



Abortion and contraception allow women to express their freedom of reproduction by exercising their right of self-determination over their bodies.

## Approach

To measure the degree of reproductive freedom that women enjoy, we identified key legal restrictions that governments may impose on women's power over their bodies while pregnant.

The most restrictive option is clearly an abortion ban. Less restrictive options include legal framework in which abortion is possible only when the fetus presents defects or when the pregnancy is the outcome of rape. Furthermore, reproductive freedom may be upheld if

the law permits abortion to protect with woman's life or physical and mental health. Access to contraceptives is also an important part of reproductive freedom.

We selected the access to key contraceptives as conditions that expand reproductive freedom: general access to contraceptives for free or a nominal amount (via government subsidies), access to RU-486 (Mifepristone), and access to various forms of emergency contraceptives are.



## Data sources

Data were collected from the following sources:

United Nations Population Division, World Abortion Policies 2013. | UN-WHO, Global Abortion Policies. | WHO-HRP, Global Abortion Policies Database. | Bolland, Reed. "Laws on Abortion in the First and Second Trimester." | Center for Reproductive Rights. Annual Report 2013. | Harvard School of Public Health. Abortion Laws of the World. | International Consortium for Emergency Contraception. Ec Status and Availability. | The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. Abortion Laws around the World. | Wikipedia. Abortion Law. | WHO, "Emergency Contraception," Fact Sheet n. 244

## Measurement questions

- Is abortion lawful to protect woman's life?
- Is abortion lawful to protect woman's physical health?
- Is abortion lawful to protect woman's mental health?
- Is abortion lawful in the event the woman was raped?
- Is abortion lawful in the event of fetal defects?
- Does the law mandate that an abortion is performed at the mere request of a pregnant woman?
- Is RU-486 (Mifepristone) approved or registered for use?
- Are emergency contraception drugs lawfully available?
- Are family planning services provided through government-run programs and facilities?
- Is spousal notification/permission required?



# Abortion

List Nations	Tot	%
Afghanistan	24	100,00%
Albania	86	90,00%
Algeria	39	70,00%
Angola	14	80,00%
Argentina	55	80,00%
Armenia	82	90,00%
Australia	74	100,00%
Austria	82	100,00%
Azerbaijan	82	90,00%
Bahamas	40	80,00%
Bangladesh	58	100,00%
Belarus	86	90,00%
Belgium	93	100,00%
Belize	55	80,00%
Benin	47	80,00%
Bhutan	18	80,00%
Bolivia	47	80,00%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	68	80,00%
Botswana	62	80,00%
Brazil	43	80,00%
Brunei	14	80,00%
Bulgaria	64	80,00%

List Nations	Tot	%
Burkina Faso	64	80,00%
Burundi	33	80,00%
Cambodia	79	90,00%
Cameroon	44	80,00%
Canada	93	100,00%
Central African Republic	16	80,00%
Chad	37	80,00%
Chile	51	100,00%
China	86	90,00%
Colombia	58	80,00%
Congo - Brazzaville	25	80,00%
Costa Rica	29	90,00%
Ivory Coast	14	20,00%
Croatia	72	80,00%
Cuba	52	80,00%
Cyprus	75	100,00%
Czech Republic	74	100,00%
Congo - Kinshasa	25	80,00%
North Korea	71	70,00%
Denmark	93	100,00%
Djibouti	18	80,00%
Dominican Republic	14	90,00%



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Ecuador	51	80.00%
Egypt	16	90.00%
El Salvador	6	80.00%
Equatorial Guinea	25	100.00%
Eritrea	29	80.00%
Estonia	82	100,00%
Ethiopia	68	80.00%
Fiji	40	80.00%
Finland	66	90,00%
France	79	90,00%
Gabon	21	80.00%
Gambia	44	80.00%
Georgia	82	90.00%
Germany	71	90,00%
Ghana	75	90.00%
Greece	89	100,00%
Guatemala	25	80.00%
Guinea	68	80.00%
Guinea-Bissau	52	80.00%
Guyana	71	90.00%
Haiti	25	80.00%
Honduras	16	80.00%

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Hungary	87	100,00%
Iceland	93	100,00%
India	85	100,00%
Indonesia	24	100.00%
Iran	35	100,00%
Iraq	18	80.00%
Ireland	25	100.00%
Israel	72	90,00%
Italy	78	100,00%
Jamaica	27	80.00%
Japan	75	90,00%
Jordan	20	80.00%
Kazakhstan	79	90.00%
Kenya	16	60,00%
South Korea	63	100,00%
Kuwait	29	100.00%
Kyrgyzstan	82	90.00%
Laos	20	100.00%
Latvia	83	90,00%
Lebanon	63	80.00%
Lesotho	25	80.00%
Liberia	60	80.00%



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Libya	13	70.00%
Lithuania	74	80.00%
Luxembourg	66	90.00%
Republic of Macedonia	71	70.00%
Madagascar	22	80.00%
Malawi	10	80.00%
Malaysia	32	80.00%
Mali	36	80.00%
Malta	16	80.00%
Mauritania	25	80.00%
Mexico	75	90,00%
Moldova	75	90.00%
Mongolia	56	90.00%
Montenegro	83	90.00%
Morocco	39	100.00%
Mozambique	54	90.00%
Myanmar	16	70.00%
Namibia	60	70.00%
Nepal	75	90.00%
Netherlands	93	100,00%
New Zealand	72	90,00%
Nicaragua	14	80.00%

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Niger	14	80.00%
Nigeria	47	90.00%
Norway	95	100,00%
Oman	14	80.00%
Pakistan	43	60.00%
Panama	39	60.00%
Papua New Guinea	12	60.00%
Paraguay	10	60.00%
Peru	44	90.00%
Philippines	10	90,00%
Poland	39	60,00%
Portugal	83	100,00%
Qatar	36	60.00%
Romania	77	100,00%
Russia	79	100,00%
Rwanda	32	60.00%
Saudi Arabia	21	100,00%
Senegal	10	60.00%
Serbia	71	70.00%
Sierra Leone	32	60.00%
Slovakia	74	100.00%
Slovenia	64	60,00%



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Solomon Islands	4	60.00%
Somalia	10	60.00%
South Africa	91	100,00%
Spain	78	100,00%
Sri Lanka	10	60.00%
Sudan	21	60.00%
Suriname	10	60.00%
Swaziland	10	60.00%
Sweden	95	100,00%
Switzerland	86	90,00%
Syria	12	100.00%
Taiwan	67	90,00%
Tajikistan	67	70.00%
Tanzania	32	60.00%
Thailand	43	60,00%
East Timor	1	10.00%
Togo	6	60.00%
Trinidad and Tobago	32	60.00%
Tunisia	51	70.00%
Turkey	68	100,00%
Turkmenistan	60	60.00%
Uganda	44	90.00%

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Ukraine	67	70,00%
United Arab Emirates	5	100.00%
United Kingdom	48	100,00%
United States	95	100,00%
Uruguay	41	60.00%
Uzbekistan	67	70.00%
Vanuatu	32	60.00%
Vietnam	86	90,00%
Yemen	20	100.00%
Zambia	14	20.00%

