

APPENDIX M:

ABORTION AND ERA DISTRIBUTIONS

Reasons for Abortions	PUNCH	First Reason (ABPRO1)	Second Reason (ABPRO2)	Third Reason (ABPRO3)
Women's right.....	10	52	16	12
Control over own body.....	11	159	43	9
Freedom of choice/right to choose.....	12	189	48	15
Privacy; a personal decision.....	13	48	29	9
Danger to mother, unspecified.....	20	8	2	1
Danger to mother's life.....	21	59	51	19
Danger to mother's health.....	22	184	29	74
Danger to mother's mental health..	23	22	3	0
Lessen liabilities/restrictions for women.....	24	16	11	9
Prevent domination by men.....	25	0	1	0
Prevent defective child, gen'l....	30	78	84	43
Prevent mentally retarded child...	31	3	12	8
Prevent physically deformed.....	32	24	45	25
Unborn is not a person.....	35	12	5	5
End pregnancy due to rape.....	40	205	130	75
End pregnancy due to incest.....	41	3	27	9
Prevent unwanted child.....	42	195	127	49
Prevent child abuse.....	43	8	12	14
Parents unable to take care of child.....	44	41	48	33
Parents cannot afford child.....	45	77	87	53
Prevent illegitimacies; forced marriages.....	46	17	18	24
Avoid illegal abortions.....	50	12	11	4
Avoid social costs of unwanted child.....	51	8	15	8
Avoid more welfare babies.....	52	12	8	11
Overpopulation.....	53	40	16	8
Government pays for abortion.....	54	5	1	2
Miscellaneous, unclear.....	60	15	11	4
None.....	96	366	0	0
No Answer.....	99	2	2	2
Not applicable (no second, third reason given).....	IAP	57739	58607	59074

Reasons against Abortion	PUNCH	First Reason (ABCON1)	Second Reason (ABCON2)	Third Reason (ABCON3)
Abortions are killing, murder.....	1	438	156	29
"Taking a life" (no reference to killing, murder).....	2	233	107	15
Unborn alive; a person (no reference to killing, murder)...	3	102	89	25
Unborn may be a person.....	4	12	13	3
"Right to life"	5	115	68	19
Religion, general.....	10	288	110	42
Catholic religion.....	11	45	11	3
Bible.....	12	9	22	8
Morality, it's immoral, general...	13	110	75	29
Promotes promiscuity.....	14	24	16	15
Rights of father ignored.....	20	5	4	1
Adoption a better alternative.....	25	19	19	11
Not acceptable as birth control...	30	31	54	18
Paid for by taxpayers.....	35	15	12	11
Causes complications, unspecified.....	40	4	0	0
Physical dangers to women.....	41	39	31	9
Causes infertility.....	42	4	9	3
Leads to trauma, guilt feelings...	43	12	7	7
Not an individual choice.....	50	36	62	13
Should take responsibility for actions.....	51	21	19	10
Woman too young, immature to decide.....	52	4	2	3
Will decrease population.....	53	5	1	2
Miscellaneous.....	60	35	12	2
None.....	96	251	0	0
No answer.....	99	3	3	3
Not applicable (no second, third reason given).....	IAP	57739	58697	59318

Why ERA Favored/Opposed/Don't Know

PUNCH

First Reason

Second Reason

Third Reason

Favored	(ERAWHY1)	(ERAWHY2)	(ERAWHY3)	
Favored				
Economic equality, general.....	1	23	11	6
Equal pay for equal work.....	2	265	173	42
Equal opportunity for advancement.	3	112	144	34
Women can do men's jobs.....	4	37	23	8
Allows women to work (no reference to home/family).....	5	18	13	5
Political equality (hold office, more influence).....	10	7	21	10
Social equality, general.....	20	1	6	1
Remove stereotype of women as homemakers.....	21	0	1	2
Work outside of home should be option.....	22	12	6	5
Women should be draftable.....	25	2	8	6
Will promote abortion rights.....	26	2	1	2
Equal rights for all, general.....	30	233	29	4
Represents progress.....	31	15	7	4
Chance to fulfill potential, maximum utilization.....	32	47	57	18
Need to insure that equal rights are preserved, a guarantee.....	35	48	16	10
Men and women are equal.....	40	86	27	9
Men and women should be equal.....	41	259	58	15
Women are now suppressed.....	42	40	19	10
Equal responsibilities for men/women.....	43	20	18	10
Miscellaneous.....	47	27	5	3
Opposed				
ERA will not help women, unspecified.....	50	21	15	4
ERA will increase discrimination against women.....	51	22	11	9
Will burden women; too much responsibility.....	52	7	4	2
Not needed men and women have equal rights.....	55	73	12	3
Attitudes, not laws, need changing.....	56	5	2	1
Too many laws/ regulations already.....	57	8	8	1
Men and women are not equal, general.....	60	42	19	9
Not equal, physical differences...	61	13	35	21
Not equal, Nature's/God's plan....	62	11	9	3
Men should run government.....	63	10	3	3

Why ERA Favored/Opposed/Don't Know

PUNCH

First Reason
(ERAWHY1)Second Reason
(ERAWHY2)Third Reason
(ERAWHY3)

Men should be providers.....	64	16	6	2
Woman's place is in home/with family.....	65	25	15	5
Traditional family will be broken down.....	66	3	3	1
Homosexual marriages/families promoted.....	67	3	0	0
Anti-family, miscellaneous.....	68	2	0	0
Increases conflict between men/women.....	70	5	3	1
Anti-male; discriminates against men.....	71	33	21	4
Makes women superior to men.....	72	10	1	3
Anti-homemaker.....	75	12	6	3
Women will be drafted/sent to combat.....	80	24	40	15
Unisex bathrooms.....	81	4	4	3
Women priests.....	82	1	4	0
Promotes abortions.....	83	25	33	12
Backed by radicals, Communists, liberals and other "extremists".....	85	7	4	3
ERA gone to extremes, causing trouble.....	86	47	25	4
ERA poorly drafted.....	87	5	3	1
Don't understand ERA.....	88	68	0	0
Miscellaneous.....	89	12	4	2
Don't know				
Not interested in ERA.....	90	18	4	0
Ambivalent, can't make-up mind....	91	5	2	0
Not enough information, don't know enough.....	92	26	2	0
Don't know anything about it, don't understand.....	93	27	0	0
Anti-ERA statement.....	94	8	0	0
No Answer.....	99	8	0	0
Not applicable (No 2nd; 3rd reason).....	IAP	57747	58658	59280

NOTE: Some respondents who favored the ERA nevertheless gave reasons coded under the opposed reason. Usually this was to indicate qualified support. In a few cases the reasons given simply do not appear to fit the expressed attitude. Similar crossovers occur for those opposing the ERA.