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Christian Institute: Abortion Survey – May 08

METHODOLOGY NOTE:

ComRes interviewed 1014 GB adults by telephone between 2nd and 4th May 2008. Data were weighted to be representative demographically of all GB adults.

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- Dates of interviewing
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- The percentages upon which conclusions are based
- Size of the sample and geographic coverage.

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HEADLINES:

The poll of the British public about abortion highlights that the majority of the public think that the abortion limit should be reduced below the current 24 week limit. Women are strongest in their agreement both that the limit should be decreased and that women should have a legal right to know the risks associated with abortion.

- Nine out of ten people, 89%, agree that 'women who are considering whether to have an abortion should be given a statutory legal right to be told of all the physical and psychological risks known to be associated with it'.
- 92% of women in Britain agree that women should have a legal right to be informed of the risks associated with abortion.
- 93% of people in Scotland and North England agree that women should have a legal right to be told of the associated risks of abortion.
- 58% of people think that the abortion time limit should be reduced from 24 weeks or banned in Britain in order to be more in line with other EU countries.
- This figure is noticeably higher among women, 73% of whom think that the abortion limit should be reduced or banned and 41% of women think that the limit should be reduced to 12 weeks or less, which is the most common limit in EU countries.
- Given the survival rates of babies born at 22 weeks in specialist neo-natal units, 60% of people think that the abortion time limit should be reduced.
- Almost three quarters of women, 72%, think that the abortion time limit should be reduced, in light of the statistics of survival rates among babies born earlier than 24 weeks.
- 70% of people aged 25-34 think that in light of the survival rates, the abortion time limit should be reduced.