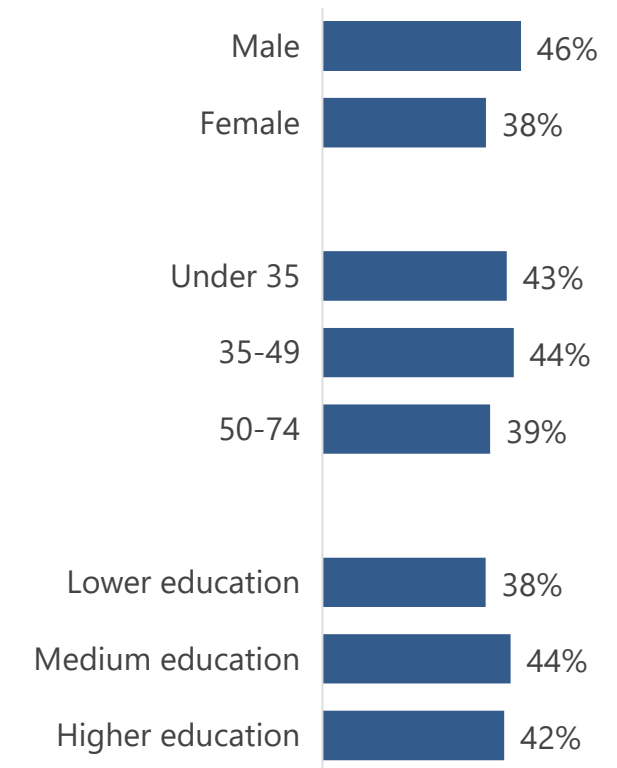

The woman who had an abortion

Male	36%
Female	27%
Under 35	34%
35-49	35%
50-74	27%
Lower education	30%
Medium education	33%
Higher education	32%

The person who performed the abortion

Male	48%
Female	40%
Under 35	43%
35-49	47%
50-74	42%
Lower education	40%
Medium education	46%
Higher education	44%

Someone else who arranged for the abortion

Male	46%
Female	38%
Under 35	43%
35-49	44%
50-74	39%
Lower education	38%
Medium education	44%
Higher education	42%

Base: 20, 523 online adults across 27 countries
The "Global Country Average" reflects the average result for all the countries and markets where the survey was conducted. It has not been adjusted to the population size of each country or market and is not intended to suggest a total result.
The samples in Brazil, Chile, China (mainland), Colombia, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, South Africa, and Turkey are more urban, more educated, and/or more affluent than the general population.

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Methodology

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The samples in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, and the U.S. can be taken as representative of these countries' general adult population under the age of 75.

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The data is weighted so that each market's sample composition best reflects the demographic profile of the adult population according to the most recent census data.

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