



NATIONAL POLL SUMMARY

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The most recent poll commissioned by LifeCanada shows a strong majority (72%) of Canadians want to see some protection for human life in the womb. 28% want to see full legal protection from conception onwards, 17% from two months on and another 17% from three months onwards. Only two in ten Canadians (20%) think human life should receive legal protection from birth. (Nine percent offer no opinion on this question.)

The Environics' National Omnibus survey was conducted in conjunction with LifeCanada by telephone using a representative sample of 2,000 adult Canadians, between September 13 to 25, 2011. The margin of error is 2.2 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

Looking at a breakdown among the Provinces, support for legal *protection at conception* is highest in Atlantic Canada (35%) and Manitoba/Saskatchewan (35%), and lowest in British Columbia (26%) and Quebec (25%), particularly in Montreal (20%). Support for *some form of legal protection* for the unborn found in major metropolitan areas is, for the most part, similar to national levels: 73% in Toronto, 63% in Montreal, 71% in Vancouver.

Seven in ten (68%) think abortion should generally be legal in the first three months. This view is highest in Quebec (77%) and lowest in Atlantic Canada (55%).

However, six in ten (58%) say it should be *illegal* in the second three months. This view is higher in Alberta (67%) and Atlantic Canada (65%) and lowest in Quebec (50%). It is higher among women (62%) than among men (54%).

Three-quarters (77%) say abortion should be *illegal* in the last three months, including those in Quebec (70%). It is higher among women (81%) than among men (73%).

When asked if sex-selected abortions should or should not be legal in Canada, nine in ten (92%) Canadians think it should not be legal.

54% are of the opinion that abortion should be funded using tax dollars only in cases of medical emergencies while only three in ten (30%) think abortions should always be paid using the tax-funded health care system. Just over one in ten (13%) take the view that paying for abortions should be the individual's responsibility. Three percent offer no opinion.

Of interest was the support for legal protection across party lines. In answer to the question, "At what point should the law protect human life?", adherents to all parties, even those with a pro-abortion platform, supported protection for the unborn. The breakdown is included in the following table:

	Con	Lib	NDP	BQ	Green Party	Undecided
	%	%	%	%	%	%
At conception	33	28	24	14	19	32
From 2 months on	20	15	16	22	17	11
From 3 months on	15	20	17	16	24	13
From 6 months on	8	7	12	13	14	9
At birth	16	23	23	31	20	19
DK/NA	7	6	8	4	6	15

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