

CARE – Three Parent Embryo Survey

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,040 British adults online between 30th January and 1st February 2015. Data were weighted to be representative of all GB adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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DNA

ONLINE Fieldwork: 30th January 2nd February 2015

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

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To what extent would you support or oppose a change in the law to permit the creation of 3-parent children?

Base: All respondents

	Total	Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Pri- vate
Unweighted base	2040	1031	1009	260	290	324	383	324	459	566	614	350	510	238	797
Weighted base	2040	1000	1040	242	343	343	364	303	444	545	566	444	485	269	873
NET: Support	402 20%	214 21%	188 18%	91 37%	94 27%	61 18%	45 12%	48 16%	64 14%	132 24%	115 20%	87 20%	68 14%	75 28%	168 19%
Support strongly (+2)	117 6%	69 7%	47 5%	33 14%	30 9%	13 4%	11 3%	8 2%	22 5%	39 7%	36 6%	25 6%	17 3%	23 9%	40 5%
Support (+1)	286 14%	145 15%	140 13%	58 24%	64 19%	48 14%	34 9%	40 13%	42 9%	93 17%	79 14%	62 14%	51 11%	52 19%	128 15%
Neither support nor oppose (0)	514 25%	258 26%	256 25%	53 22%	99 29%	88 26%	88 24%	76 25%	111 25%	128 23%	146 26%	113 25%	128 26%	64 24%	241 28%
Oppose (-1)	363 18%	157 16%	206 20%	41 17%	41 12%	64 19%	58 16%	71 23%	89 20%	112 21%	87 15%	93 21%	71 15%	38 14%	139 16%
Oppose strongly (-2)	477 23%	225 23%	251 24%	30 12%	58 17%	90 26%	111 31%	78 26%	109 25%	118 22%	147 26%	92 21%	120 25%	61 23%	206 24%
NET: Oppose	840 41%	383 38%	458 44%	71 29%	99 29%	154 45%	169 47%	149 49%	198 45%	231 42%	234 41%	185 42%	190 39%	99 37%	345 39%
Don't know	284 14%	145 14%	139 13%	28 11%	52 15%	41 12%	61 17%	30 10%	72 16%	55 10%	70 12%	60 14%	99 20%	31 12%	119 14%
Mean	-0.45	-0.38	-0.53	0.11	-0.11	-0.56	-0.74	-0.63	-0.60	-0.36	-0.47	-0.43	-0.58	-0.26	-0.45
Standard deviation	1.23	1.26	1.20	1.28	1.25	1.19	1.17	1.13	1.19	1.26	1.26	1.20	1.18	1.32	1.21
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.05

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