

Cathedral of the Rockies Reproductive Rights Survey

Why did we send out the survey?

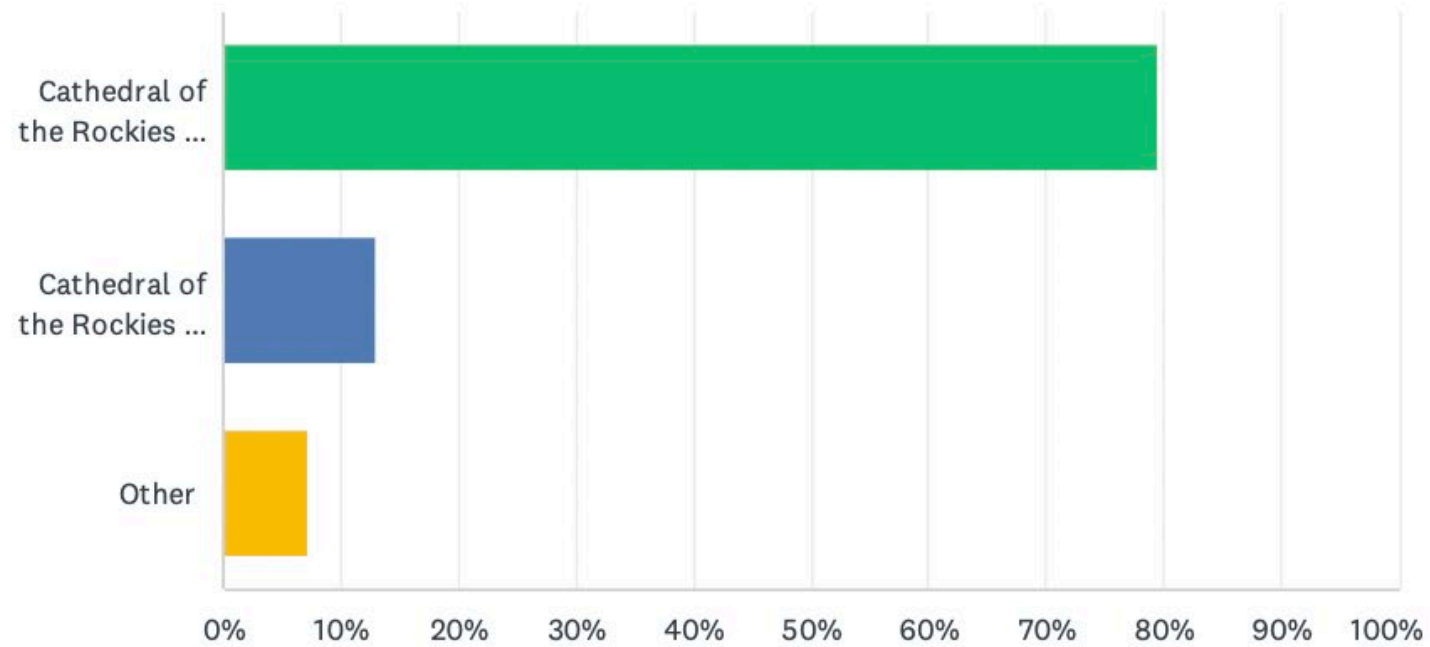
We wanted to understand what our church was thinking about the topic of abortion so that we could have an informed conversation.

Where did the survey come from?

It was based on a survey used by Adam Hamilton at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection to facilitate a discussion about abortion.

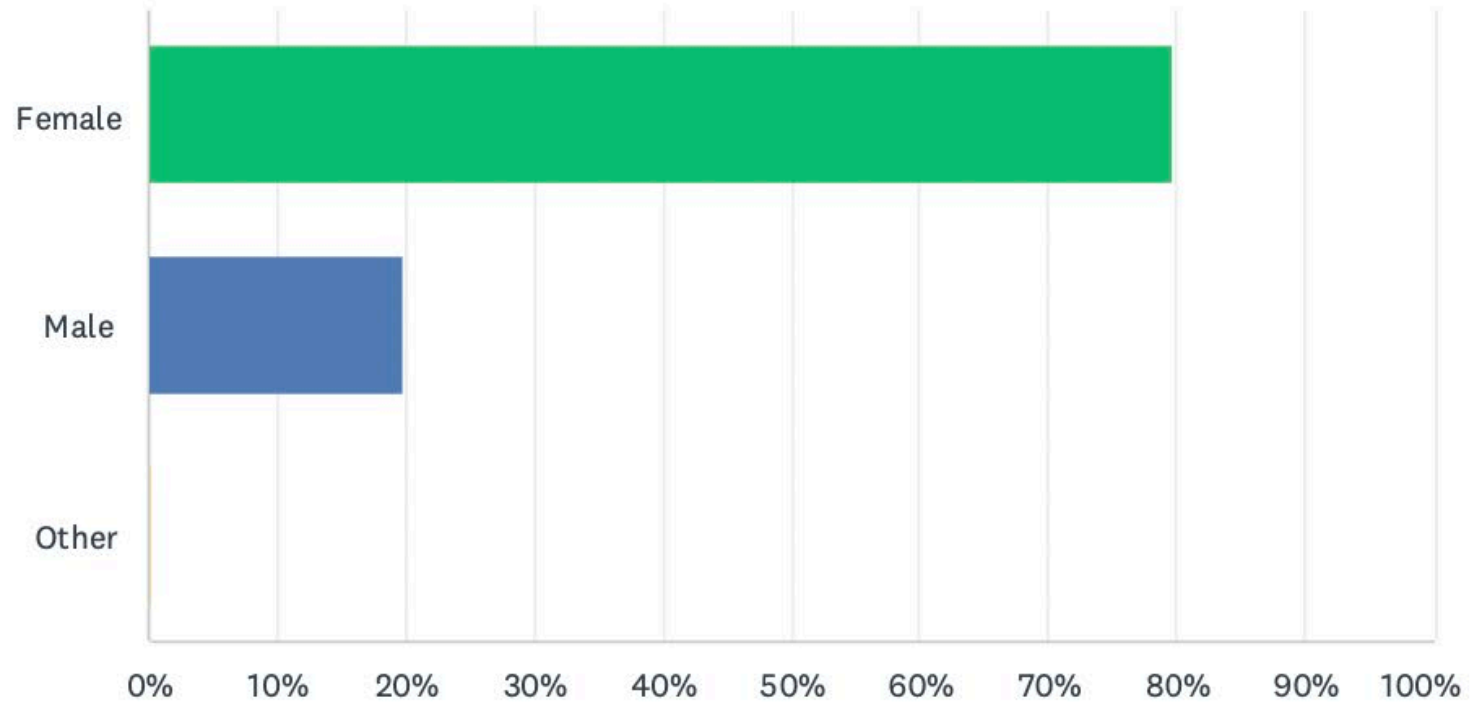
Note: All the results we will show came directly from the survey monkey printout without any editing from the COTR staff. Also, it was truly anonymous so we have no idea who any of the people were.

How many answered the survey? 328



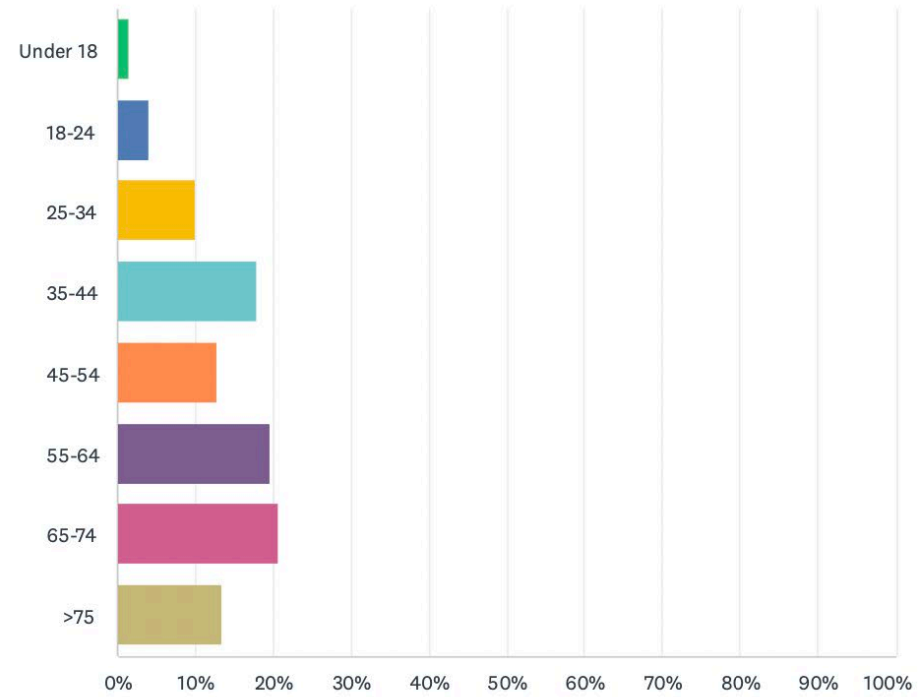
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Cathedral of the Rockies - Downtown Campus	79.57%	261
Cathedral of the Rockies - Amity Campus	13.11%	43
Other	7.32%	24
TOTAL		328

Gender Participation



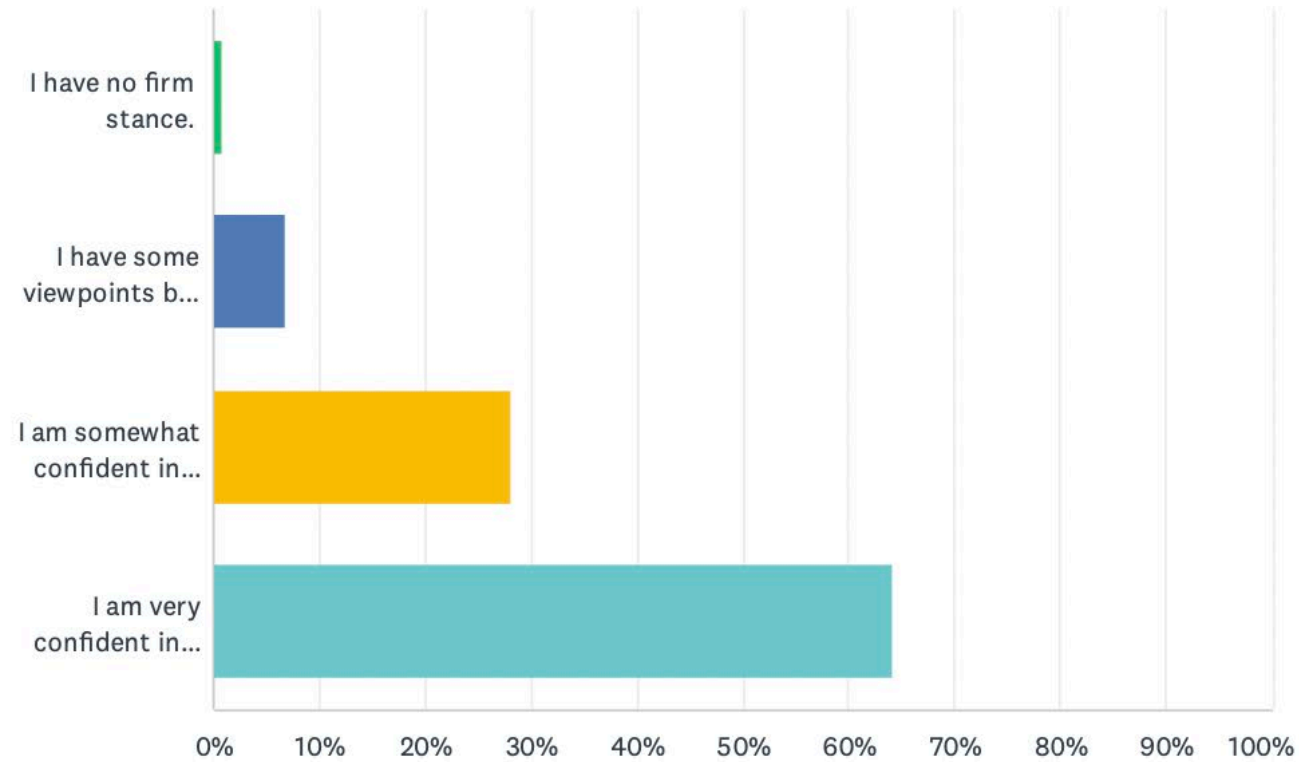
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	79.82%	261
Male	19.88%	65
Other	0.31%	1
TOTAL		327

Age Participation



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	1.52%	5
18-24	3.96%	13
25-34	10.06%	33
35-44	17.99%	59
45-54	12.80%	42
55-64	19.51%	64
65-74	20.73%	68
>75	13.41%	44
TOTAL		328

How fixed are your views?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I have no firm stance.	0.92%	3
I have some viewpoints but am open to change.	6.75%	22
I am somewhat confident in my views but willing to reconsider.	28.22%	92
I am very confident in my views and unlikely to change.	64.11%	209
TOTAL		326

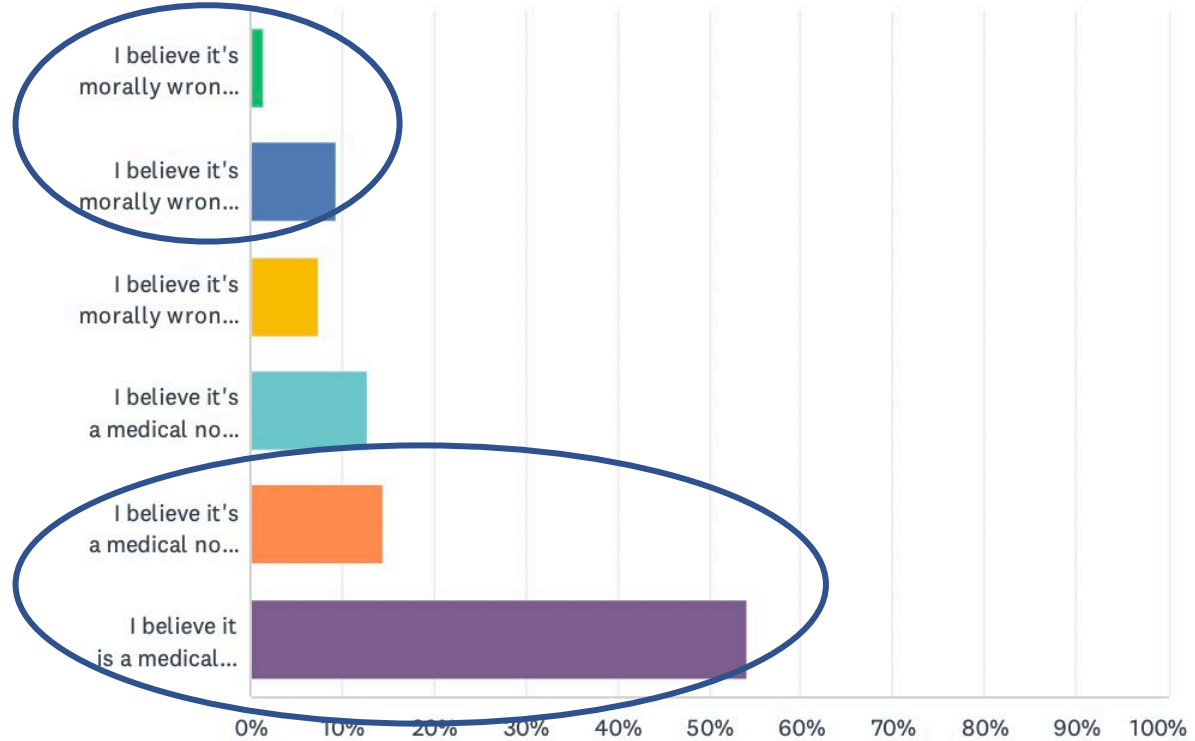
What is your belief about abortion?

35 believe abortion should be illegal with no exceptions or with exception for rape, incest and mother's life

24 morally wrong but legal up to 15 weeks

41 should be legal up to 21 weeks

219 believe abortion should be legal in all or most cases.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I believe it's morally wrong and should be illegal in all cases.	1.57%	5
I believe it's morally wrong and should be illegal with exceptions for rape, incest, and to save the life of the mother.	9.40%	30
I believe it's morally wrong but should be legal up to 15 weeks.	7.52%	24
I believe it's a medical not a moral decision and should be legal up to 21 weeks.	12.85%	41
I believe it's a medical not a moral decision and should be legal in all cases where a mother's life is threatened.	14.42%	46
I believe it is a medical not a moral decision and should be legal in all cases.	54.23%	173
TOTAL		319

Comments- 88

We had feedback from about a dozen folks who felt that Question 5 was not nuanced and does not make allowance for BOTH medical and moral decision making.

We were aware of the limitations of the possible answers but also aware that capturing all possibilities on several dimension would have made for a very long scale and we are looking for broad beliefs about the issue. We added the comments section in order to capture more nuanced responses. So, we appreciate your sharing the details of your thinking with us.

41 comments were from people who believe abortion should be a woman's choice with help from her doctor and should not be legislated.

Not having a need for abortion would be ideal but that simply isn't the reality of life. I don't believe the decision to have an abortion is ever made lightly...or at least it rarely is. There are too many underlying factors for "one size fits all" laws on this matter. It has to be a woman's decision, supported with proper medical care.

My moral beliefs should have zero bearing on another woman's decision for her own body. Any woman who makes the decision for an abortion for ANY reason, deserves nothing but love and support. Jesus doesn't stop loving someone because of an abortion - neither should we.

A woman's reproductive health cannot be legislated. It is between her and her physician.

A few felt that the topic was too political or otherwise not something to discuss in church and a few wanted the church to be involved.

I believe women should be able to choose. Women are often in desperate situations and need options. I am not super comfortable with us diving into it at church as it feels more political and I don't want to mix politics with church.

Too political

I need the church to speak out on issues of reproductive health - be a voice for justice! Abortions = healthcare.

A couple were very much opposed to abortion feeling it is murder

Abortion is murdering a baby. “ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.”. I’m Disgusted you don’t see it as murder of a person.

Seems you want to worship God while placating the devil. Satanists even acknowledge abortion is murder. Thou shalt not kill! What does the church stand for? Are you leading souls to heaven or hell? Quite a responsibility.

A few felt that abortion is a systemic problem

I think the church is called into the difficult tension of advocating for women's rights not being infringed upon legally, while also giving a humble and clear, self-sacrificial witness of preserving life whenever possible morally. By self-sacrificial, I mean the church being the one with their skin in the game. The church must advocate for women's rights, while also advocating for sexual education, affordable healthcare, livable wages, affordable childcare, paid family leave, and the dismantling of poverty, all of which reduce circumstances where abortion feels like the only option. If we aren't doing that, then we have no moral credibility in our culture.