

**Abortion Survey  
Victoria  
December 2013**

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## QUESTIONNAIRE

X1 Thinking now about abortion. Do you **support** or **oppose** women having a right **provided by law** to choose whether or not they have an abortion? **DO NOT READ**

**PROG NOTE:**  
- **SINGLE RESPONSE**

1	Support
2	Oppose
99	Don't know \ refused

X2 Thinking about the law on abortion in Victoria. Would you say that Victoria's abortion law makes it...?  
**READ OUT**

**PROG NOTE:**  
- **SINGLE RESPONSE**  
- **RANDOMISE 1-2 THEN 3-99 LAST**

1	Too <b>easy</b> to get an abortion
2	Too <b>hard</b> to get an abortion
3	Or, is the balance about right
99	<b>DO NOT READ</b> Don't know \ refused

X3 If the Victorian Coalition Government supported the passing of a new law that made it harder for women to access abortion in Victoria, would you be **more** likely to vote for them, **less** likely to vote for them or would it make **no** difference to the way you would vote? **DO NOT READ**

**PROG NOTE:**  
- **SINGLE RESPONSE**

1	More likely
2	Less likely
3	No difference
99	Neither \ don't know \ refused

X4 Current Victorian law obliges doctors to provide an abortion in an emergency situation if it is necessary to preserve the **life** of a pregnant woman. **(PAUSE)**

A similar law in Tasmania **also** obliges doctors to provide an abortion in an emergency if it is necessary to prevent **serious physical injury** to a pregnant woman.

Are you in favour or against **Victorian** law being changed to oblige Victorian doctors to provide an abortion in an emergency if it is necessary to prevent **serious physical injury** to a pregnant woman?  
**UNFOLD**

**IF IN FAVOUR**            Is that strongly in favour or somewhat in favour?  
**IF AGAINST**            Is that strongly against or somewhat against?

**PROG NOTE:**  
- **SINGLE RESPONSE**

1	Strongly in favour
2	Somewhat in favour
3	Somewhat against
4	Strongly against
99	Neither \ don't know \ refused

X5 Recent changes to **Tasmanian** law prevent anyone from harassing, intimidating, interfering with, threatening or obstructing anyone within 150 metres of a clinic providing abortions. Are you in **favour** or **against** introducing a similar law in **Victoria**? **UNFOLD**

**IF IN FAVOUR** Is that strongly in favour or somewhat in favour?  
**IF AGAINST** Is that strongly against or somewhat against?

**PROG NOTE:**  
- **SINGLE RESPONSE**

1	Strongly in favour
2	Somewhat in favour
3	Somewhat against
4	Strongly against
99	Neither \ don't know \ refused

Z6 The next question may be considered a little sensitive to some, but we would appreciate your co-operation. What is your religion, or do you not have a religion? **DO NOT READ**

**PROG NOTE:**  
- **ALPHA SORT 1-9**  
- **SINGLE RESPONSE**

1	Catholic \ Roman Catholic
2	Anglican (Church of England)
3	Uniting Church
4	Presbyterian
5	Baptist
6	Islam
7	Greek Orthodox
8	Buddhism
9	Lutheran
10	Other ( <b>SPECIFY</b> )
11	No religion \ agnostic \ atheist
98	Refused
99	Don't know

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## **METHODOLOGY**

These surveys were conducted on the Newspoll Telephone Omnibus during the period 6-8 & 13-15 December 2013 by trained interviewers in Victoria in both city and country areas. Telephone numbers and the person within the household were selected at random. The data have been weighted to reflect the population distribution. The survey is based on 600 interviews among Victorians aged 18 years and over. The maximum expected margin of sampling error on the total is plus or minus 4 percentage points. Copyright at all times remains with *Newspoll*.









