

Table 3. Among U.S. males aged 15–19, mean level of approval of abortion, by circumstance, according to race and ethnicity and year

Circumstance	All		White/other		Black		Hispanic†	
	1988	1995	1988	1995	1988	1995	1988	1995
Total	2.77	2.52**	2.80	2.50**	2.68	2.61	2.64	2.50
If the female has been raped	3.48	3.22**	3.52	3.21**	3.35	3.29	3.38	3.23
If the female is under age 15	2.98	2.60**	3.02	2.61**	2.79	2.66	2.87	2.48**
If the pregnancy itself seriously endangered her health	3.60	3.44**	3.62	3.44**	3.55	3.44*	3.49	3.43
If there is reason to believe the child might be born deformed or mentally handicapped	2.72	2.50**	2.74	2.47**	2.56	2.57	2.79	2.59
If the female felt she could not afford to care for it	2.31	2.02**	2.31	1.97**	2.41	2.25	2.12	2.04
If the female wanted the abortion for any reason	2.13	1.81**	2.18	1.81**	2.02	1.87	1.89	1.78
If the female wanted an abortion, but the man did not	2.18	2.03**	2.23	2.00**	2.10	2.21	1.95	1.95

*Difference between means is significant at $p<.05$. **Difference between means is significant at $p<.01$. †May be of any race. *Notes:* The question read “When is it all right for a woman to have an abortion?” and then gave the seven listed circumstances. Larger values correspond to higher levels of approval.