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1. Support for requiring health insurance plans to provide access to birth control

Do you support or oppose requiring employers to provide health care plans that cover the cost of contraceptives for their employees?

	Pew religion											
	Total	Protestant	Roman Catholic	Mormon	Eastern or Greek Orthodox	Jewish	Muslim	Buddhist	Hindu	Atheist	Agnostic	Nothing in particular
Support	48%	41%	35%	12%	19%	60%	43%	37%	58%	77%	57%	62%
Oppose	36%	44%	46%	62%	52%	31%	41%	46%	19%	6%	28%	20%
Not sure	16%	15%	20%	27%	28%	9%	16%	17%	22%	17%	15%	18%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (375)	100% (177)	100% (19)	100% (8)	100% (21)	100% (11)	100% (6)	100% (4)	100% (62)	100% (46)	100% (219)

	Church attendance (Pew version)							
	Total	More than once a week	Once a week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Seldom	Never	Don't know
Support	48%	29%	34%	39%	44%	56%	59%	53%
Oppose	36%	54%	47%	37%	38%	32%	24%	37%
Not sure	16%	17%	19%	24%	18%	12%	17%	9%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (77)	100% (169)	100% (79)	100% (132)	100% (228)	100% (298)	100% (16)

	Born Again		
	Total	Yes	No
Support	48%	38%	52%
Oppose	36%	49%	30%
Not sure	16%	13%	18%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (282)	100% (717)

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2. Support for providing exemptions to churches and other religious organizations

Do you support or oppose giving churches and other religious organizations an exemption so that they would NOT be required to cover the cost of contraceptives for their employees?

Asked of individuals who answered that they support requiring health insurance plans to cover the cost of contraceptives

	Pew religion											
	Total	Protestant	Roman Catholic	Mormon	Eastern or Greek Orthodox	Jewish	Muslim	Buddhist	Hindu	Atheist	Agnostic	Nothing in particular
Support	26%	24%	28%	14%	—	37%	72%	—	63%	18%	11%	22%
Oppose	55%	47%	57%	25%	31%	56%	22%	20%	—	80%	68%	59%
Not sure	20%	29%	15%	61%	69%	7%	6%	80%	37%	2%	21%	19%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (511)	100% (167)	100% (71)	100% (3)	100% (3)	100% (12)	100% (5)	100% (2)	100% (2)	100% (50)	100% (29)	100% (134)

	Church attendance (Pew version)							Never	Don't know
	Total	More than once a week	Once a week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Seldom			
Support	26%	46%	29%	20%	38%	26%	19%	—	
Oppose	55%	43%	38%	60%	39%	56%	65%	81%	
Not sure	20%	10%	33%	20%	24%	18%	16%	19%	
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (511)	100% (22)	100% (66)	100% (33)	100% (66)	100% (130)	100% (186)	100% (8)	

	Born Again		
	Total	Yes	No
Support	26%	34%	23%
Oppose	55%	33%	61%
Not sure	20%	33%	16%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (511)	100% (114)	100% (397)

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3. Support for providing exemptions to institutions associated with religious organizations

Do you support or oppose giving institutions associated with religious organizations, such as charities, hospitals, and schools, an exemption so that they would NOT be required to cover the cost of contraceptives for their employees?

Asked of individuals who answered that they support requiring health insurance plans to cover the cost of contraceptives

	Pew religion											
	Total	Protestant	Roman Catholic	Mormon	Eastern or Greek Orthodox	Jewish	Muslim	Buddhist	Hindu	Atheist	Agnostic	Nothing in particular
Support	18%	23%	30%	—	—	6%	11%	80%	—	7%	1%	8%
Oppose	67%	60%	52%	100%	100%	81%	72%	20%	63%	92%	95%	74%
Not sure	15%	17%	18%	—	—	13%	17%	—	37%	1%	4%	18%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (510)	100% (167)	100% (70)	100% (3)	100% (3)	100% (12)	100% (5)	100% (2)	100% (2)	100% (50)	100% (29)	100% (134)

	Church attendance (Pew version)							Never	Don't know
	Total	More than once a week	Once a week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Seldom			
Support	18%	31%	24%	37%	27%	21%	6%	—	
Oppose	67%	67%	58%	48%	62%	58%	84%	81%	
Not sure	15%	3%	17%	15%	11%	21%	11%	19%	
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (510)	100% (22)	100% (66)	100% (33)	100% (66)	100% (130)	100% (185)	100% (8)	

	Total	Born Again	
		Yes	No
Support	18%	28%	15%
Oppose	67%	51%	72%
Not sure	15%	21%	13%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (510)	100% (114)	100% (396)

4. Support for contraceptive requirement with knowledge of exemptions

Would you support or oppose requiring employers to provide health care plans that cover the cost of contraceptives for their employees IF you knew that all religious organizations and all charities, hospitals and schools associated with religious organizations would be given an exemption from the requirement?

Asked of individuals who answered that they oppose requiring health insurance plans to cover the cost of contraceptives

	Pew religion											
	Total	Protestant	Roman Catholic	Mormon	Eastern or Greek Orthodox	Jewish	Muslim	Buddhist	Hindu	Atheist	Agnostic	Nothing in particular
Support	11%	10%	18%	6%	19%	15%	—	—	—	—	10%	3%
Oppose	80%	79%	76%	89%	81%	85%	100%	100%	100%	50%	90%	88%
Not sure	9%	11%	6%	5%	—	—	—	—	—	50%	—	9%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (333)	100% (156)	100% (76)	100% (14)	100% (3)	100% (6)	100% (3)	100% (3)	100% (1)	100% (4)	100% (13)	100% (42)

	Church attendance (Pew version)							Never	Don't know
	Total	More than once a week	Once a week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Seldom			
Support	11%	19%	9%	20%	6%	9%	11%	—	
Oppose	80%	70%	80%	80%	88%	78%	80%	100%	
Not sure	9%	11%	11%	—	6%	13%	9%	—	
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (333)	100% (46)	100% (76)	100% (28)	100% (49)	100% (64)	100% (66)	100% (4)	

	Born Again	
	Total	No
Support	11%	11%
Oppose	80%	82%
Not sure	9%	8%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (333)	100% (205)

5. Views on making 'morning-after' pill available for over-the-counter purchase

Do you support or oppose making the so-called "morning after" pill, which reduces the chance of pregnancy after sexual intercourse, available for over-the-counter purchase at drug stores for females of all ages?

	Pew religion											
	Total	Protestant	Roman Catholic	Mormon	Eastern or Greek Orthodox	Jewish	Muslim	Buddhist	Hindu	Atheist	Agnostic	Nothing in particular
Support	50%	39%	45%	12%	22%	74%	39%	40%	37%	86%	82%	56%
Oppose	34%	43%	35%	57%	52%	11%	45%	60%	42%	5%	13%	30%
Not sure	16%	18%	20%	31%	26%	15%	16%	—	22%	8%	5%	13%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (374)	100% (176)	100% (19)	100% (8)	100% (21)	100% (11)	100% (6)	100% (4)	100% (62)	100% (45)	100% (218)

	Church attendance (Pew version)							
	Total	More than once a week	Once a week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Seldom	Never	Don't know
Support	50%	23%	30%	38%	48%	56%	67%	72%
Oppose	34%	61%	44%	42%	38%	28%	23%	14%
Not sure	16%	16%	27%	21%	14%	16%	11%	14%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (76)	100% (170)	100% (78)	100% (131)	100% (227)	100% (297)	100% (16)

	Born Again	
	Total	No
Support	50%	56%
Oppose	34%	29%
Not sure	16%	15%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (715)

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6. Ease of getting abortion in respondent's area

How easy is it for a woman to obtain an abortion in the area where you live?

	Pew religion											
	Total	Protestant	Roman Catholic	Mormon	Eastern or Greek Orthodox	Jewish	Muslim	Buddhist	Hindu	Atheist	Agnostic	Nothing in particular
Very easy	21%	26%	18%	21%	39%	14%	29%	—	—	9%	20%	18%
Somewhat easy	18%	20%	19%	7%	24%	27%	6%	27%	78%	24%	13%	14%
Not easy	10%	9%	8%	25%	—	6%	37%	—	—	6%	27%	7%
Don't know	51%	46%	55%	47%	36%	53%	28%	73%	22%	61%	39%	60%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (375)	100% (175)	100% (19)	100% (8)	100% (21)	100% (11)	100% (6)	100% (4)	100% (61)	100% (46)	100% (219)

	Church attendance (Pew version)							
	Total	More than once a week	Once a week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Seldom	Never	Don't know
Very easy	21%	23%	18%	24%	25%	22%	17%	31%
Somewhat easy	18%	18%	17%	12%	21%	23%	16%	10%
Not easy	10%	11%	14%	4%	7%	11%	9%	16%
Don't know	51%	48%	51%	60%	47%	44%	57%	43%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (76)	100% (169)	100% (79)	100% (132)	100% (227)	100% (297)	100% (16)

	Born Again		
	Total	Yes	No
Very easy	21%	26%	19%
Somewhat easy	18%	13%	21%
Not easy	10%	10%	10%
Don't know	51%	52%	50%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (281)	100% (715)

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7. Ease of getting abortion in other parts of the country

Compared to where you live, do you think it is easier or harder for a woman to obtain an abortion in other parts of the country?

	Pew religion											
	Total	Protestant	Roman Catholic	Mormon	Eastern or Greek Orthodox	Jewish	Muslim	Buddhist	Hindu	Atheist	Agnostic	Nothing in particular
Easier	17%	21%	11%	11%	34%	18%	2%	—	—	32%	21%	12%
About the same	26%	28%	29%	63%	21%	—	63%	49%	19%	8%	17%	24%
Harder	21%	16%	19%	8%	36%	50%	8%	7%	81%	46%	40%	18%
Don't know	36%	34%	41%	19%	9%	32%	28%	43%	—	14%	22%	46%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (375)	100% (176)	100% (18)	100% (8)	100% (21)	100% (11)	100% (6)	100% (4)	100% (62)	100% (46)	100% (219)

	Church attendance (Pew version)							
	Total	More than once a week	Once a week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Seldom	Never	Don't know
Easier	17%	21%	15%	21%	12%	18%	18%	25%
About the same	26%	30%	30%	26%	36%	26%	19%	6%
Harder	21%	19%	18%	21%	18%	19%	27%	21%
Don't know	36%	30%	36%	32%	34%	37%	36%	48%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (76)	100% (169)	100% (79)	100% (132)	100% (227)	100% (297)	100% (16)

	Born Again		
	Total	Yes	No
Easier	17%	20%	16%
About the same	26%	25%	27%
Harder	21%	18%	22%
Don't know	36%	36%	35%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (281)	100% (715)

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8. Authority to set abortion policies

Should states be permitted to set their own policies when it comes to abortion, or is this something that should only be handled by the federal government?

	Pew religion											
	Total	Protestant	Roman Catholic	Mormon	Eastern or Greek Orthodox	Jewish	Muslim	Buddhist	Hindu	Atheist	Agnostic	Nothing in particular
States should be permitted	50%	55%	48%	55%	48%	35%	41%	46%	—	32%	42%	51%
Should only be handled by federal government	32%	26%	30%	32%	23%	49%	36%	37%	100%	57%	44%	30%
Not sure	18%	19%	22%	13%	28%	15%	24%	17%	—	11%	13%	19%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (992)	100% (374)	100% (176)	100% (18)	100% (8)	100% (21)	100% (11)	100% (6)	100% (4)	100% (62)	100% (46)	100% (216)

	Church attendance (Pew version)							
	Total	More than once a week	Once a week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Seldom	Never	Don't know
States should be permitted	50%	61%	48%	52%	54%	51%	43%	52%
Should only be handled by federal government	32%	27%	32%	22%	28%	34%	38%	11%
Not sure	18%	13%	20%	26%	18%	15%	18%	37%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (992)	100% (76)	100% (169)	100% (79)	100% (131)	100% (225)	100% (296)	100% (16)

	Total	Born Again	
		Yes	No
States should be permitted	50%	53%	48%
Should only be handled by federal government	32%	29%	33%
Not sure	18%	18%	18%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (992)	100% (281)	100% (711)

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9. Legal abortions

When do you think abortion should be legal? (A) Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion.; (B) Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or late-term abortions).; (C) Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in danger.; (D) Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed.

	Pew religion											
	Total	Protestant	Roman Catholic	Mormon	Eastern or Greek Orthodox	Jewish	Muslim	Buddhist	Hindu	Atheist	Agnostic	Nothing in particular
A	18%	13%	9%	5%	—	38%	—	14%	22%	54%	44%	22%
B	39%	34%	39%	4%	29%	48%	68%	69%	56%	42%	47%	45%
C	31%	37%	36%	72%	71%	14%	18%	—	22%	3%	6%	22%
D	12%	16%	15%	19%	—	—	14%	17%	—	1%	3%	11%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (375)	100% (177)	100% (19)	100% (8)	100% (21)	100% (11)	100% (6)	100% (4)	100% (61)	100% (46)	100% (217)

	Church attendance (Pew version)							
	Total	More than once a week	Once a week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Seldom	Never	Don't know
A	18%	2%	7%	18%	17%	16%	32%	18%
B	39%	29%	29%	25%	35%	48%	45%	53%
C	31%	42%	42%	44%	35%	27%	18%	21%
D	12%	27%	22%	14%	13%	9%	4%	8%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (77)	100% (170)	100% (78)	100% (132)	100% (226)	100% (297)	100% (16)

	Born Again		
	Total	Yes	No
A	18%	10%	21%
B	39%	27%	44%
C	31%	39%	27%
D	12%	24%	7%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (282)	100% (714)

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	January 4-6, 2014
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by age, gender, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2010 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2010 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement. Religion, political interest, minor party identification, and non-placement on an ideology scale, were imputed from the 2008 Pew Religion in American Life Survey.
Weighting	The sample was weighted using propensity scores based on age, gender, race, education, news interest, voter registration, and non-placement on an ideology scale. The weights range from 0.2 to 4, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.76.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.9% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.