abortion at one U.S. clinic, by selected characteristics, 2008 Characteristic % (N=5.109)

TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of women seeking an

Aae 10-17 93 18-19 105

20-29 55.6 20.9

30-39 40-49 2.4 Missina 1.4

Race/ethnicity Black 38.8

56 1 0.7

White/Hispanic Asian Mixed/other 2.6 Missing 18 Parity

0 38.3 1 28.4 20.5 12.7 0.1

2 >3 Missing Education <high school diploma 22.7 High school diploma 34.6

Some college/technical school 18.6 ≥college diploma 17.8

Missina 6.1

History of depression Yes 11.7

No 88.3

History of anxiety/panic attacks

Yes 10.6

89.4

No

Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

100.0

Total

TABLE 2. Percentage distribution of abortions sought at one clinic in 2008, by selected characteristics, according to women's age

ΑII

< 20

20.9

79.1

0.9

0.1

99.9

89.7

10.3

100.0

99.1

>20

55.7*

44.3

0.6

0.6

93.6*

6.4

100.0

99.4

99.4

	(N=5,387)	(N=4,256)	(N=1,122)
Trimester			
First	80.6	75.2	82.1*
Second	19.4	24.8	17.9
Woman had had a			

48.5

51.5

0.7

0.5

99.5

92.8

7.2

100.0

99.3

Woman had had a	
previous abortion	
Yes	
No	

Pregnancy resulted from rape

Fetal anomaly present

Procedure done

Characteristic

Yes

No

Yes

Nο

Yes

Nο

Total

*p<.05.

Statement True Kind of False No response Total

TABLE 3. Percentage distribution of abortions sought, by women's responses to statements related to abortion attitudes

Confidence in the abortion decision					
I am sure of my decision to have an abortion	94	5	1	0	100
I want to have the baby instead of abortion	1	5	95	0	100
I want to put the baby up for adoption instead of an abortion	0	1	99	0	100

†Based on 4,926 abortions sought by women who reported believing in God or a higher power. Note: Percentages may not add to 100% because

Truste to have the buby instead of uportion	•	_		
I want to put the baby up for adoption instead of an abortion	0	1	99	
Abortion is a better choice for me at this time than having a baby	95	3	2	
Generally after I make a decision, I keep thinking about it and doubting myself	3	11	87	

I'm here for an abortion mostly because someone else wants me to

and decision making

Spiritual concerns†

of rounding.

I have spiritual concerns about abortion

I'm afraid God won't forgive met

as killing a baby that's already born

Spiritually, I am at peace with this decision

At my stage of pregnancy, I think abortion is the same

62	19	9	10	100
5	13	71	11	100

21

13

15

96

83

100

100

100

100

100

0

0

11

0

of women's social support, according to women's age

Measure All <20 ≥20

51

87

92

94

*p<.05.†Based on abortions sought by women who informed someone

83

54

53

86

91

90

81

31*

50

88

92

95*

2*

TABLE 4. Percentage of abortions sought, by measures

Knows about the abortion	
Male partner	82
Mother	36

Friend

Nobody

Mother

Friend

Supportive†Male partner

about their abortion decision.

TABLE 5. Odds ratios (and 95% confidence intervals) from logistic regression analyses assessing characteristics associated with the likelihood that an abortion was being sought by a woman who had high confidence in her

decision	
Characteristic	Odds ratio
Maternal	
Age <20	0.75 (0.59-0.96)*
Black	0.67 (0.55-0.82)*

0.67 (0.55-0.82)* Education

<high school diploma 0.66 (0.48-0.90)* High school diploma 0.82 (0.61-1.10) Some college/technical school 0.85 (0.61-1.18)

≥college diploma (ref) 1.00 History of depression 0.62 (0.48-0.81)*

Had a previous abortion 1.00 (0.82-1.23) Abortion

0.98 (0.77-1.24)

Second-trimester Fetal anomaly

0.20 (0.08-0.52)* Pregnancy resulted from rape 1.91 (0.44-8.30)

Social support

Told nobody 1.07 (0.48-2.38) Mother supportive 1.25 (1.01-1.55)* Male partner supportive 1.24 (1.01-1.52)*

Attitudes/decision making

Difficulty making decisions 0.25 (0.20-0.31)* Any spiritual concerns about abortion 0.55 (0.44-0.68)* Abortion is same as killing 0.46 (0.37-0.57)*

Afraid God will not forgive 0.69 (0.55-0.87)*

*p<.05. Notes: All measures are dichotomous except education. ref= reference group.