

## ABORTION HEARTBEAT / CONCEPTION POLL April 2019

- CLIENT:** Family First New Zealand
- POLL DATES:** Wed 3 to Sun 7 April 2019. The median response was collected on Thu 4 April 2019.
- TARGET POPULATION:** Eligible New Zealand voters.
- SAMPLE POPULATION:** Eligible New Zealand voters who are contactable on a landline or mobile phone.
- SAMPLE SIZE:** 1,000 respondents agreed to participate.
- SAMPLE SELECTION:** A random selection of 15,000 nationwide phone numbers.
- WEIGHTING:** The results are weighted to reflect the overall voting adult population in terms of gender, age, area and deprivation.
- SAMPLE ERROR:** Based on this sample of 1,000 respondents, the maximum sampling error (for a result of 50%) is +/- 3.1%, at the 95% confidence level.
- CODE COMPLIANCE:** This poll was conducted in accordance with the New Zealand Political Polling Code, the Research Association New Zealand Code of Practice and the International Chamber of Commerce/European Society for Opinion and Market Research Code on Market and Social Research.



# 1. Would you describe yourself generally as someone who supports abortion or someone who opposes abortion?

## Abortion

		Count	Col %
Abortion	Support	490	48%
	Oppose	301	29%
	Unsure/Refuse	233	23%
	Total	1025	100%

48% (-4% from 2017) of respondents said they generally support abortion and 29% (nc) oppose.

## Abortion BY Gender

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Abortion	Support	49%	47%
	Oppose	29%	30%
	Unsure/Refuse	23%	23%
	Total	100%	100%

Net support is +20% for women and +17% for men.

## Abortion BY Age

		Age		
		18 - 40	41 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Abortion	Support	47%	50%	46%
	Oppose	31%	25%	34%
	Unsure/Refuse	22%	26%	19%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

### Abortion BY Area

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Abortion	Support	47%	50%	47%
	Oppose	32%	23%	30%
	Unsure/Refuse	21%	26%	23%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

### Abortion BY Deprivation

		Deprivation		
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Abortion	Support	57%	48%	35%
	Oppose	27%	27%	36%
	Unsure/Refuse	16%	25%	29%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

### Abortion BY Household

		Household					
		Partner and kids	Partner only	Live with others	Live alone	Other	Unsure
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Abortion	Support	47%	50%	48%	53%	44%	40%
	Oppose	30%	29%	21%	24%	33%	46%
	Unsure/Refuse	23%	21%	31%	23%	23%	14%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

### Abortion BY Party Vote 2017

		Party Vote 2017					
		National	Labour	NZ First	Greens	Others	Not Vote/Unsure
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Abortion	Support	45%	51%	35%	89%	66%	42%
	Oppose	37%	20%	31%	0%	27%	36%
	Unsure/Refuse	18%	29%	33%	11%	7%	23%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

## 2. When do you personally believe life begins?

**At conception**

**In first three months of pregnancy**

**Between three and six months of pregnancy**

**Once the foetus is deemed viable to survive outside the womb**

**When the child is born**

### When life begins

		Count	Col %
When life begins	Conception	366	36%
	First three months	94	9%
	Three to Six Months	50	5%
	Once foetus is viable	120	12%
	When child is born	181	18%
	Unsure/Refuse	215	21%
	Total	1026	100%

36% of respondents think life begins at conception and only 18% think it is when the child is born.

### When life begins BY Gender

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
When life begins	Conception	44%	27%
	First three months	8%	10%
	Three to Six Months	4%	6%
	Once foetus is viable	12%	11%
	When child is born	12%	23%
	Unsure/Refuse	19%	23%
	Total	100%	100%

Women are more likely than men to say life begins at conception.

### When life begins BY Age

		Age		
		18 - 40	41 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
When life begins	Conception	22%	42%	48%
	First three months	13%	7%	6%
	Three to Six Months	4%	7%	4%
	Once foetus is viable	18%	7%	9%
	When child is born	21%	16%	15%
	Unsure/Refuse	22%	21%	19%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

### When life begins BY Area

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
When life begins	Conception	38%	31%	36%
	First three months	9%	9%	10%
	Three to Six Months	7%	3%	3%
	Once foetus is viable	10%	16%	10%
	When child is born	17%	15%	22%
	Unsure/Refuse	19%	26%	19%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

### When life begins BY Deprivation

		Deprivation		
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10
		Col %	Col %	Col %
When life begins	Conception	33%	36%	39%
	First three months	13%	8%	5%
	Three to Six Months	5%	7%	2%
	Once foetus is viable	17%	8%	10%
	When child is born	17%	24%	11%
	Unsure/Refuse	15%	18%	33%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

### When life begins BY Household

		Household					
		Partner and kids	Partner only	Live with others	Live alone	Other	Unsure
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
When life begins	Conception	36%	41%	20%	34%	34%	36%
	First three months	13%	6%	7%	12%	9%	0%
	Three to Six Months	9%	5%	4%	3%	1%	0%
	Once foetus is viable	10%	8%	17%	8%	16%	32%
	When child is born	16%	19%	12%	21%	18%	19%
	Unsure/Refuse	16%	21%	40%	22%	22%	14%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

### When life begins BY Party Vote 2017

		Party Vote 2017					
		National	Labour	NZ First	Greens	Others	Not Vote/Unsure
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
When life begins	Conception	43%	31%	30%	8%	69%	35%
	First three months	12%	7%	4%	4%	2%	10%
	Three to Six Months	6%	6%	0%	0%	0%	4%
	Once foetus is viable	8%	16%	11%	29%	7%	8%
	When child is born	15%	15%	38%	38%	11%	17%
	Unsure/Refuse	15%	24%	17%	21%	11%	26%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

### When life begins BY General Support / Opposition to Abortion

		Abortion		
		Support	Oppose	Unsure/Refuse
		Col %	Col %	Col %
When life begins	Conception	21%	64%	29%
	First three months	9%	10%	7%
	Three to Six Months	6%	5%	4%
	Once foetus is viable	17%	8%	5%
	When child is born	27%	6%	12%
	Unsure/Refuse	19%	6%	43%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

**3. Some people say that if a doctor is able to detect the heartbeat of an unborn baby or foetus, that baby or foetus should have human rights and be legally protected. Do you agree or disagree?**

**Should foetus have human rights once heart beat detected**

		Count	Col %
Should foetus have human rights once heart beat detected	Strongly disagree	206	20%
	Somewhat disagree	97	9%
	Neither agree nor disagree	83	8%
	Somewhat agree	221	22%
	Strongly agree	261	25%
	Unsure/Refuse	158	15%
	Total	1026	100%

47% agree a foetus should have human rights once a heart-beat can be detected and 29% disagree.

**Should foetus have human rights once heart beat detected BY Gender**

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Should foetus have human rights once heart beat detected	Strongly disagree	17%	23%
	Somewhat disagree	8%	11%
	Neither agree nor disagree	9%	8%
	Somewhat agree	21%	22%
	Strongly agree	27%	24%
	Unsure/Refuse	18%	13%
	Total	100%	100%

### Should foetus have human rights once heart beat detected BY Age

		Age		
		18 - 40	41 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should foetus have human rights once heart beat detected	Strongly disagree	26%	18%	14%
	Somewhat disagree	8%	9%	11%
	Neither agree nor disagree	7%	10%	8%
	Somewhat agree	26%	19%	19%
	Strongly agree	21%	27%	29%
	Unsure/Refuse	12%	16%	19%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

### Should foetus have human rights once heart beat detected BY Area

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should foetus have human rights once heart beat detected	Strongly disagree	17%	29%	15%
	Somewhat disagree	11%	8%	7%
	Neither agree nor disagree	5%	12%	10%
	Somewhat agree	21%	20%	25%
	Strongly agree	30%	18%	26%
	Unsure/Refuse	16%	13%	16%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

### Should foetus have human rights once heart beat detected BY Deprivation

		Deprivation		
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should foetus have human rights once heart beat detected	Strongly disagree	21%	18%	21%
	Somewhat disagree	14%	12%	1%
	Neither agree nor disagree	3%	11%	11%
	Somewhat agree	21%	21%	22%
	Strongly agree	27%	20%	31%
	Unsure/Refuse	15%	17%	14%
	Total	100%	100%	100%



### Should foetus have human rights once heart beat detected BY Household

		Household					
		Partner and kids	Partner only	Live with others	Live alone	Other	Unsure
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should foetus have human rights once heart beat detected	Strongly disagree	21%	15%	31%	15%	23%	24%
	Somewhat disagree	10%	11%	12%	16%	2%	5%
	Neither agree nor disagree	6%	8%	11%	11%	7%	14%
	Somewhat agree	20%	23%	16%	11%	28%	40%
	Strongly agree	28%	27%	18%	22%	26%	16%
	Unsure/Refuse	15%	16%	12%	25%	14%	1%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

### Should foetus have human rights once heart beat detected BY Party Vote 2017

		Party Vote 2017					
		National	Labour	NZ First	Greens	Others	Not Vote/Unsure
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should foetus have human rights once heart beat detected	Strongly disagree	20%	19%	16%	17%	0%	24%
	Somewhat disagree	13%	7%	26%	43%	3%	2%
	Neither agree nor disagree	7%	7%	5%	7%	33%	9%
	Somewhat agree	16%	29%	19%	12%	11%	22%
	Strongly agree	29%	20%	17%	11%	45%	29%
	Unsure/Refuse	15%	18%	18%	10%	8%	14%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

### Should foetus have human rights once heart beat detected BY General Support / Opposition to Abortion

		Abortion		
		Support	Oppose	Unsure/Refuse
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should foetus have human rights once heart beat detected	Strongly disagree	26%	10%	20%
	Somewhat disagree	18%	1%	3%
	Neither agree nor disagree	9%	2%	14%
	Somewhat agree	19%	25%	22%
	Strongly agree	12%	52%	18%
	Unsure/Refuse	16%	9%	23%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

## MARGINS OF ERROR

The following maximum sampling margin of errors apply for each demographic group:

- All 3.1%
- Women 4.0%
- Men 4.9%
- Under 40s 9.0%
- 41 to 60 5.0%
- Over 60s 4.4%
- Metro 4.9%
- Provincial 6.1%
- Rural 5.4%
- Deciles 1 to 3 6.1%
- Deciles 4 to 7 4.0%
- Deciles 8 to 10 8.3%
- Partner and kids 5.6%
- Partner only 5.0%
- Live alone 7.8%
- National voters 5.2%
- Labour voters 5.6%
- NZ First voters 15.7%
- Green voters 17.1%
- Unsure voters 6.4%

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