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	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	2055	991	1064	224	336	332	388	316	459	602	590	363	500	290	782
Weighted base	2055	1007	1048	244	346	346	366	305	447	549	570	448	488	317	834
<u>A woman requesting an abortion should always be seen in person by a qualified doctor</u>															
Agree	1820	860	960	190	283	299	330	291	427	490	509	388	433	280	709
	89%	85%	92%	78%	82%	86%	90%	95%	96%	89%	89%	87%	89%	88%	85%
Disagree	79	50	29	24	21	16	9	5	4	12	22	28	18	10	43
	4%	5%	3%	10%	6%	5%	2%	2%	1%	2%	4%	6%	4%	3%	5%
Don't know	156	97	59	30	42	32	28	9	16	48	39	32	37	26	82
	8%	10%	6%	12%	12%	9%	8%	3%	4%	9%	7%	7%	8%	8%	10%
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Agree	1165	595	569	98	164	186	199	198	319	309	308	270	279	160	435
	57%	59%	54%	40%	48%	54%	54%	65%	71%	56%	54%	60%	57%	51%	52%
Disagree	443	191	252	68	76	75	95	64	65	124	138	82	99	86	195
	22%	19%	24%	28%	22%	22%	26%	21%	14%	22%	24%	18%	20%	27%	23%
Don't know	447	221	227	78	106	84	72	43	64	117	124	96	110	70	204
	22%	22%	22%	32%	31%	24%	20%	14%	14%	21%	22%	21%	23%	22%	24%
<u>The health of women considering an abortion will be put at risk unless the doctors who sign the forms have also seen the patient</u>															
Agree	1553	736	818	143	233	254	278	257	388	423	420	342	368	222	609
	76%	73%	78%	59%	67%	73%	76%	84%	87%	77%	74%	76%	75%	70%	73%
Disagree	153	85	68	34	41	25	36	11	7	42	43	33	35	35	78
	7%	8%	6%	14%	12%	7%	10%	3%	2%	8%	8%	7%	7%	11%	9%
Don't know	349	186	163	67	72	67	53	37	52	84	107	73	85	61	147
	17%	18%	16%	28%	21%	19%	14%	12%	12%	15%	19%	16%	17%	19%	18%

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Agree	1655 81%	803 80%	853 81%	161 66%	259 75%	253 73%	306 83%	272 89%	405 91%	459 83%	465 82%	353 79%	379 78%	247 78%	644 77%
Disagree	131 6%	73 7%	57 5%	34 14%	28 8%	30 9%	20 5%	8 3%	10 2%	32 6%	31 5%	31 7%	37 8%	22 7%	70 8%
Don't know	269 13%	131 13%	138 13%	49 20%	59 17%	62 18%	41 11%	25 8%	32 7%	59 11%	74 13%	64 14%	73 15%	48 15%	120 14%
<u>Aborting babies solely because of their gender should explicitly be banned</u>															
Agree	1760 86%	843 84%	917 88%	190 78%	261 75%	291 84%	317 87%	283 93%	418 93%	483 88%	490 86%	384 86%	403 82%	252 80%	696 83%
Disagree	106 5%	63 6%	43 4%	24 10%	34 10%	21 6%	15 4%	7 2%	5 1%	18 3%	34 6%	17 4%	37 8%	28 9%	53 6%
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