

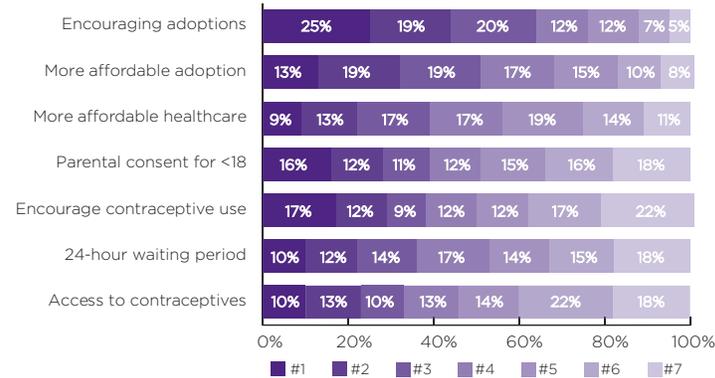
# REDUCING ABORTIONS

The “Sex and Unexpected Pregnancies: What Evangelical Millennials Think and Practice” poll asked evangelicals ages 18-29 to rank the effectiveness of seven different ideas for reducing abortions in the United States, from what they felt would be the most effective to what they saw as the least effective.

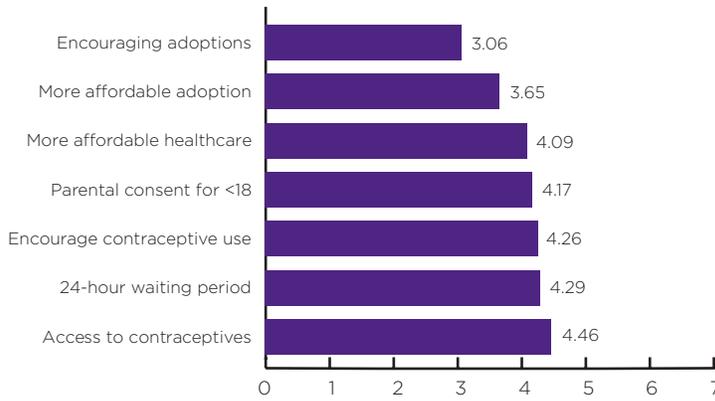
There was little consensus on this question. However one idea (“Encouraging unmarried women with an unexpected pregnancy to consider giving the child up for adoption rather than having an abortion”) did perform better than the other six. Twenty-five percent said this would be the most effective of the seven options they were asked to consider, and another 19 percent put it at number two. The average ranking was 3.06. Still 5 percent said this would be the least effective option, and 23 percent place it among the bottom three choices.

## Ways to Reduce Abortions

Rankings from 1 (most effective) to 7 (least effective)



Average rankings from 1 (most effective) to 7 (least effective)

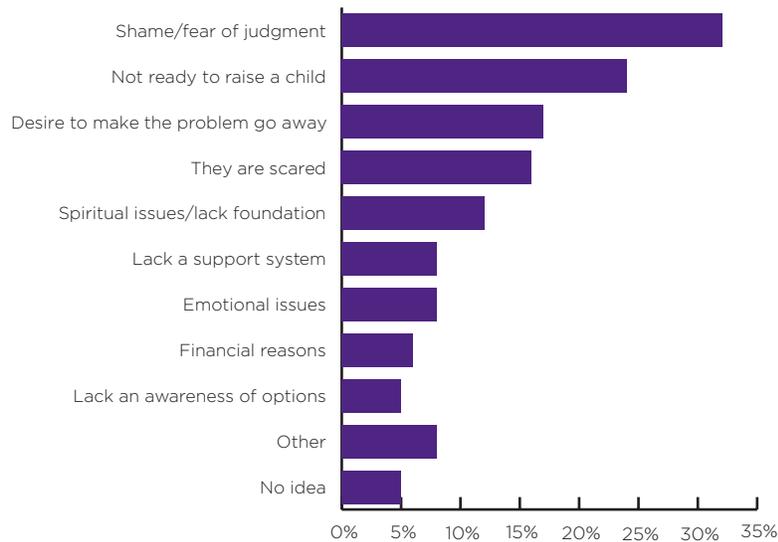


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The study's one open-ended question asked: "What are the main reasons that some young, unmarried Christians get an abortion when they become unexpectedly pregnant, even though they say they believe abortion is morally wrong?" The answers were coded according to main themes and reasons. Often people provided more than one reason. The most common category was shame or fear of judgment (32 percent). Second to this was the perception that many unmarried Christians feel they're not ready to raise a child (24 percent).

### Perceived Reasons Christians Have Abortions

*Among evangelical Millennials*



Eighty-two percent of evangelical Millennials indicated that couples who have sex outside of marriage should use contraceptives to prevent pregnancy, and 63 percent agreed that if more unmarried, sexually active Christians used contraceptives, it would reduce the number of abortions in the United States.

[Among evangelical Millennials]	Agree strongly	Agree somewhat	Disagree somewhat	Disagree strongly
“Couples who engage in sex outside of marriage should use contraceptives to prevent pregnancy.”	55%	27%	10%	8%
“If more unmarried Christians who were sexually active used contraceptives, it would reduce the number of abortions performed in this country.”	26%	37%	21%	16%

Among all evangelical Millennials who are or have been sexually active, just 38 percent said they have always used contraception. Another 24 percent usually did, while 15 percent said sometimes, 8 percent rarely, and 14 percent have never done so.

The figures for married and unmarried evangelicals are quite different. Among sexually active, unmarried evangelical Millennials, just half always use contraceptives when sexually active. Another 17 percent usually do/did so, but 12 percent said they only sometimes used them, 6 percent rarely did, and 15 percent never did.

Past Contraceptive Use					
	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
<b>All sexually active</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>14%</b>
Married	29%	30%	18%	10%	14%
Unmarried	50%	17%	12%	6%	15%

Answers about churches encouraging contraception were conflicted. Respondents were asked to imagine a situation in which a local Christian church took the following position: “The Bible teaches that sex outside of marriage is wrong. But if you are going to be sexually active outside of marriage, we encourage you to use contraceptives to prevent an unplanned pregnancy.”

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“This could help reduce the number of abortions by reducing the unexpected pregnancies.”	30%	40%	16%	14%
“The reality is that unmarried people are having sex, and this church would just be dealing with this issue realistically.”	24%	35%	22%	18%
“This would be hypocritical. They can’t say that sex outside of marriage is wrong, and then tell how to do it more safely.”	42%	26%	19%	14%
“This would make it seem like the church was telling people it’s okay to have sex outside of marriage.”	37%	34%	17%	12%
“This would just encourage more unmarried people to be sexually active.”	34%	34%	20%	11%
“Churches have no business dealing with the issue of contraceptives.”	10%	20%	39%	32%
“This wouldn’t matter to me one way or another.”	10%	20%	34%	36%

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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 ±2.9%. Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding.