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**DATA FROM RESPONDENTS WITH VARIOUS VIEWS  
ON ABORTION AND FAMILY PLANNING**

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Table D.1

**Differences Among Respondents Who Favor U.S. Funding for Both Family Planning (FP) Programs and Abortion in Developing Countries, Favor Funding for Family Planning but Not Funding for Abortion, and Oppose Funding for Both**

	Favor FP/Favor Abortion (n = 669)	Favor FP/Op- pose Abortion (n = 494)	Oppose FP/Op- pose Abortion (n = 199)
<b>A. Foreign Aid</b>			
Percentage favoring the U.S. giving economic assistance to other countries	65	66	33
Percentage who agree: Money we spend helping people overseas eventually helps the U.S. economically.	70	65	35
Percentage saying 10 (highest priority) for goals for U.S. government assistance overseas for:			
Promoting human rights	31	31	11
Improving economic conditions in developing countries	16	19	8
Improving the status of women	23	22	6
Promoting democracy	29	28	14

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Relieving human suffering brought about by civil war and natural disaster	32	35	18
Supporting governments that are friendly to the U.S.	22	22	13
Protecting the global environment	41	36	22
Preventing civil war and regional conflicts	23	26	8
Helping countries slow their rate of population growth	28	21	8
Improving women's health	28	27	12
Improving men's health	18	21	11
Improving children's health	40	46	20
Increasing the survival rates of babies and young children	35	40	17
Promoting trade between the U.S. and other countries	22	20	16
Helping women in poor countries avoid unintended pregnancies	36	34	12
Percentage who favor U.S. aid programs contributing to the funding in developing countries of:			
Programs to help women support themselves and their families economically	94	92	40
Programs to give girls in developing countries the same opportunities for education as boys have	97	96	57
Programs to improve women's health generally	97	95	45
Efforts to reduce domestic violence against women	94	94	42
Programs to encourage men to take an active role in family planning programs	98	98	42
Programs to improve the rate of survival of babies and young children	97	98	58
<b>B. Views on World Population and Environment</b>			
Percentage saying 10 (very serious) regarding seriousness of rapid population growth	24	17	16

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Percentage who agree:			
Too much population growth in develop- ing countries is holding back their eco- nomic development	78	70	53
Population problems in the world have more to do with how people are con- centrated in certain places than with numbers of people	69	73	63
Rapid population growth is frequently an underlying cause of civil war and regional conflicts	59	47	38
Americans' overuse of resources is a major global environmental problem that needs to be changed	76	76	63
Percentage who said world is overpopulated	63	57	45
Percentage who say it is inappropriate for us to encourage developing countries to lower their birthrates because it may offend other people's cultures	43	53	78
Percentage who say world population is			
Growing	85	84	75
Stable	12	12	15
Shrinking	2	3	6
Percentage who said family planning is not already available to most people in all parts of the world	74	65	62
C. Domestic Family Planning			
Percentage who said family planning is not already available to most people in the U.S.	16	11	10
Percentage who favor the U.S. government providing family planning services to poor American women who want them as part of their health care	93	88	59
Percentage who agree that health insurers in the U.S. should cover family planning ser- vices, just like other doctor's visits and ser- vices, as part of their regular health care	94	87	66

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<b>D. Decisions About Childbearing</b>			
Percentage who agree:			
People should feel free to have as many children as they can properly raise	72	82	76
All couples and individuals should have the right to freely and responsibly decide the number, spacing, and timing of their children and to have the information and means to do so	93	95	85
<b>E. Opinions and Attitudes About Abortion</b>			
Percentage who agree:			
Many women's lives are saved when abortion is legal, as compared to when abortion is illegal	82	54	42
Too many women use abortion as a routine means of controlling births	54	78	75
Legal abortion encourages more sexual activity among teenagers and unmarried couples	38	72	65
In most cases, women who have a legal abortion do so only as a last resort when their birth control fails	60	33	34
Having legal contraception or birth control available encourages more sexual activity among teenagers and unmarried couples	38	62	65
Percentage who favor government providing funding for abortion services for poor women in this country who want them	74	20	22
If family planning were made available in a country where it had not been, how would you expect the number of abortions to change?			
Fall	54	60	29
Rise	14	12	23
No Impact	24	23	39

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<b>F. Meaning of “Birth Control” and “Family Planning”</b>			
What does term “birth control” mean?			
Percentage who said abortion/abortion clinics (open ended)	6	2	9
Percentage who, when asked specifically, said “birth control” includes abortion	40	22	35
What does term “family planning” mean?			
Percentage who said abortion/abortion clinics (open ended)	7	5	13
Percentage who, when asked specifically, said “family planning” includes abortion	55	31	51
<b>G. Socioeconomic, Demographic, Political, and Religious Characteristics</b>			
Percentage who attend church at least once a week	33	56	54
Religious preference			
High Protestant	26	16	16
Baptist	16	27	22
Other Protestant	17	23	22
Catholic	23	26	27
Jewish	2	1	0
Muslim/Buddhist	1	1	1
No religious affiliation	11	5	7
Party Affiliation			
Percentage Democrat	41	34	23
Percentage Republican	23	30	46
Percentage Independent	28	25	22
Percentage who describe themselves as			
Liberal	36	21	22
Moderate	32	29	15
Conservative	29	45	60
Education			
Percentage with high school diploma or less	38	48	45
Percentage with some college	61	52	56
Age			
Percentage under 30	27	25	17
Percentage 30–59	56	51	58
Percentage 60+	18	23	25

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Percentage female	52	56	44
Percentage with annual household income:			
<\$25,000	18	23	21
\$25,000–\$49,999	34	35	35
\$50,000 or over	29	31	34
<b>H. Opinions Regarding Recent Congressional Actions</b>			
Percentage who approve of the following actions:			
Since 1995 the U.S. Congress has voted to reduce the U.S. contribution to family planning in developing countries	40	47	83
Congress has voted to prevent the U.S. from funding family planning services in health organizations overseas, if those organization also happen to perform abortions with other non-U.S. funding	32	54	64
Congress has withheld a portion of U.N. dues for the past 12 years	33	35	53