



# **Developing a strategic approach to the threat to abortion**

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**Do you think the gvt should be involved in trying to discourage abortions or do you think the gvt should leave these matters to the individual?**

	discourage	Leave to individuals	dk/ns
<b>France</b>	4	95	1
<b>GB</b>	17	81	2
<b>Poland</b>	25	66	9
<b>Russia</b>	29	62	9
<b>US</b>	29	69	2
<b>Mexico</b>	26	70	4
<b>Turkey</b>	46	48	7
<b>Nigeria</b>	84	15	1
<b>India</b>	53	37	10
<b>China</b>	26	67	7

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- Discourage by criminal sanctions or methods such as education, counselling etc.



## **Challenge**

Difficult to generalise about opposition internationally

Discussion needs to be country specific & time specific



## Key Principles

- Not to exaggerate strength of opposition
- Be wary of initiatives that allow them to exaggerate their strength
- Be prepared to fight unpopular battles/uphold principles
- Go beyond public health/medical arguments
- Be honest that abortion can't be prevented
- Take the moral high ground.



THE **PROBLEM** IS NOT ABORTION  
ABORTION IS THE POSSIBLE **SOLUTION**



**Thank you**

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