

Appendix G



National Right to Life



Why Do Women Have Abortions?

- a statistical breakdown*

Responses listed as primary reason	%
<u>Social Reasons (given as primary reason)</u>	
- Feels unready for child/responsibility	25%
- Feels she can't afford baby	23%
- Has all the children she wants/Other family responsibilities	19%
- Relationship problem/Single motherhood	8%
- Feels she isn't mature enough	7%
- Interference with education/career plans	4%
- Parents/Partner wants abortion	>1%
- Other reasons	>6.5%
TOTAL:	93% (Approx.)
<u>"Hard Cases" (given as primary reason)</u>	
- Mother's Health	4%
- Baby may have health problem	3%
- Rape or Incest	>0.5%
TOTAL:	7% (Approx.)

Poll Fact: An April 2004 Zogby poll found that 56% of Americans support legal abortion in only three or fewer circumstances: when the pregnancy results from rape or incest or when it threatens the life of the mother.

*Source: Lawrence Finer, et. al, "Reasons U.S. Women Have Abortions: Quantitative and Qualitative Perspectives" *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, Vol. 37 No. 3 (Sept. 2005) p. 110.