

Statements on Abortion

a) Look at these statements on abortion and give each one a mark from 1 to 4, according to the following scale:

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| 1 = strongly agree, 2 = agree, 3 = disagree, 4 = strongly disagree |
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1. It should be the woman's right to choose on abortion. Ultimately, it's her body and so it's her decision alone.
2. If you are mature enough to make a baby, then you are mature enough to take care of it.
3. A baby is still a person even before it is born.
4. Abortion is for the irresponsible.
5. I believe all life is sacred and so abortion is a criminal act to me.
6. With so many options, like adoption, I don't see why abortion is ever necessary.
7. I don't agree with late-term abortion, but I think the so-called 'morning-after pill' is basically OK.
8. I don't believe in abortion laws—it's usually men who make them.
9. If abortion is illegal, it only means more backstreet abortion will happen and that is dangerous for the women concerned.
10. Abortion is wrong and should be stopped at all costs, including bombing the clinics if necessary. One doctor from an abortion clinic was shot last month. He got what he deserved.

MacAndrew, Richard and Ron Martínez. *Taboos and Issues*. Thomson Heinle, 2002, p. 21.

b) After marking these statements, work in groups to compare your opinions and decide on a group rating on the 1 to 4 scale.