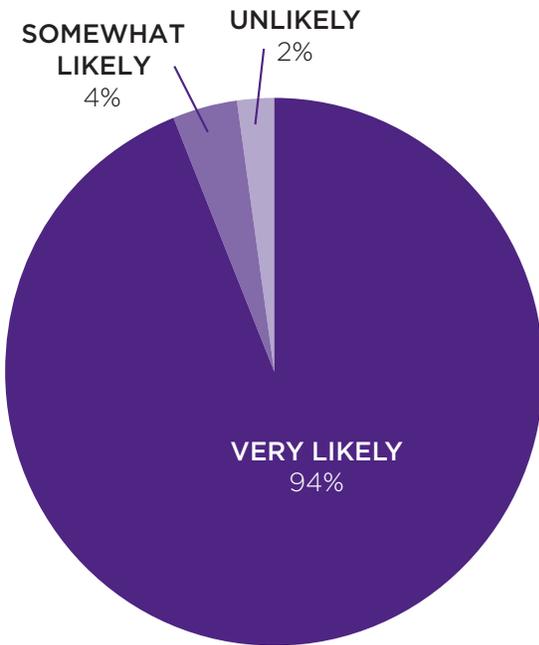


UNEXPECTED PREGNANCIES

Carrying the pregnancy to term

Among all evangelical Millennials



Every year, about 3 million women become pregnant unexpectedly. If this happened to you (becoming pregnant or getting a woman pregnant), what would you do? This scenario was put to evangelicals ages 18-29 in the “Sex & Unexpected Pregnancies: What Evangelical Millennials Think & Practice” poll. Married evangelical Millennials were asked about this issue within the context of their marriage; unmarried evangelical Millennials were not given any specific context about who was pregnant/got them pregnant.

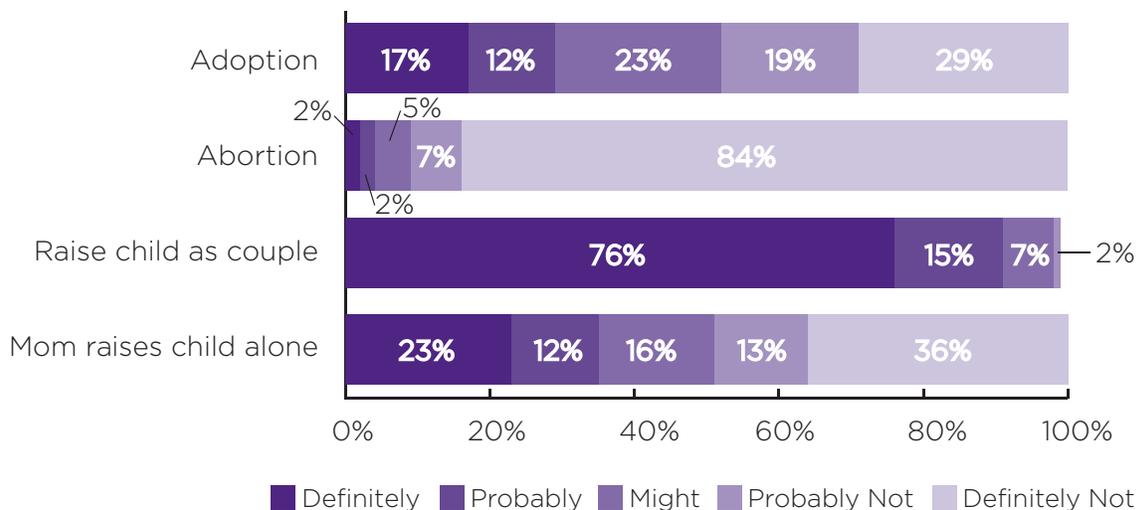
Altogether, 94 percent of evangelical Millennials said it is very likely that they would carry the child to term if they became unexpectedly pregnant (or among men, that they would want the woman to carry the child to term). Four percent said this would be somewhat likely; 1 percent felt it would be somewhat unlikely and under 1 percent said it would be very unlikely.

Men and women did not differ substantially on this question. Ninety-nine percent of married respondents said they would be very likely to carry the pregnancy to term, compared to 91 percent of the unmarried respondents. With these figures, note that this is what the respondents think or believe they would do. It is no guarantee that they would follow through on their commitment not to have an abortion.

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Options for an unexpected pregnancy

Among unmarried evangelical Millennials



Unmarried evangelical Millennials were asked how viable they felt adoption, abortion, raising the child as a couple, and the mother raising the child alone were if they were to get unexpectedly pregnant or if they were to get a woman pregnant.

Among unmarried evangelical Millennials, only 29 percent felt they definitely or probably would consider adoption as an option for an unexpected pregnancy. Another 23 percent felt they might or might not consider this, while almost half (48 percent) probably or definitely would not consider placing their child for adoption. Statistically, there was no difference between men and women on this point. However, unmarried Black and Latino evangelical Millennials were more resistant to the idea. While just 21 percent of Whites definitely would not consider adoption, the proportion was at least double that among Blacks (47 percent) and Latinos (42 percent). Just 18 percent of Blacks or Latinos looked positively on adoption as an option.

This was also less of an option among the less religiously active. The proportion of unmarried evangelical Millennials who definitely would not consider placing their child for adoption was 26 percent among more frequent Bible readers (thrice weekly), but 34 percent among less frequent readers; Likewise, it was 26 percent among weekly churchgoers, but 39 percent among less frequent churchgoers.

Abortion was an option only for a very few. Among all unmarried evangelical Millennials, only 2 percent would definitely consider abortion; the same proportion probably would consider it. Five percent might or might not consider abortion, while 7 percent said they probably would

not consider this option. Eighty-four percent definitely would not consider abortion. There was no discernible difference between men and women. Resistance to abortion was higher among those who read the Bible three times a week or more (88 percent definitely would not consider an abortion versus 80 percent among less frequent Bible readers).

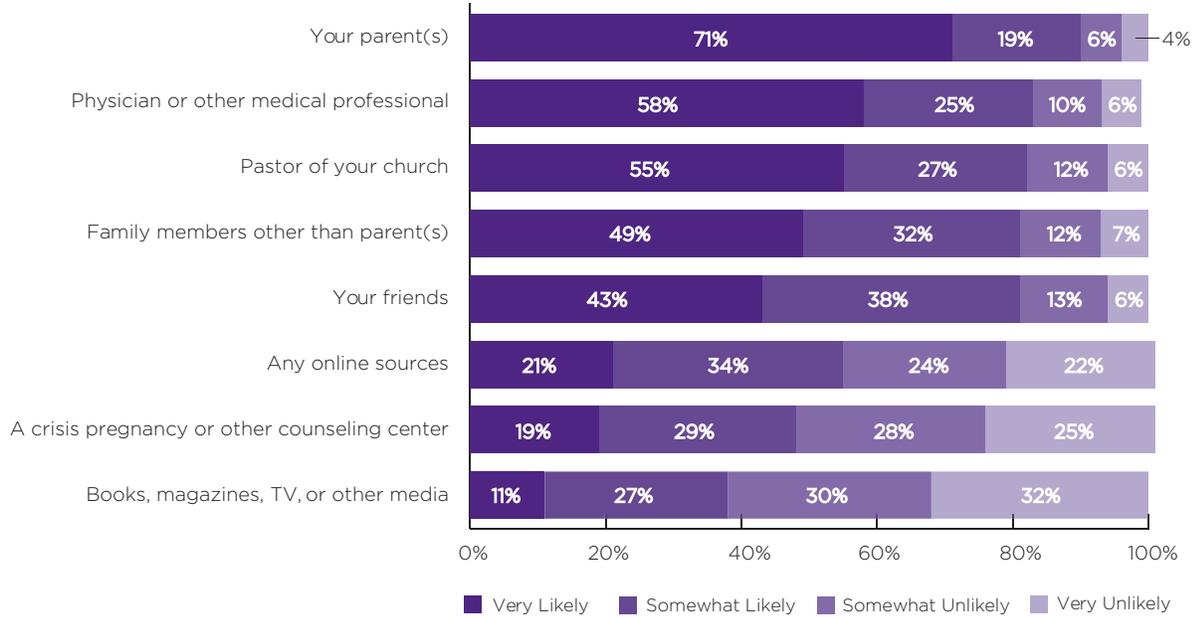
The vast majority of unmarried Millennials would consider raising the child together with the other parent. Just 1 percent said they probably would not consider this, and less than 1 percent ruled it out entirely.

The final option given to respondents was for the mother to raise the child by herself (with or without financial assistance from the child's father). As with adoption, consideration of this option was mixed. But unlike the other three options, men and women differed substantially on considering this option. Just 8 percent of men definitely or probably would consider this, 13 percent might consider this, while 79 percent said they probably or definitely would not consider this. Meanwhile 62 percent of women would consider raising the child by themselves, 20 percent might, and just 18 percent said they would not consider this. Given how few men would consider abortion, and how many would consider raising the child with the mother, it seems likely that many men rejected the idea of being left out of the child's life.

Married evangelical Millennials were also asked this question, but were given only two options to consider: raising the child as a couple or abortion. Almost no married evangelical Millennials said an unexpected pregnancy in their marriage would be cause to consider abortion. One percent definitely would consider this, another 1 percent might or might not, and 6 percent said they probably would not consider an abortion. Ninety-three percent felt this is not an option at all. Almost all married Millennials would consider having the baby and raising it together with their spouse. Ninety-six percent would definitely consider this, and another 3 percent would probably consider it.

Sources of guidance for an unexpected pregnancy

Among evangelical Millennials



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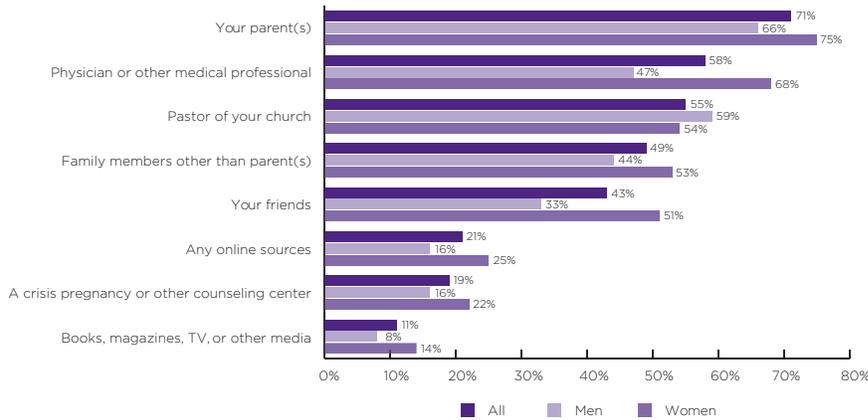
Respondents were asked how likely they would be to seek guidance from eight different sources.

The top source was a parent or parents. Seventy-one percent said they would be very likely to seek guidance from their parents. After parents came professionals – either medical or pastoral – followed by family members and friends.

Online sources, crisis pregnancy or other counseling centers, and media ranked low. Just 19 percent felt that a counseling center would be a very likely source for their unexpected pregnancy. Whites were particularly unlikely to see a counseling center as a source of help (16 percent, compared to 28 percent of Blacks and 25 percent of Latinos). While only 28 percent of married respondents said it's at least somewhat likely they would seek guidance from a counseling center, 60 percent of unmarried respondents saw this as a potential source of help.

Very likely sources of guidance for an unexpected pregnancy

Among evangelical Millennials



For seven of the eight sources provided, men were significantly less likely to seek guidance from that source than were women. This likely means men were significantly less likely to want to seek any kind of guidance from any source. The pastor was the only one of eight sources that men were just as likely to turn to as women.

Grey Matter Research conducted this national demographically representative online survey of 1,007 evangelical adults ages 18-29 in May 2012. Evangelicals were identified by Protestant church attendance of at least once a month, believing that they will go to heaven when they die because they have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior, and strongly agreeing that the Bible is the written word of God and is accurate in all that it teaches, that their personal commitment to Jesus Christ is still important to their lives today, that eternal salvation is possible only through Jesus Christ, and that they personally have a responsibility to tell others about their religious beliefs. The poll has an overall margin of error of $\pm 2.9\%$. Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding.