

YouGov / Amnesty International UK Survey Results

Sample Size: 1746 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 3rd - 4th October 2018

	Vote in 2017			EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region							
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	England	
Weighted Sample	1746	599	573	107	686	746	845	901	196	737	414	400	995	751	234	566	374	421	152	1509	
Unweighted Sample	1746	598	555	111	760	701	765	981	212	693	425	416	1056	690	168	598	391	427	162	1494	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Currently, the abortion laws in Northern Ireland are different to the rest of the UK. Before taking this survey were you aware that Northern Ireland had different abortion laws to the rest of the UK?

Yes, I was aware of this	78	84	79	88	84	81	76	80	65	74	83	85	84	70	70	80	76	78	85	77
No, I was not aware of this	18	15	16	9	12	18	20	17	26	21	14	13	13	26	21	18	20	17	14	19
Don't know	4	1	5	3	4	2	4	4	9	5	2	1	3	4	8	2	4	5	2	4

Currently in Northern Ireland, it is illegal for women to have an abortion in almost ALL circumstances. The ONLY limited exceptions are if a woman's life is at risk, or if there is permanent or serious risk to the woman's mental or physical health. Outside of these laws, any women who have an abortion, or medical practitioners who assist in an abortion, could face a jail sentence.

Do you think that Northern Ireland's abortion laws should or should not be reformed?

Should	81	82	85	88	86	82	77	84	73	80	83	83	84	77	75	83	81	81	80	81
Should not	7	8	6	4	5	8	9	5	11	7	6	7	7	7	7	8	8	7	7	7
Don't know	12	9	9	7	9	9	14	10	16	13	11	10	9	16	19	9	12	13	13	12

For a woman in Northern Ireland to have an abortion, they currently have to travel to other parts of the UK in order to receive the procedure.

Do you think women in Northern Ireland should or should not be able to access abortion services IN Northern Ireland?

Should	85	87	86	95	89	87	81	88	79	83	87	89	86	83	80	86	86	85	85	85
Should not	5	6	7	2	4	6	7	4	9	5	5	5	6	5	7	5	6	4	4	5
Don't know	10	8	7	3	7	7	12	8	12	12	9	7	8	12	13	9	8	11	11	10

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Do you think abortion should, or should not, be decriminalised for women who have an abortion?

Should be decriminalised	78	83	78	86	86	78	78	78	69	76	81	83	83	71	68	83	77	77	82	78
Should not be decriminalised	11	10	12	6	7	13	12	11	16	13	8	9	9	14	18	10	12	9	11	11
Don't know	11	7	9	8	7	9	10	11	16	11	11	8	7	15	14	7	11	14	8	11

And do you think abortion should, or should not, be decriminalised for medical practitioners who provide the service?

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A common way by which women have an abortion in the UK is through taking abortion pills during early pregnancy. Currently, abortion pills are free and available in England, Wales, and Scotland – but not in Northern Ireland.

Do you think it should or should not be legal for women in Northern Ireland to be able to take abortion pills under the same conditions as women in the rest of the UK?

Should	83	85	85	93	87	83	80	86	75	82	84	88	85	80	76	85	81	83	86	83
Should not	7	7	6	3	5	8	9	5	14	7	6	5	7	7	10	6	10	6	5	7
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The law on abortion is the responsibility of both the UK and Northern Ireland government. In June 2018, a case brought to the UK Supreme Court over the legality of Northern Ireland's abortion law was dismissed on a legal technicality but the majority of Supreme Court judges said that Northern Ireland's current abortion law is not compatible with human rights.

Do you think the UK government should, or should not, act to change abortion laws in Northern Ireland?

Should act to change abortion laws in Northern Ireland	75	74	78	87	82	73	72	77	67	73	79	77	77	72	68	77	76	73	74	74
Should not act to change abortion laws in Northern Ireland	11	12	12	5	8	13	15	8	18	12	8	10	11	12	14	10	12	11	14	11
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