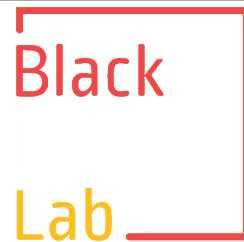


# Attitudes, Beliefs, and Knowledge about Abortion

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Objective

Provide descriptive data from the UCSF Survey of AWHONN membership

# Acknowledgements

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# Background

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- ❖ Little is known about what nurses think about abortion (specifically in the United States);
- ❖ Much of the literature on nurses and abortion has been designed from the gaze of physicians and hospital administrators
- ❖ California RN survey – 2013 legislative changes
- ❖ New financial support for nurses who work in Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH)
- ❖ Query of AWHONN membership

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# Methods

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- ❖ Survey of 30 questions sent to 21,500 of AWHONN members via their distribution list
- ❖ IRB approval from UCSF #17-23544
- ❖ Survey opened 12/5/17 and closed 1/12/18
- ❖ One reminder email went out a week before the survey closed
- ❖ Similar to survey of 2,500 nurses in California (currently in press - Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic, and Neonatal Nurses)
- ❖ \$5 gift card as token of appreciation

# Attitudes and Beliefs About Sexual and Reproductive Health Choices

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## Section A: Professional Demographics

- Nursing education, professional organizations
- Principal positions, hours work, time spent with people of reproductive age

## Section B: Sexual and Reproductive Health Provision

- Comfort with safer sex education, pregnancy options counseling

## Section C: Abortion

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# Results



# Survey Response Rate

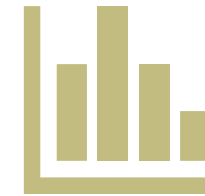
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1,891 completed surveys with 54 incomplete responses.



There were 112 bounced emails



Response rate:  
 $1,891/21,338 = 8.86\%$

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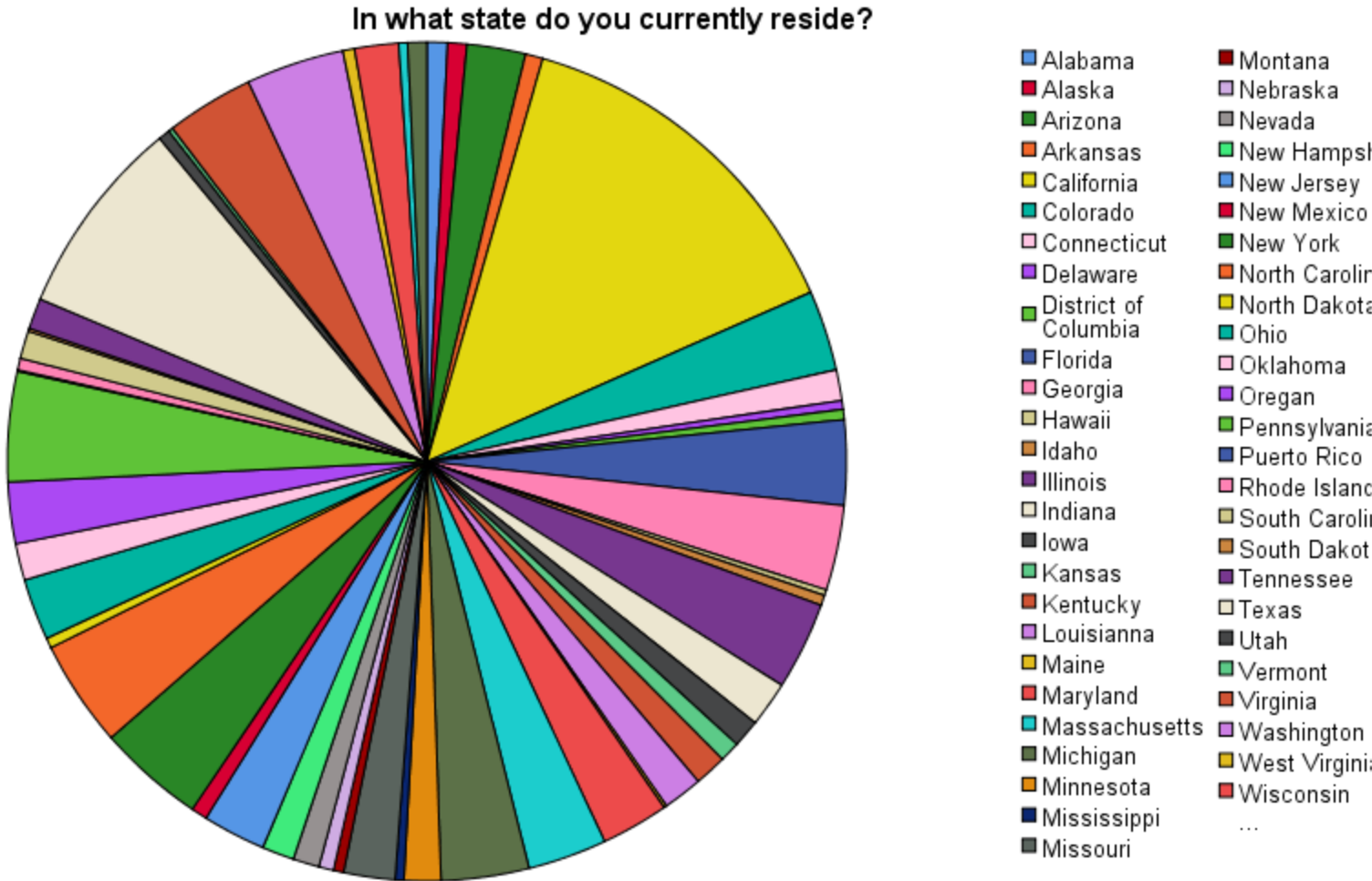
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Characteristic	Frequency	Percent
Male	15	0.8
Female	1763	93.2
Transgender	1	0.1
Missing	112	5.9
Total	1891	100

Race/Ethnicity	Frequency	Percentage
White	1529	80.9%
Hispanic/Latino or Spanish Origin	109	5.8%
Black or African-American	111	5.9%
Asian	61	3.2%
American Indian or Native American	24	1.3%
Middle Eastern or North African	7	0.4%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	8	0.4%
Some other race, ethnicity or origin	33	1.7%

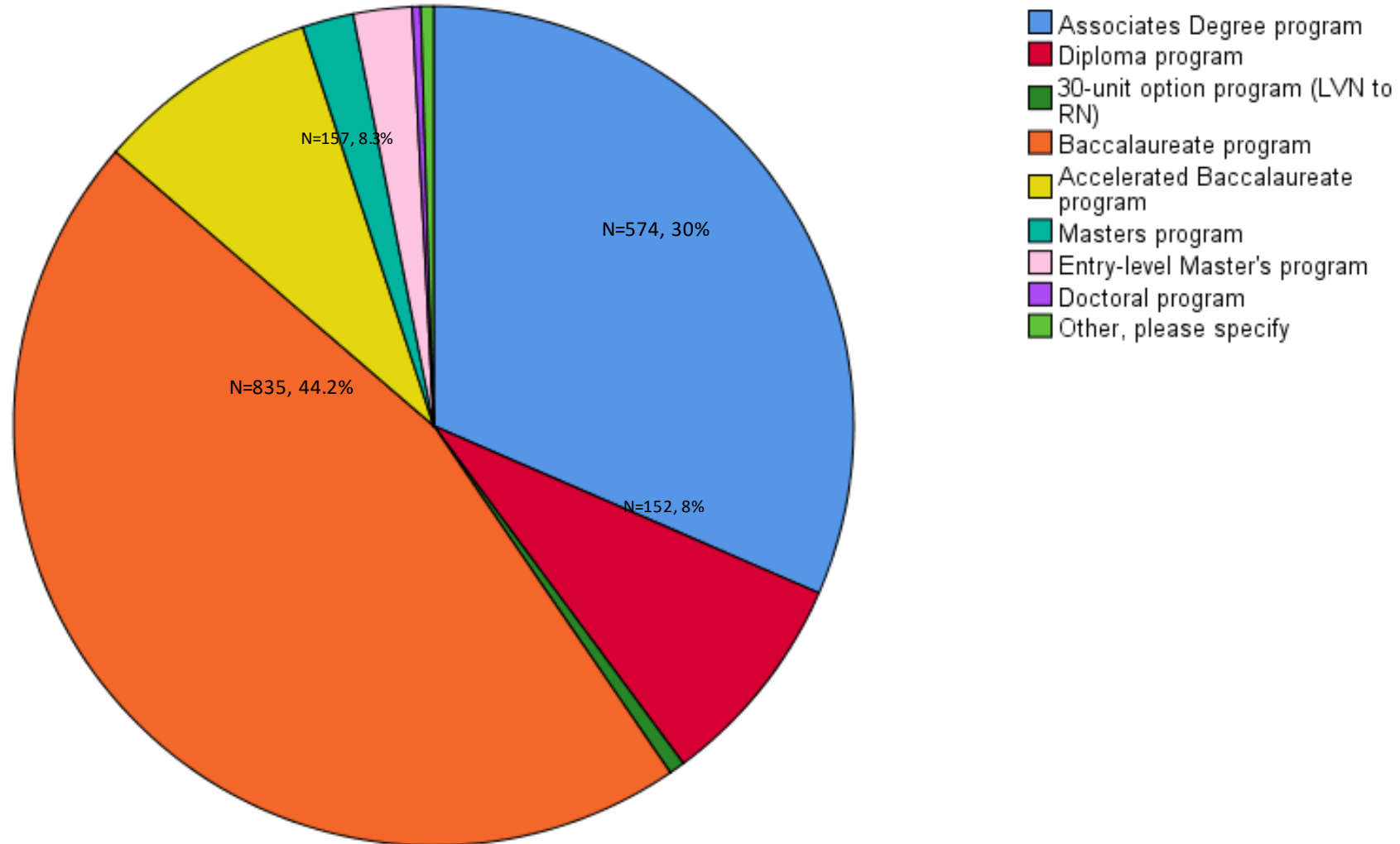
# Demographics

# Professional Demographics – Where

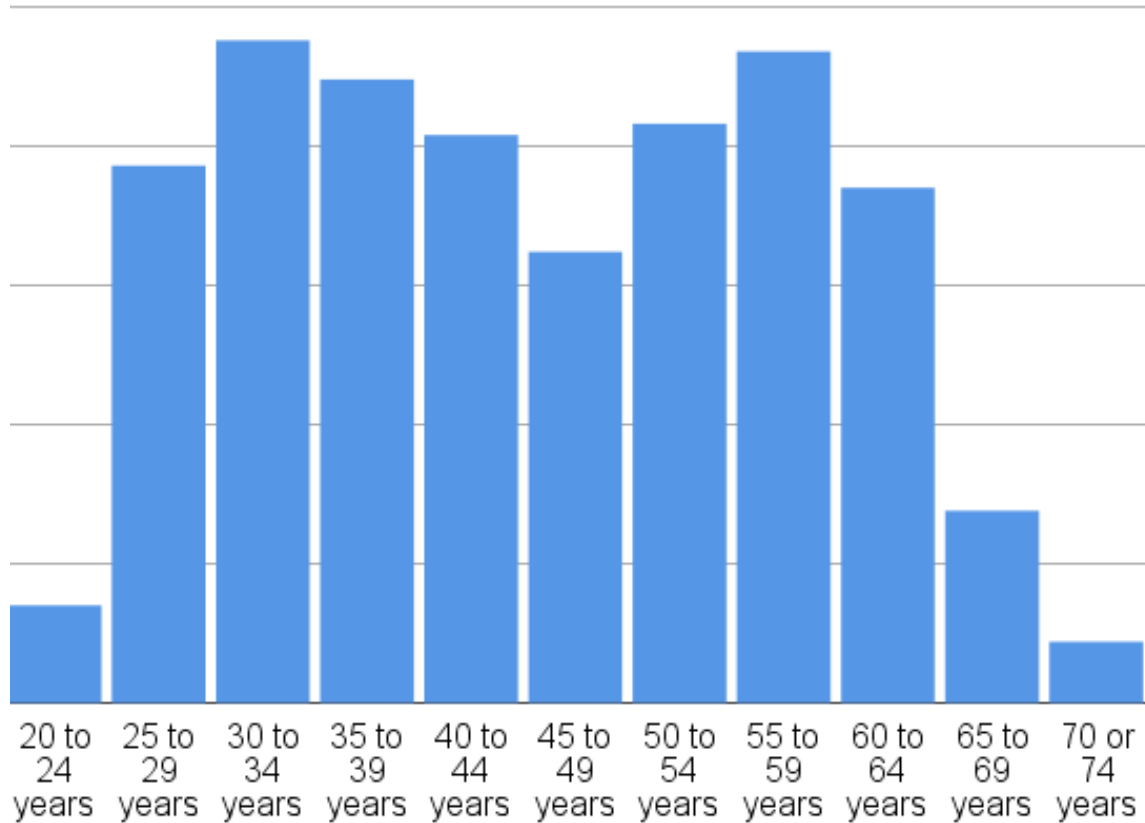


# Professional Demographics - Education

In what kind of program did you receive your INITIAL, pre-licensure RN education that qualified you for U.S. RN licensure - Selected Choice



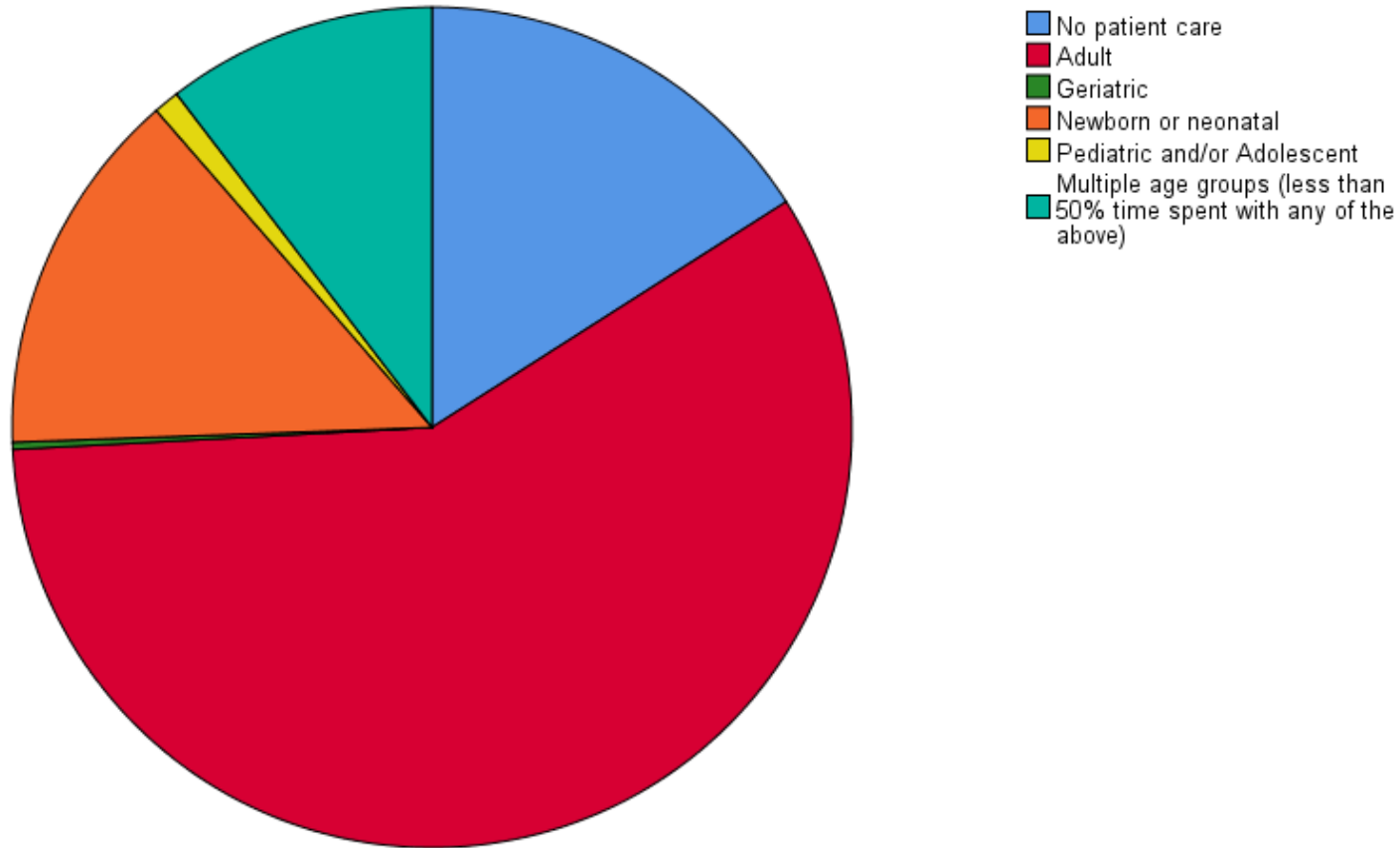
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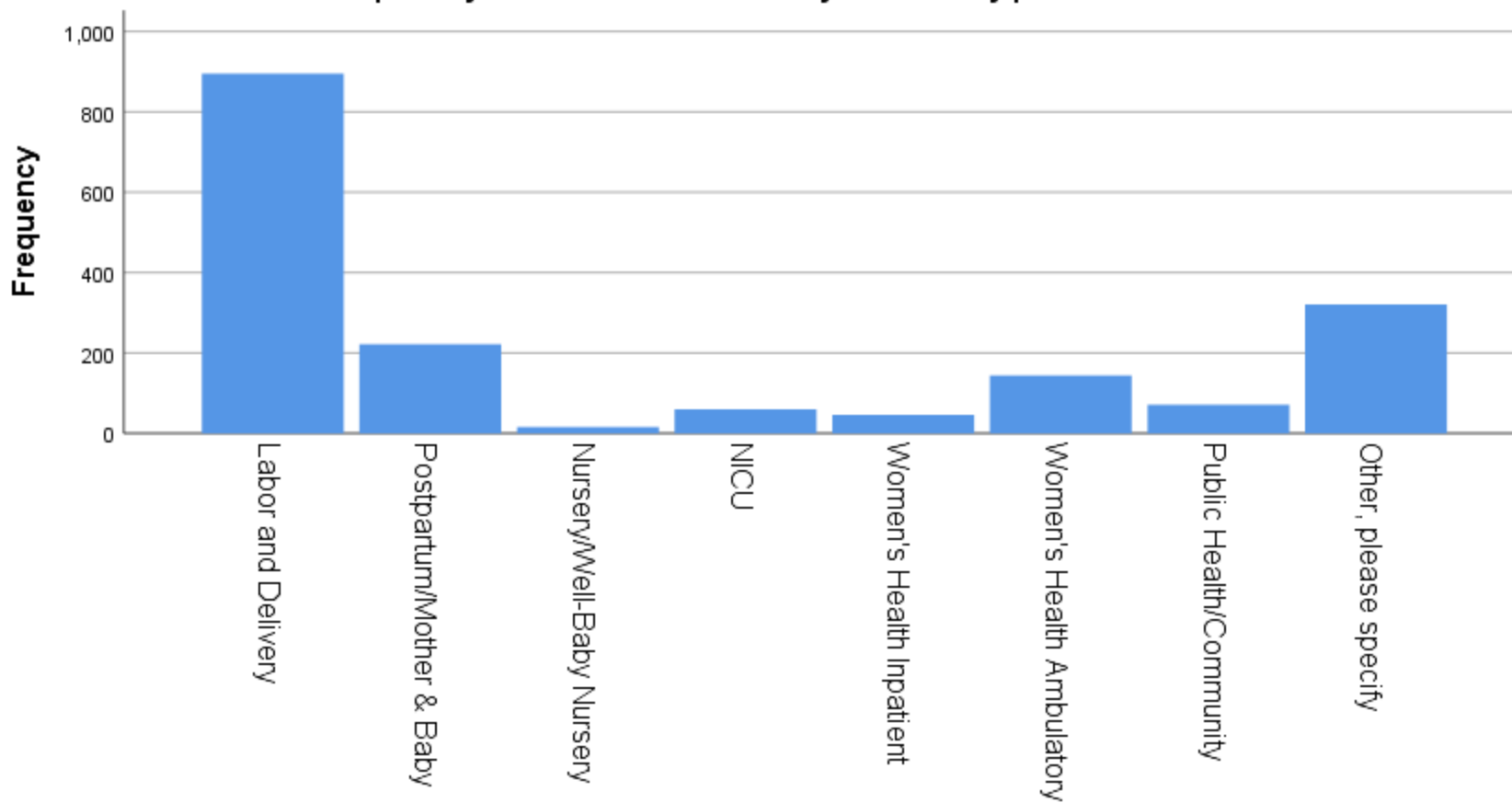
For your principal nursing position, with what patient population do you spend at least 50% of your patient care time?



## Professional Demographics – Where They Work

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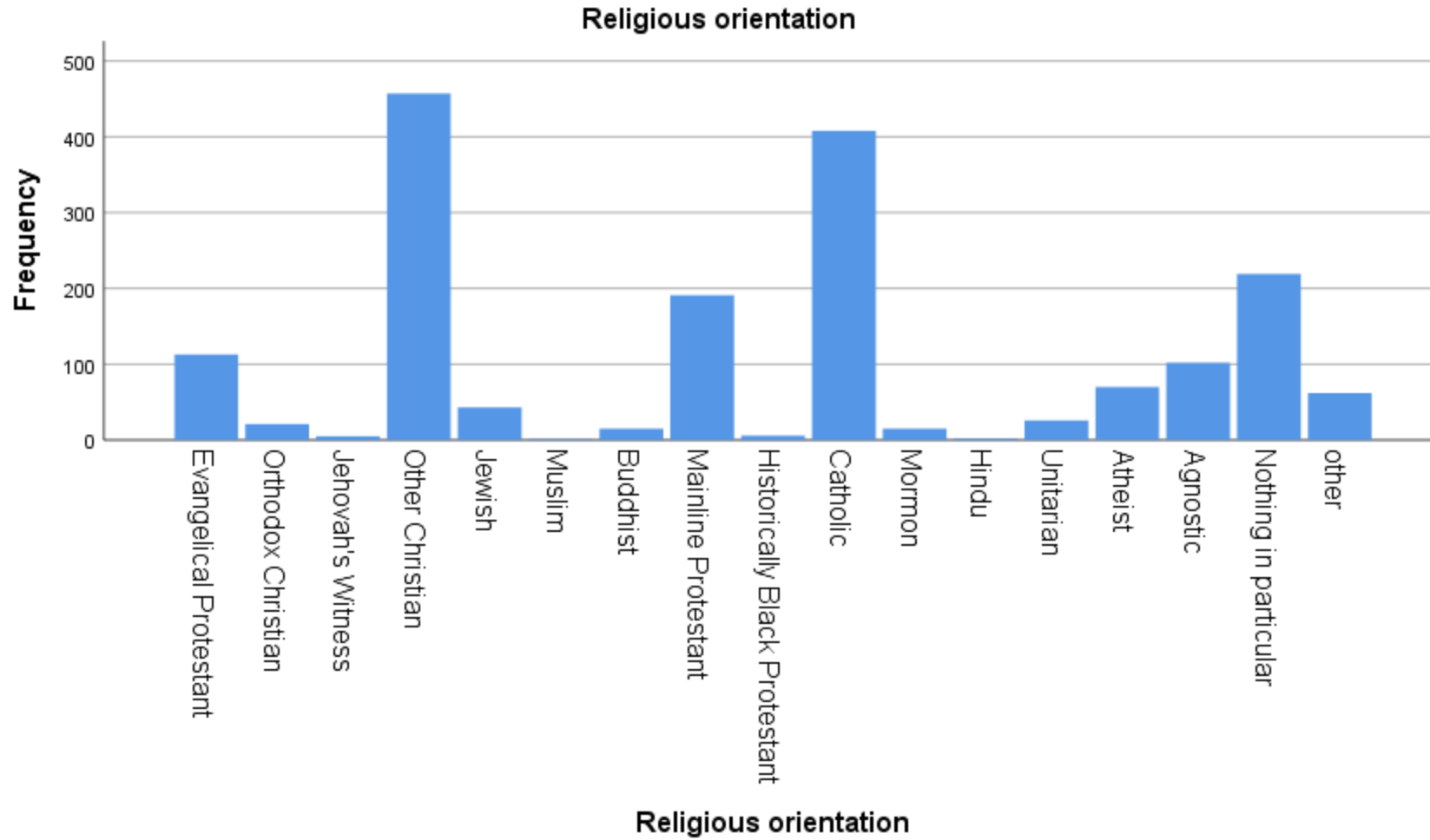
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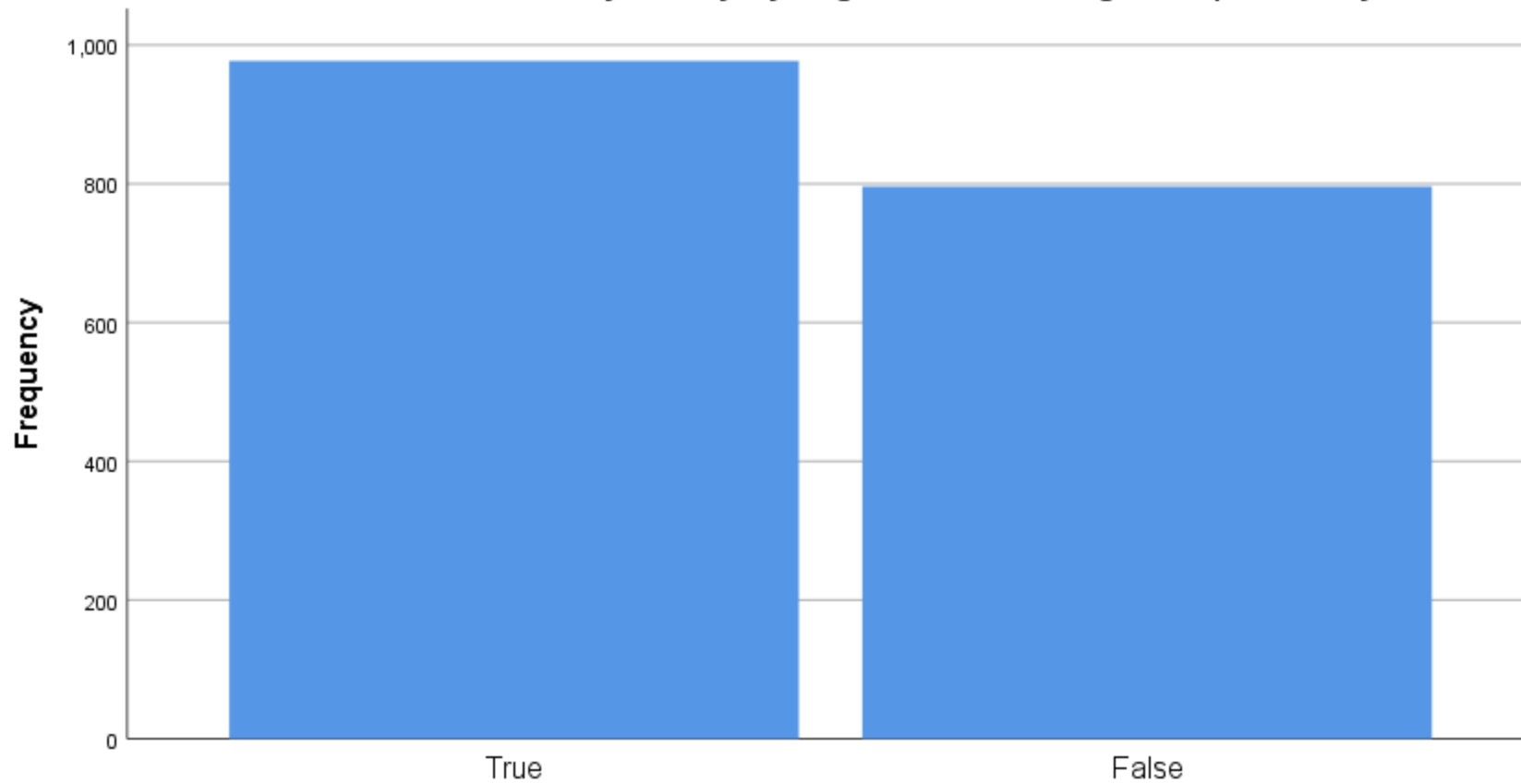
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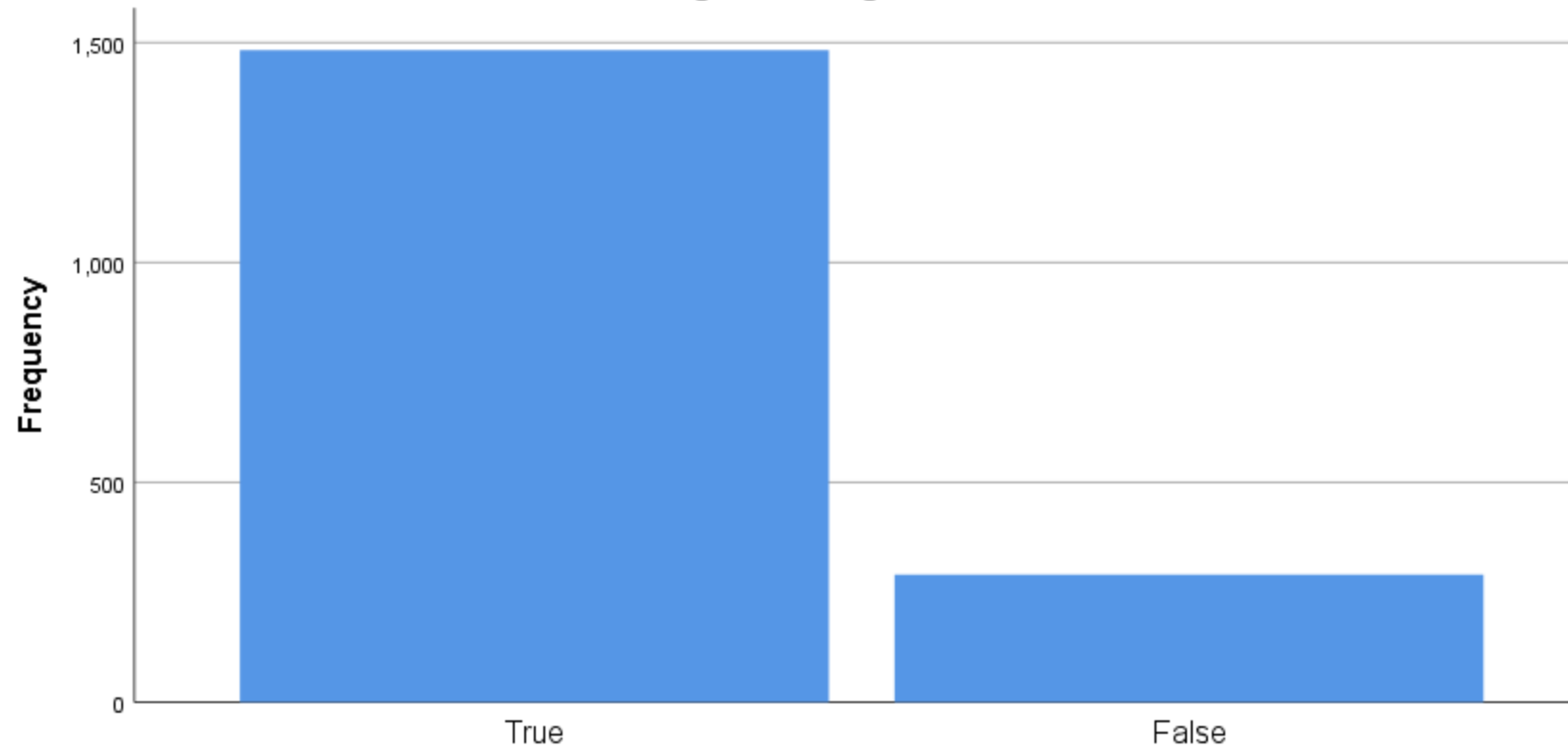


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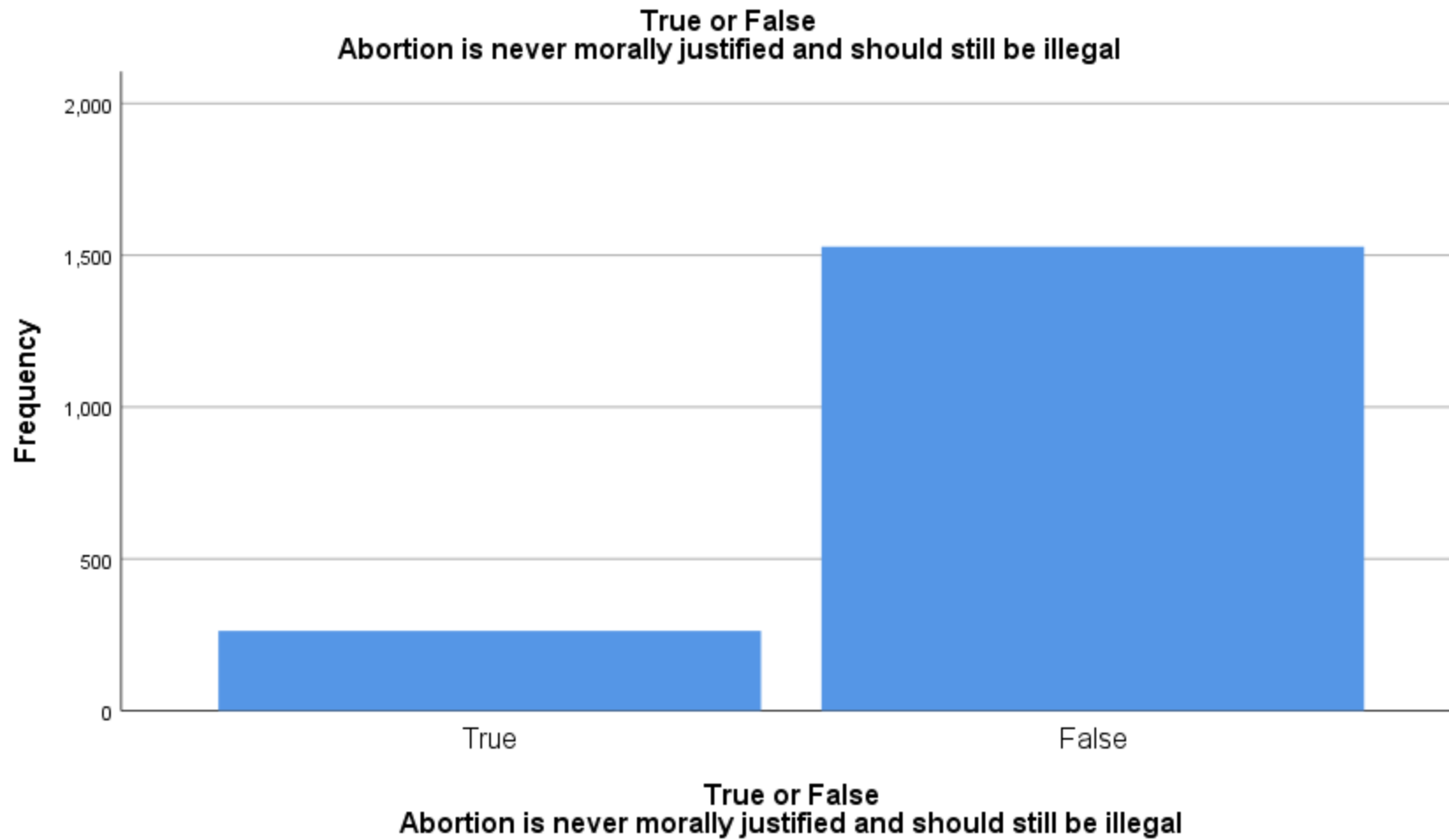
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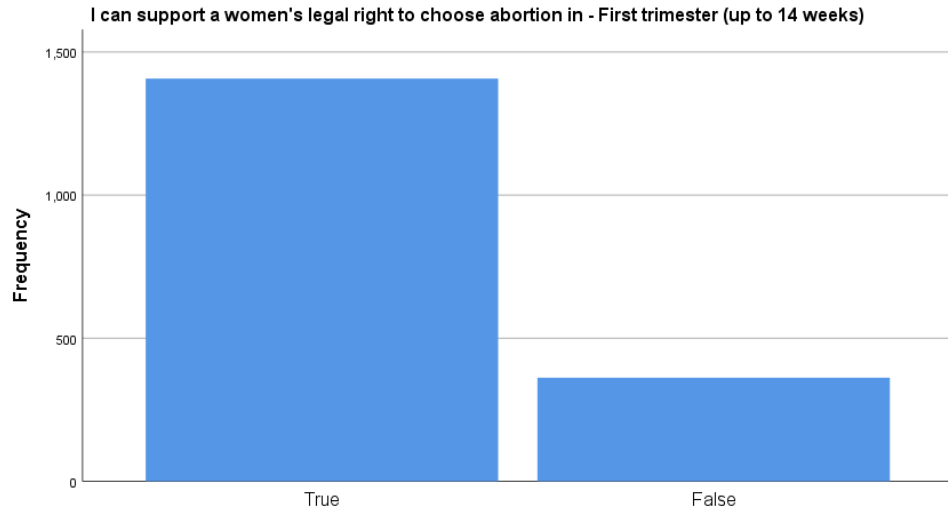


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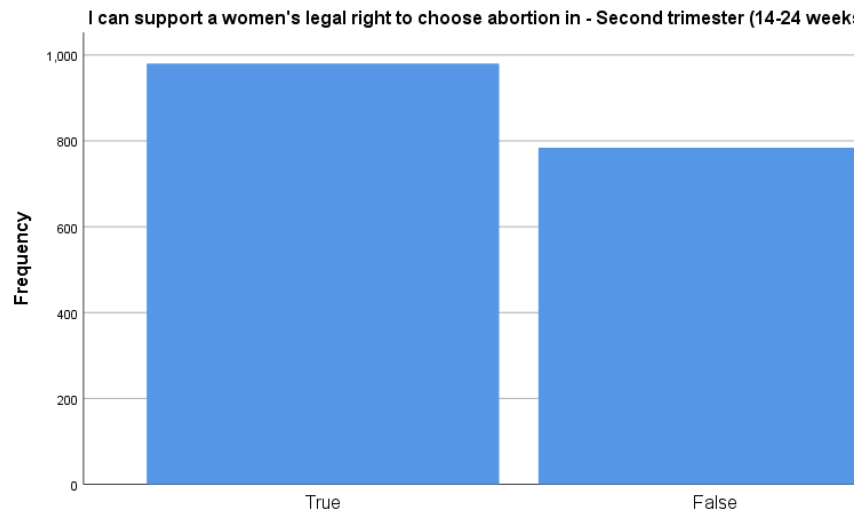
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# General Questions about Abortion

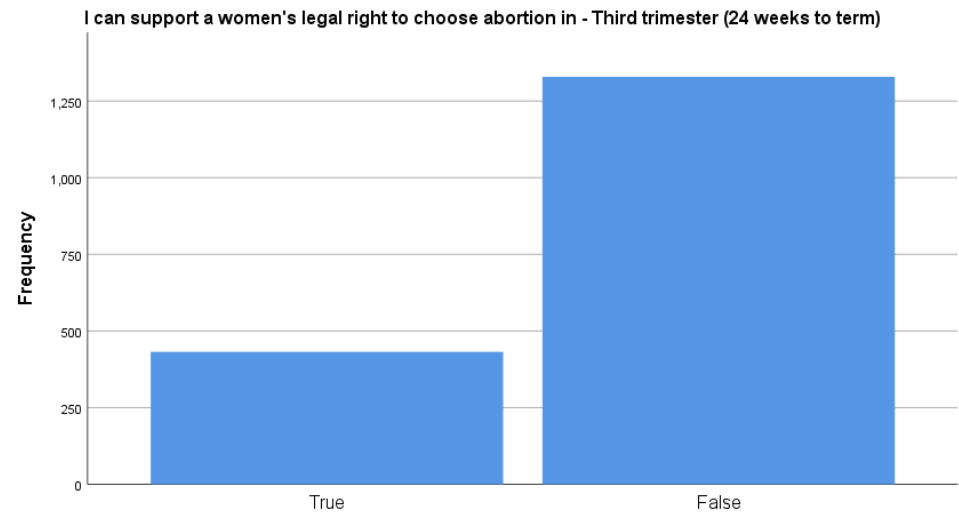




I can support a women's legal right to choose abortion in - First trimester (up to 14 weeks)

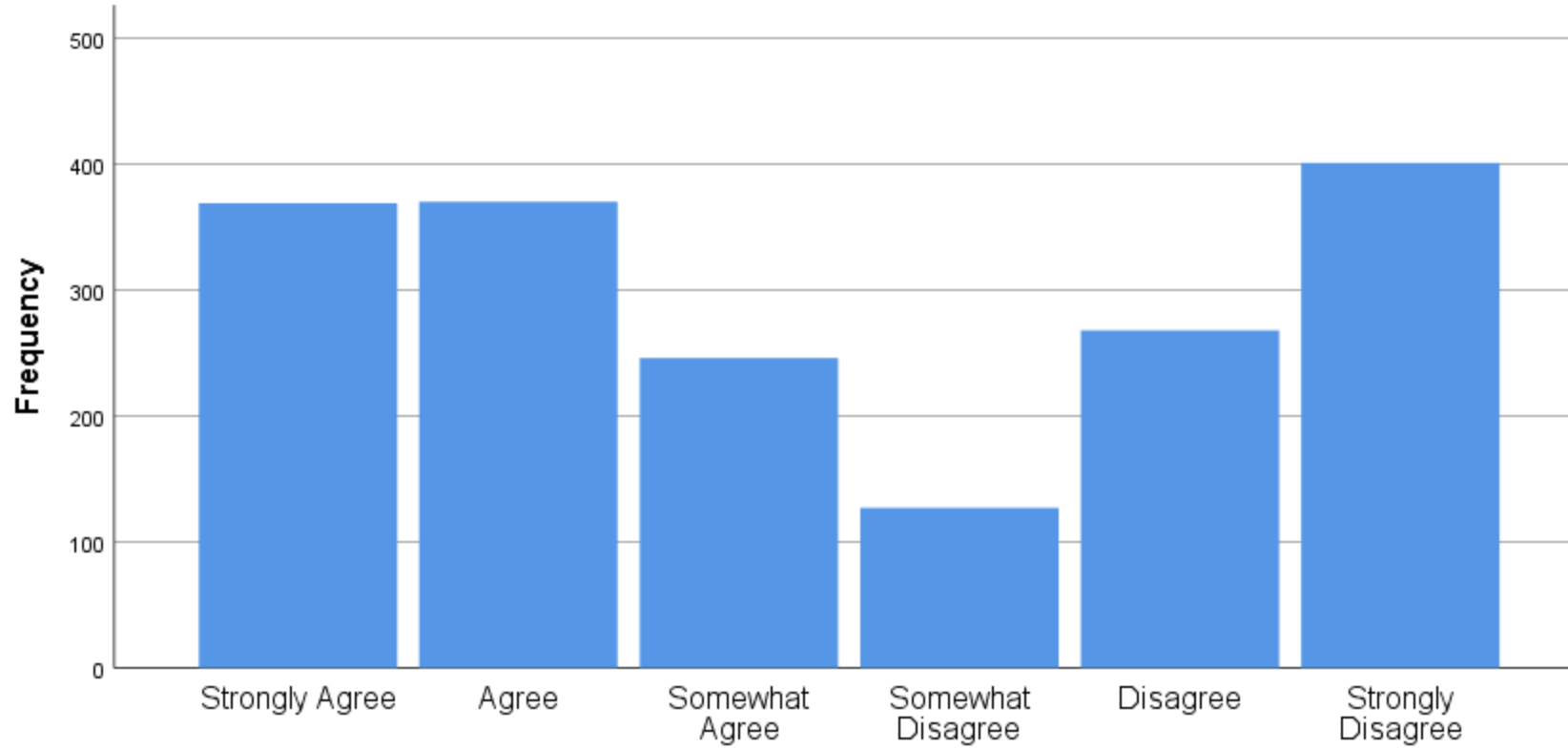


I can support a women's legal right to choose abortion in - Second trimester (14-24 weeks)



I can support a women's legal right to choose abortion in - Third trimester (24 weeks to term)

Rate your level of agreement with the following statement: I am personally opposed to abortion but believe abortion care is important - Selected Choice



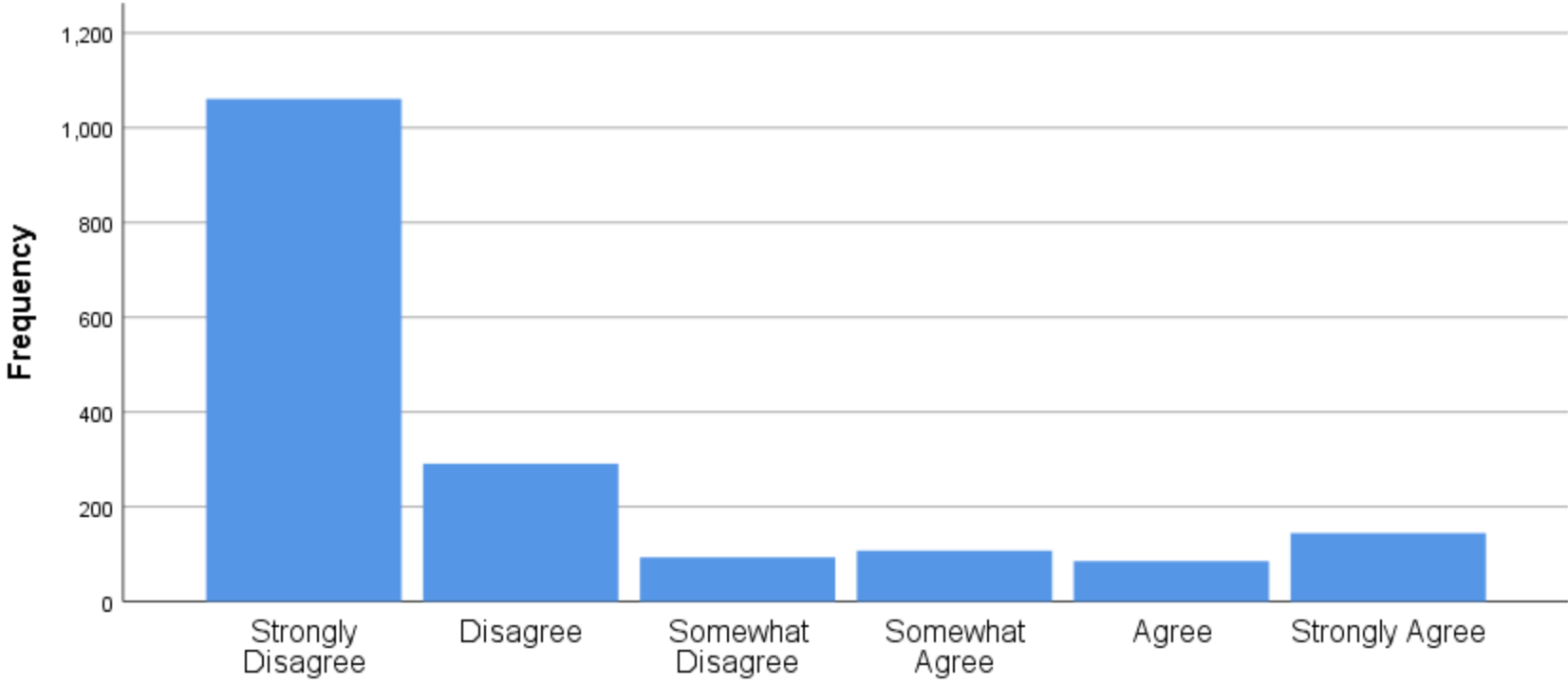
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# Abortion Attitudes Scale

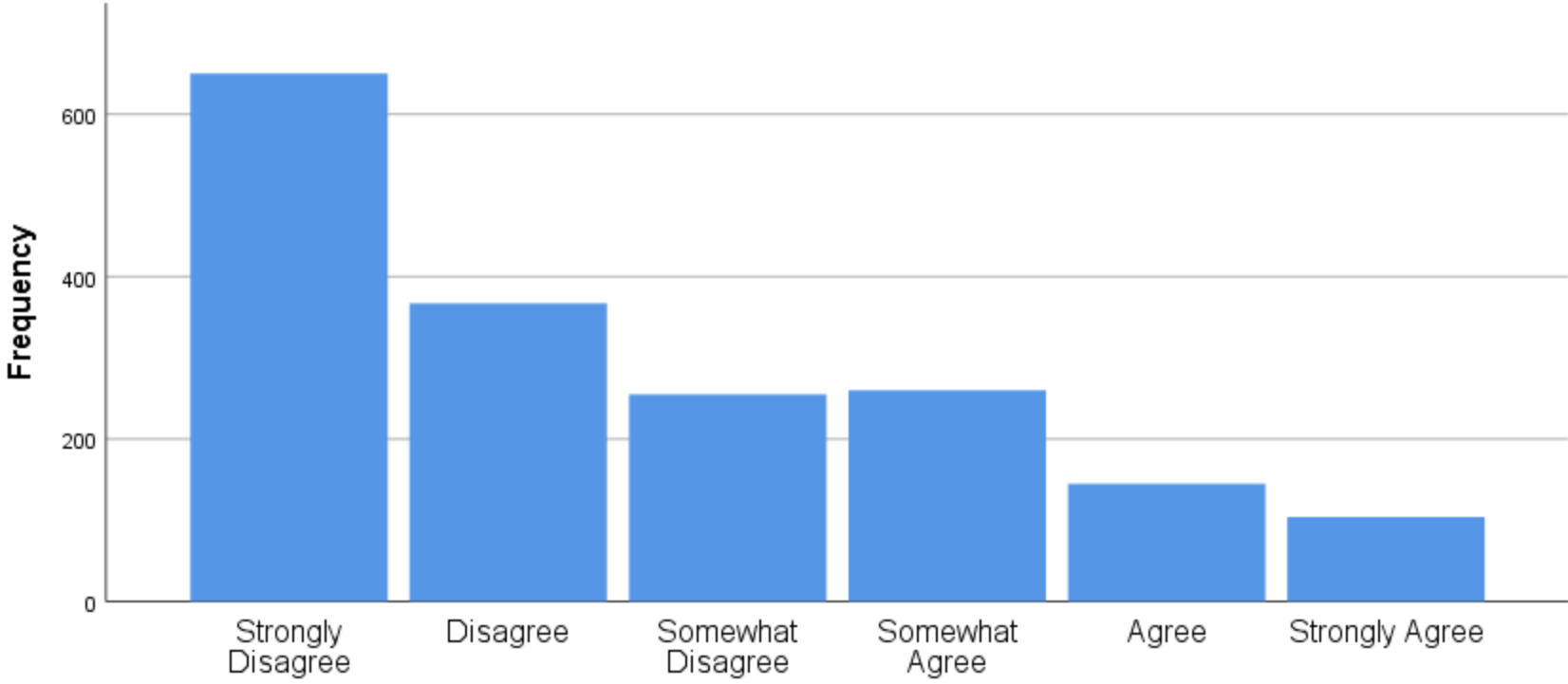


For each of the following statements, indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with it. There are no right or wrong answers to any of these statements, so answer as honestly as you can. - The Supreme Court should strike down legal abortions in the United States



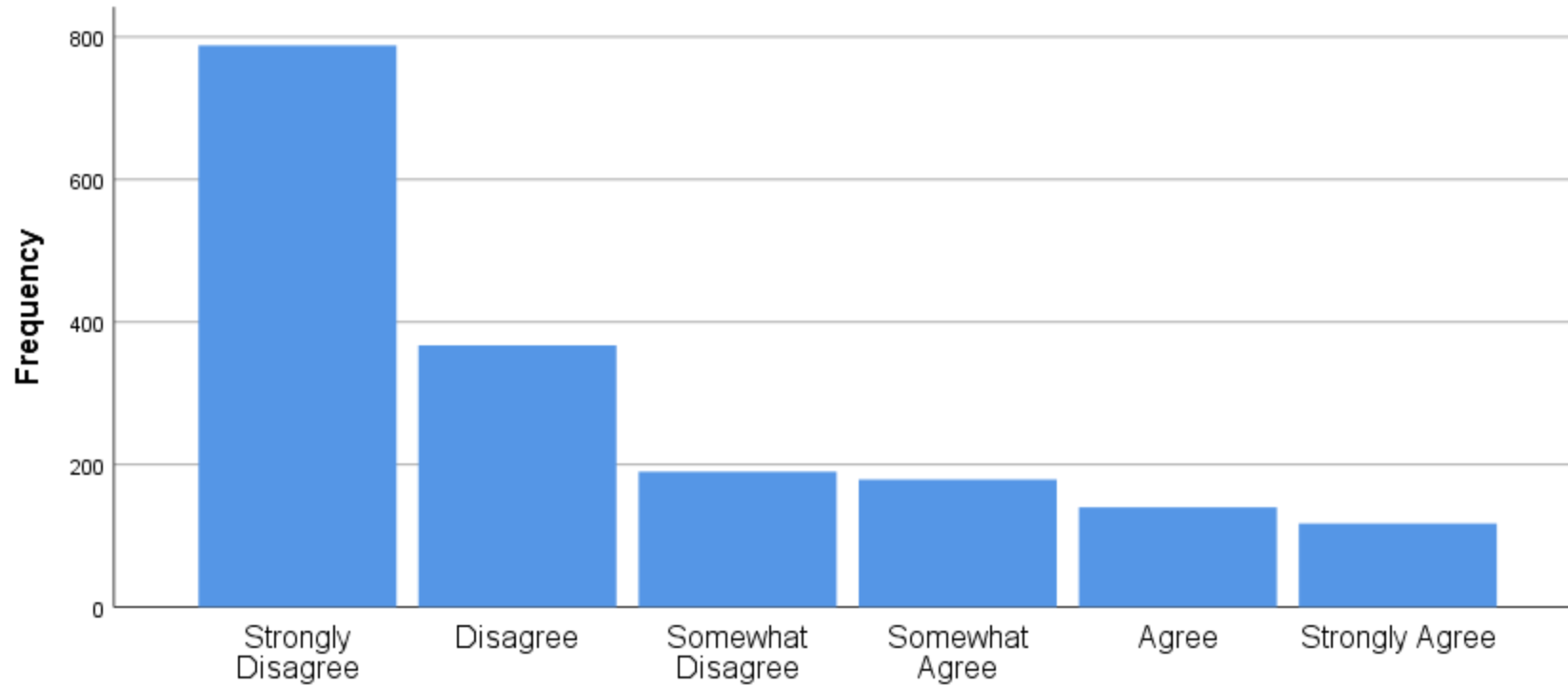
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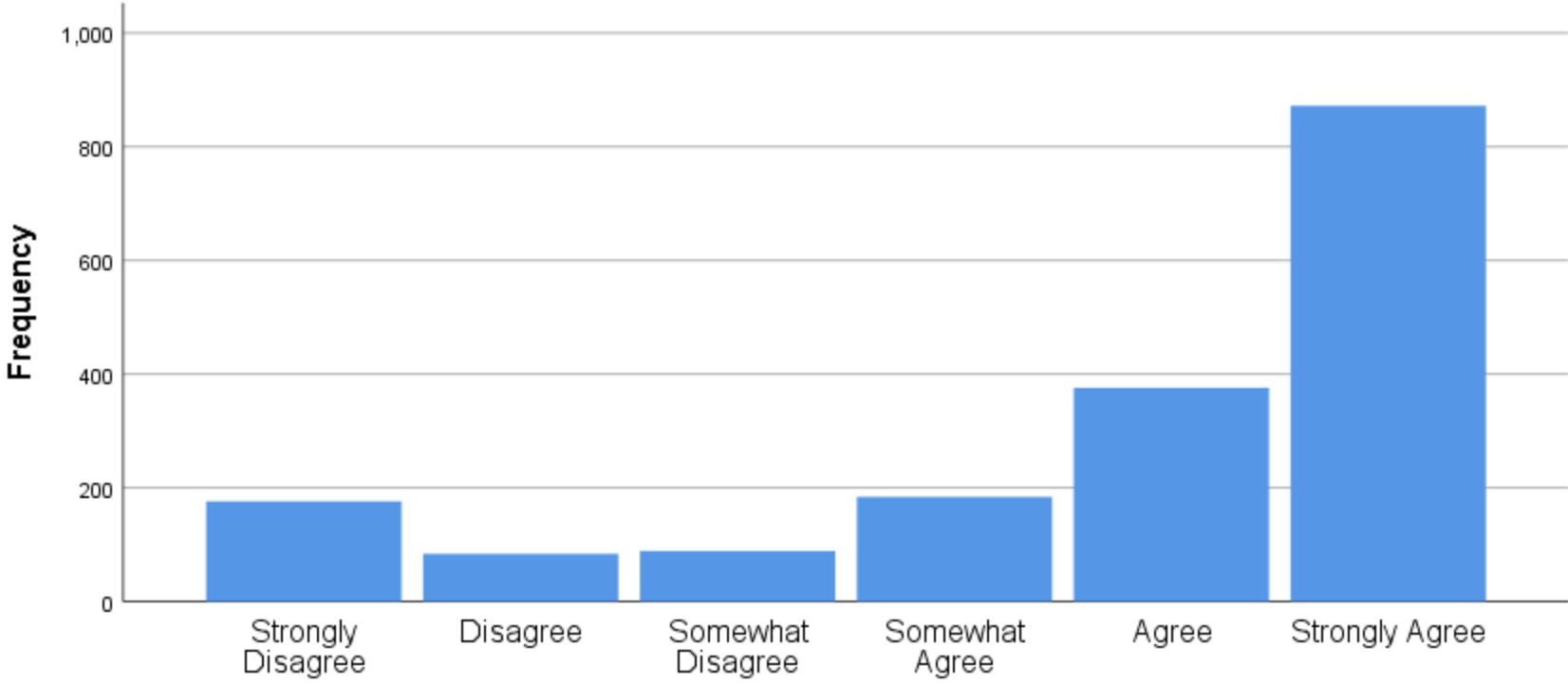
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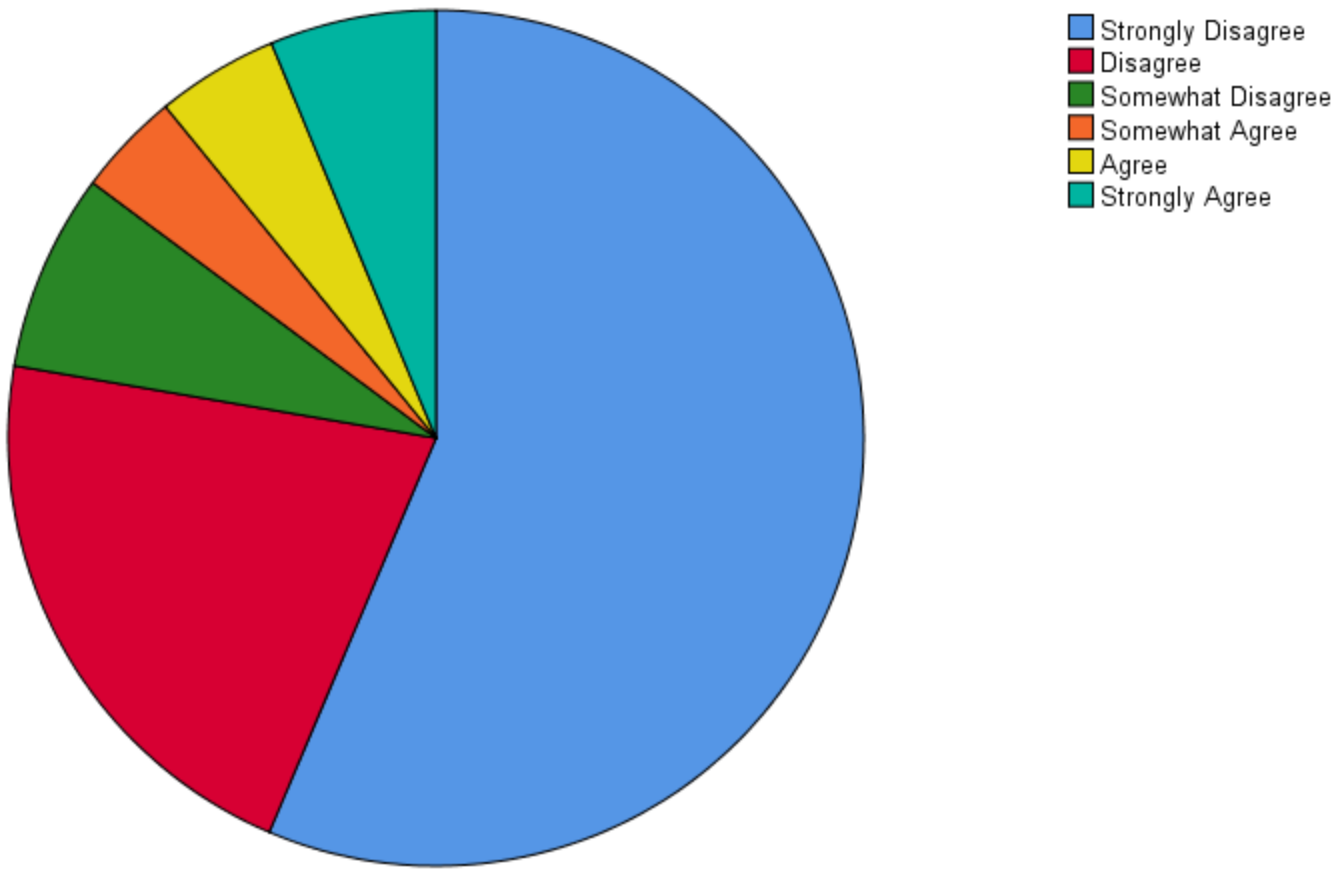
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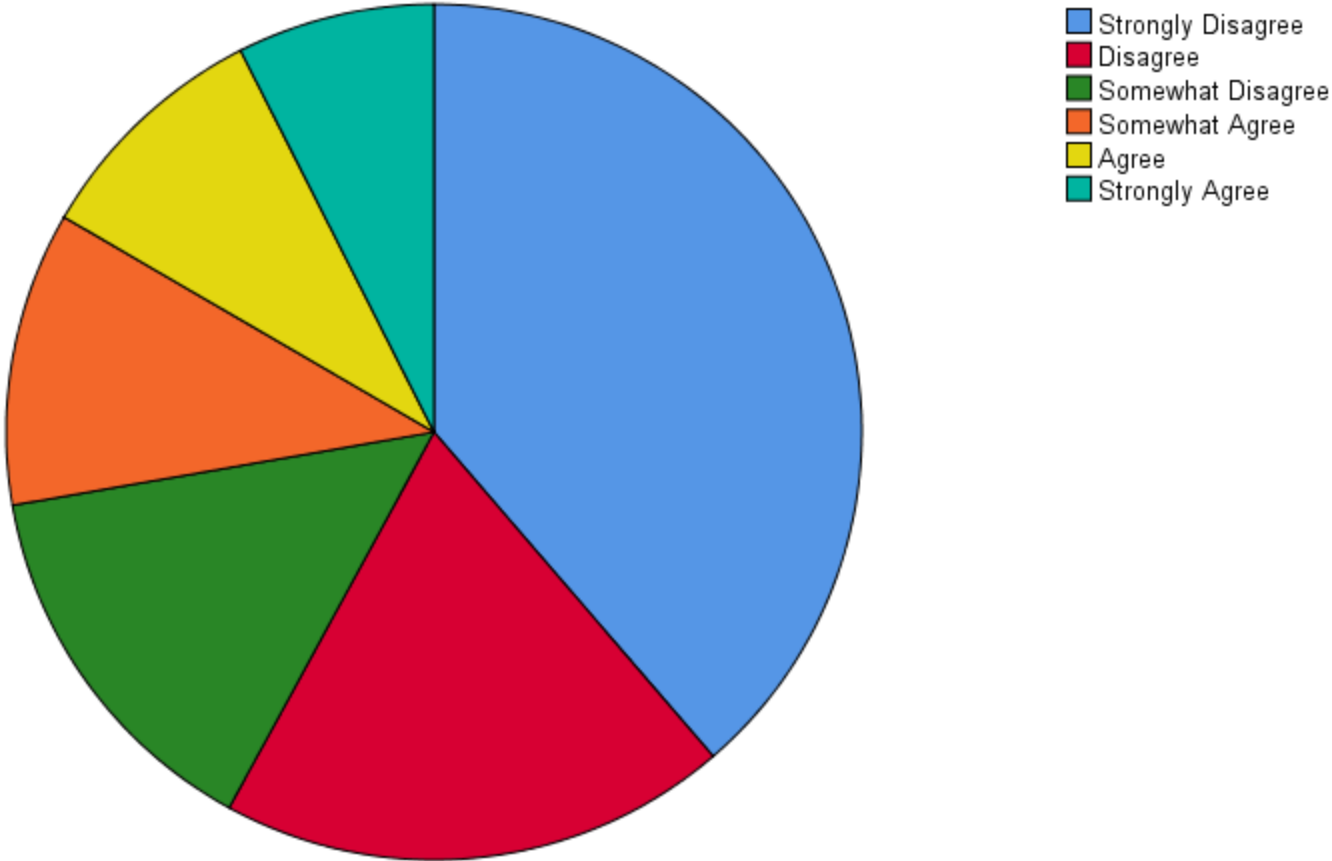


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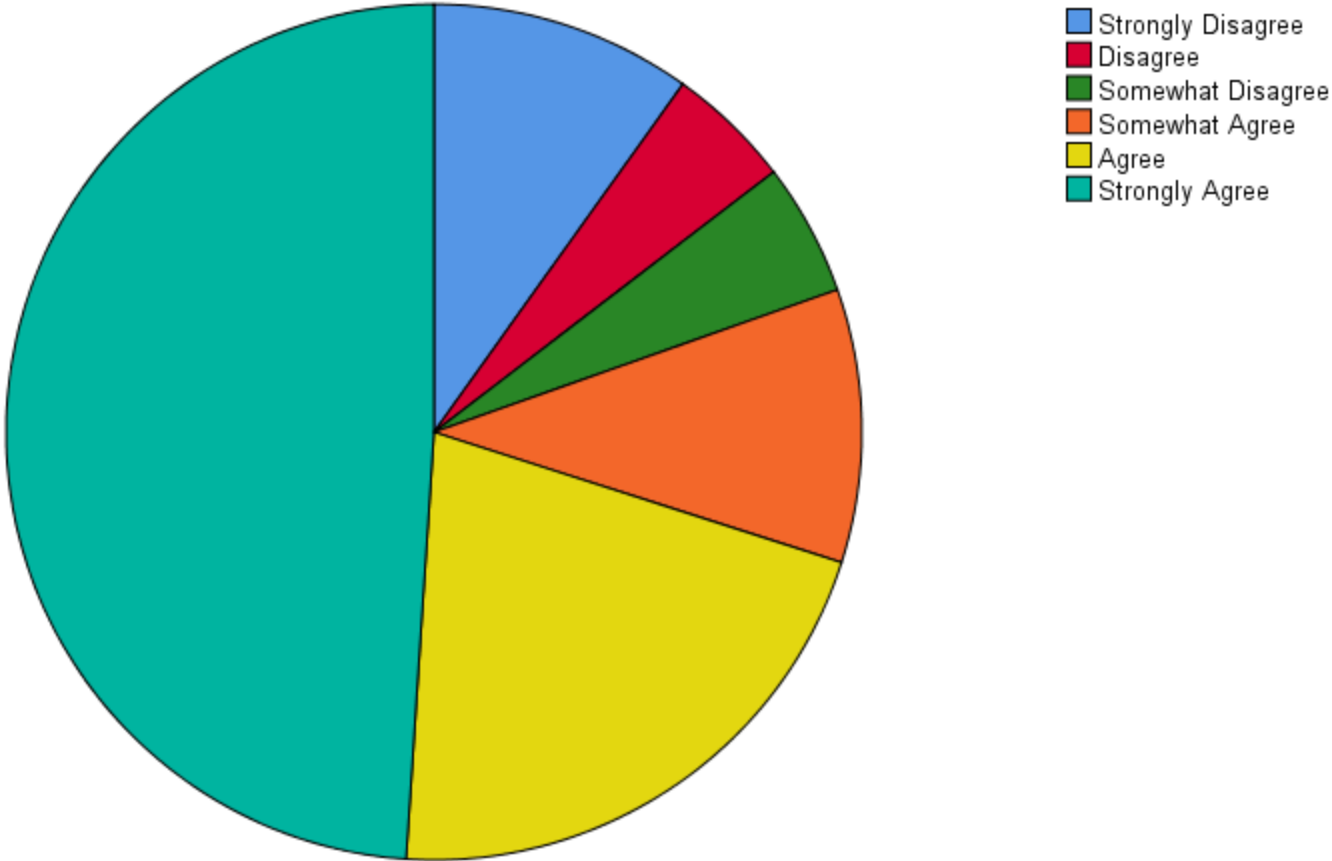
For each of the following statements, indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with it. There are no right or wrong answers to any of these statements, so answer as honestly as you can. - Abortion is wrong under any circumstances



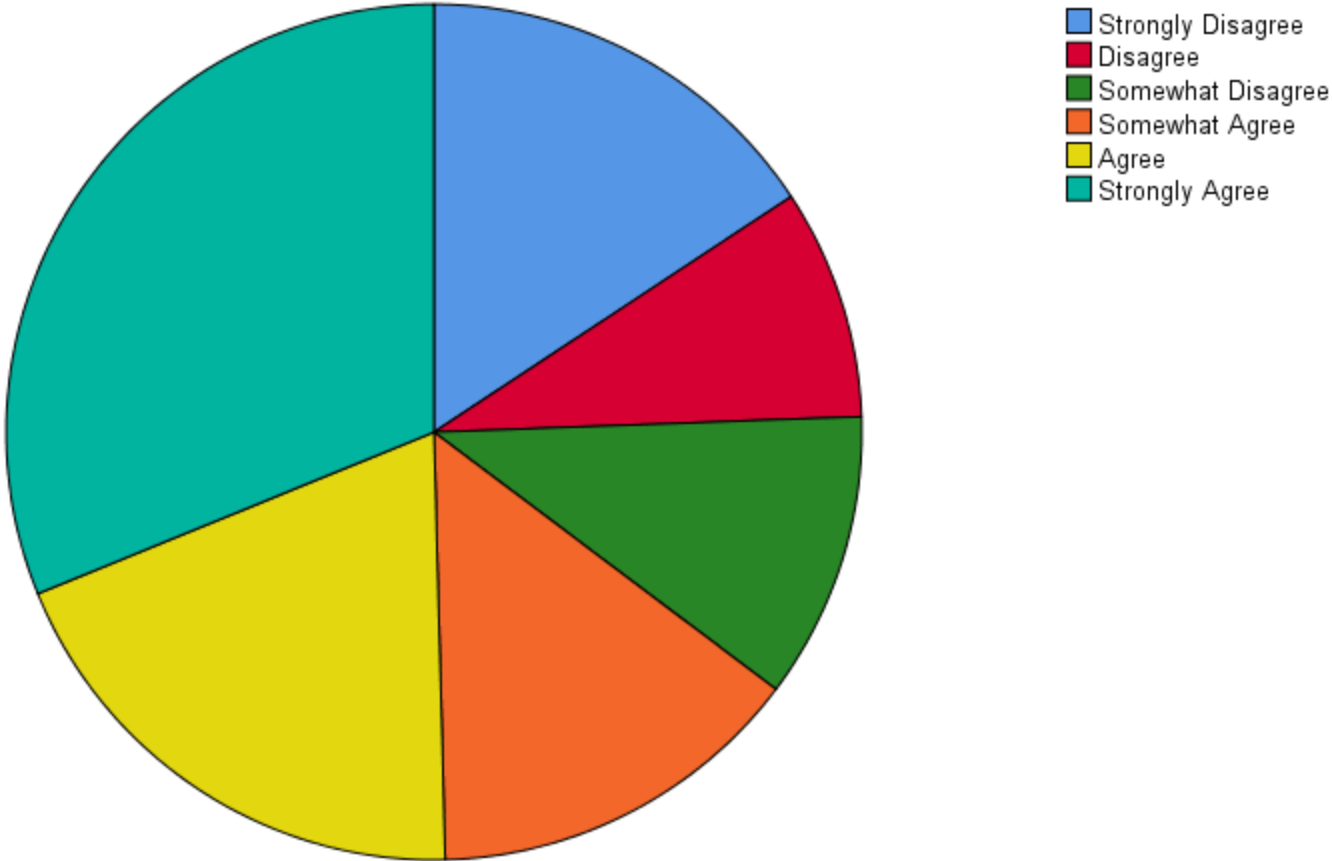
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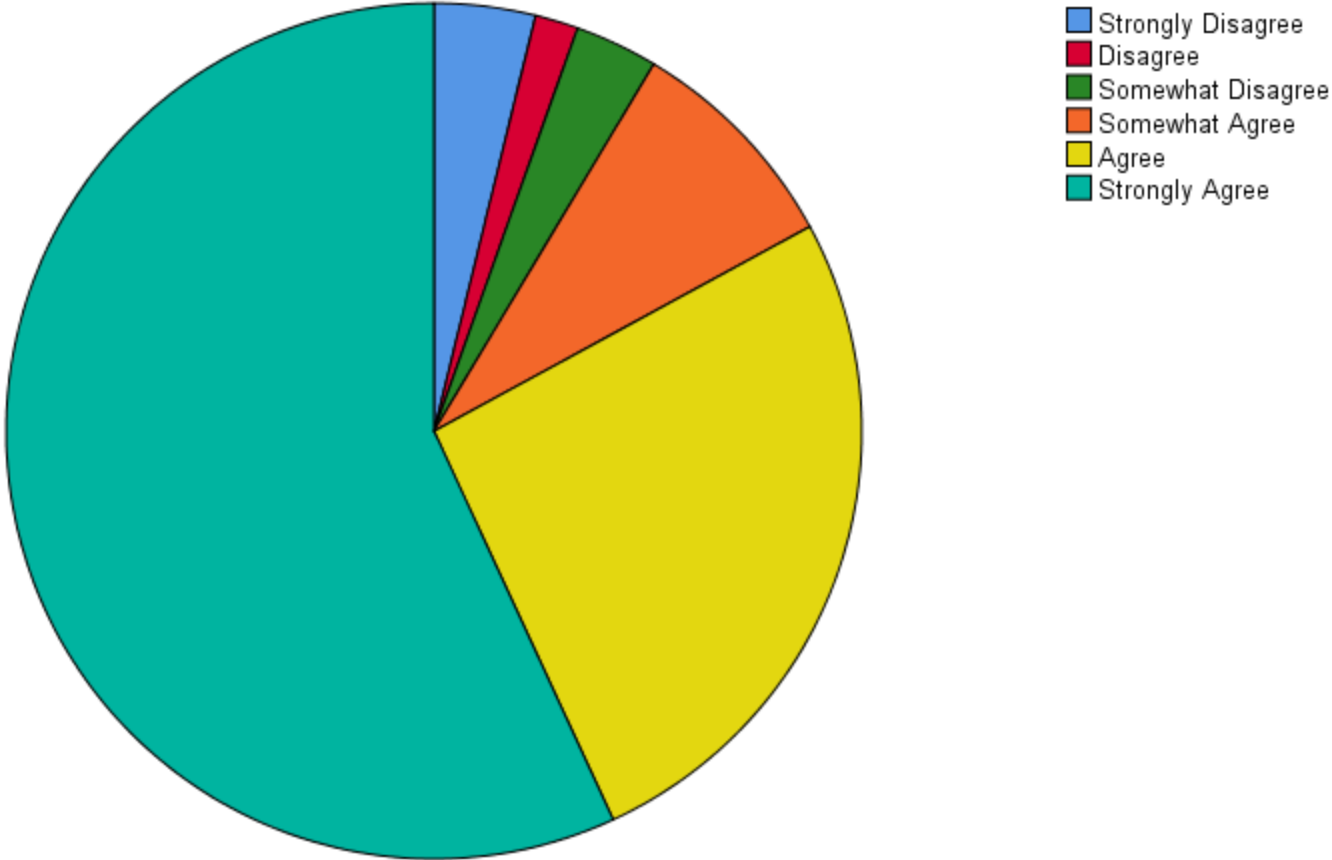


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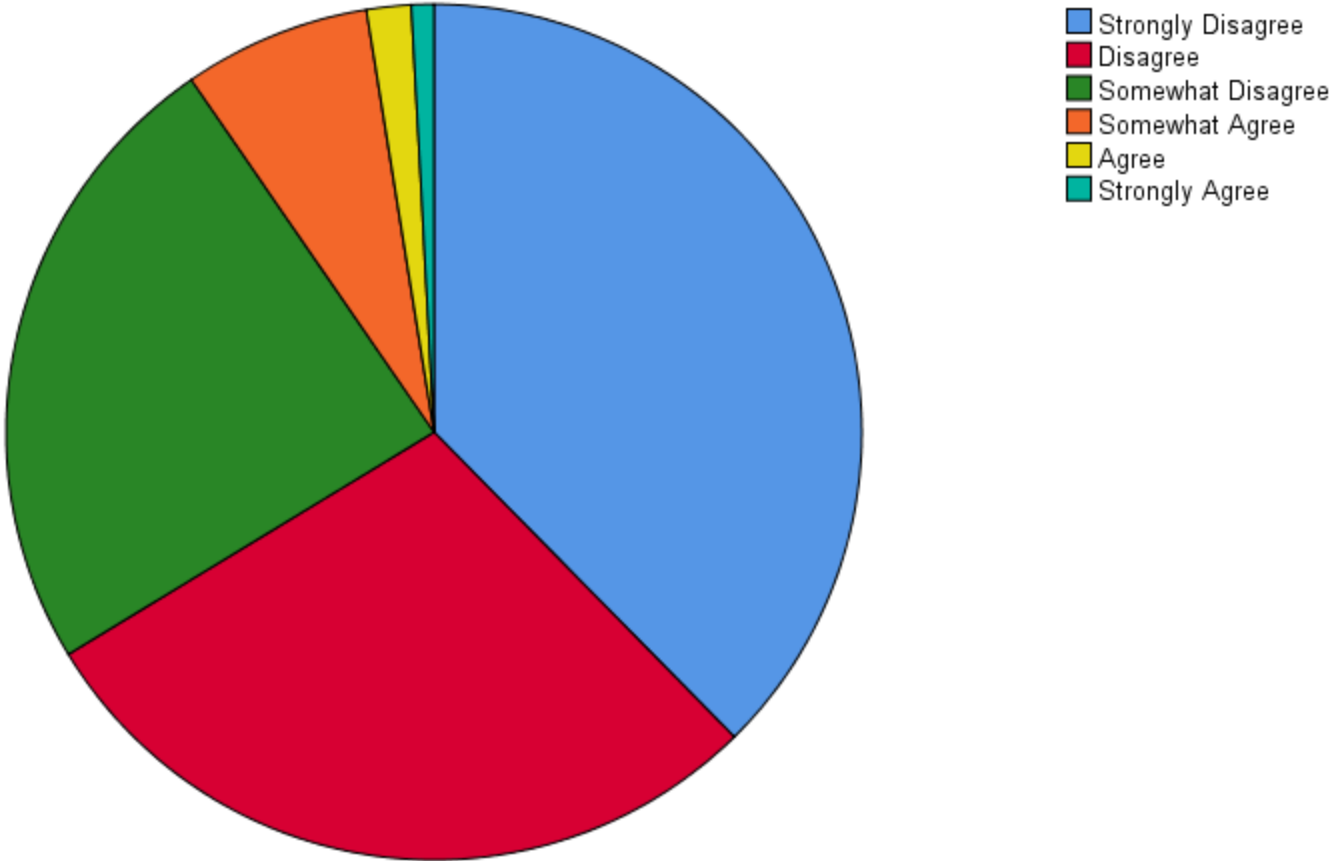




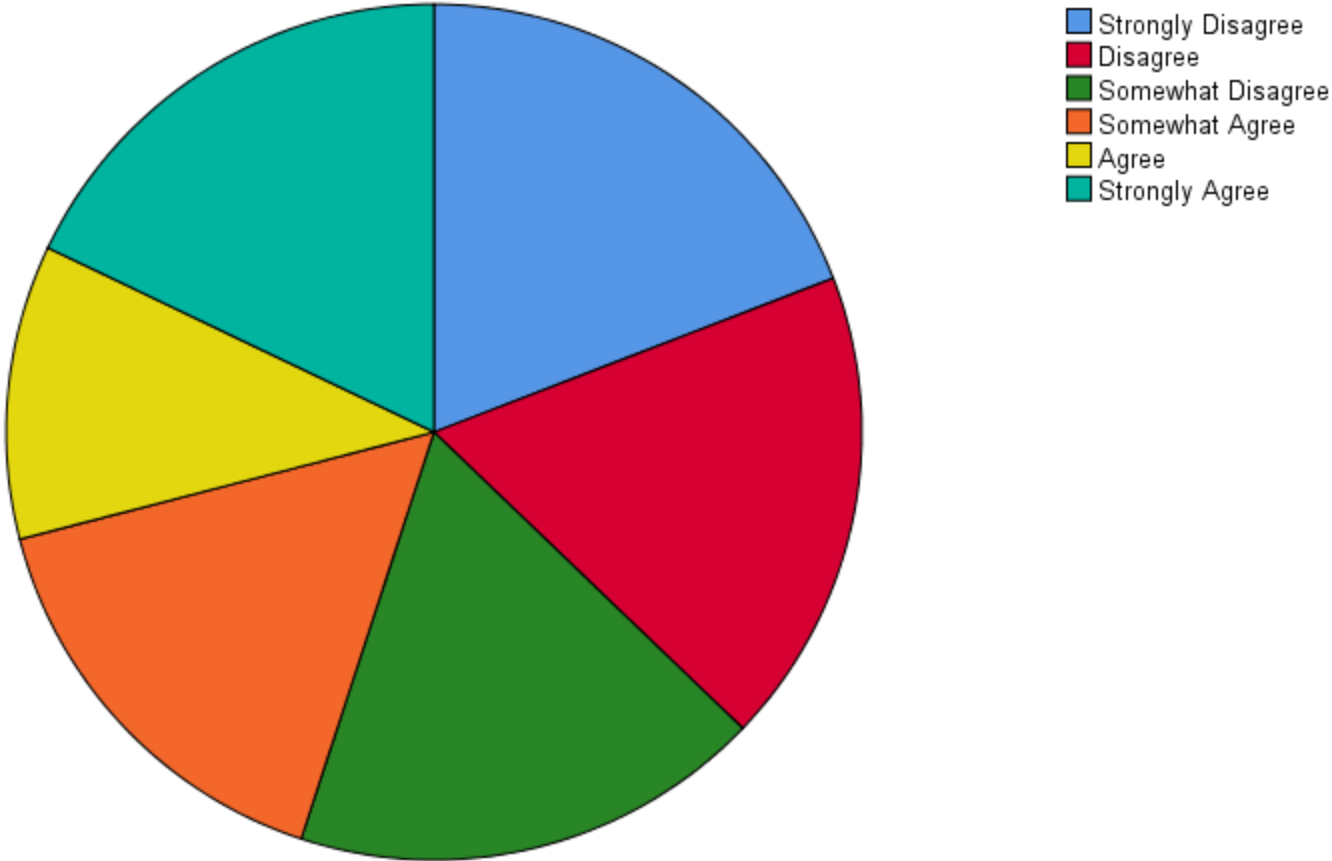
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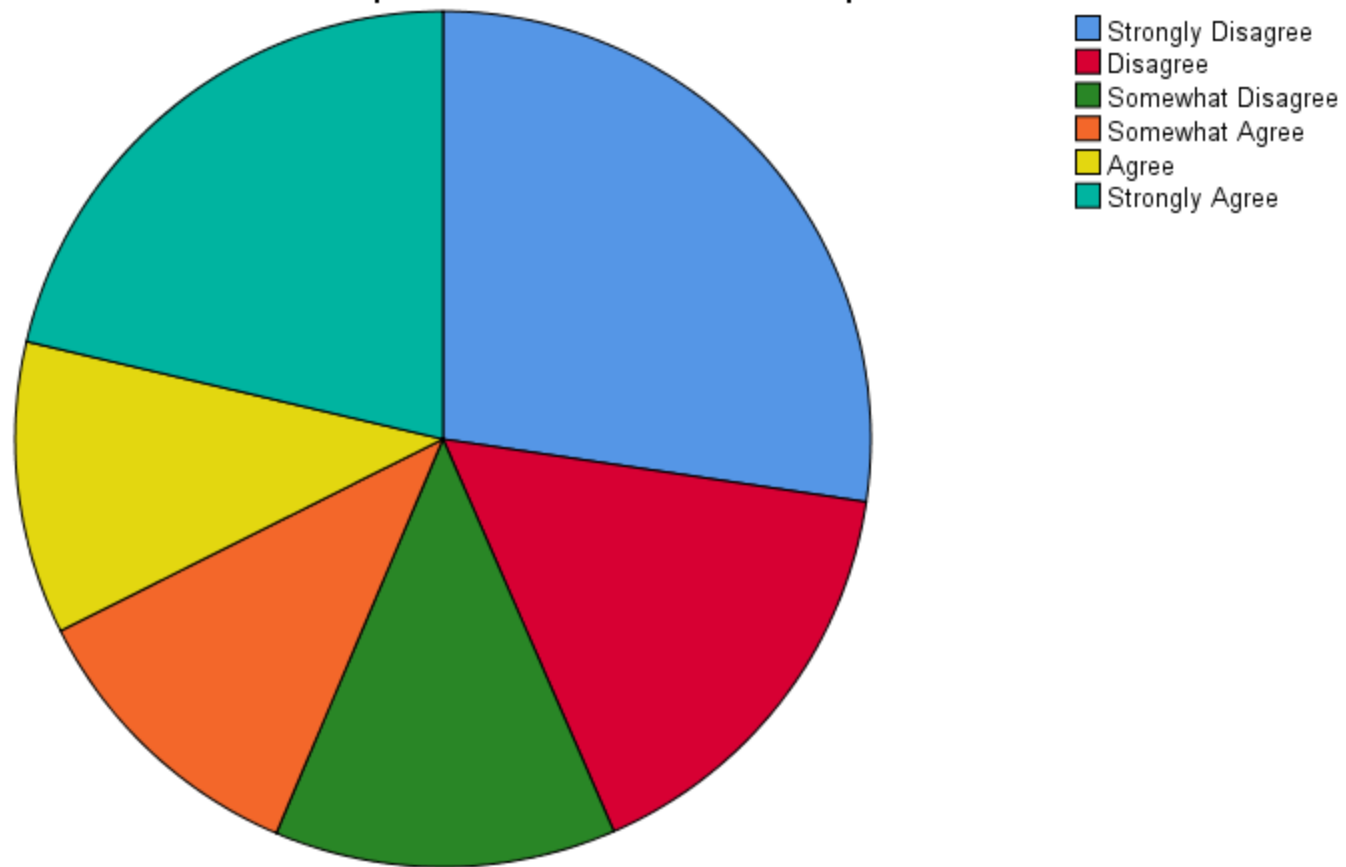
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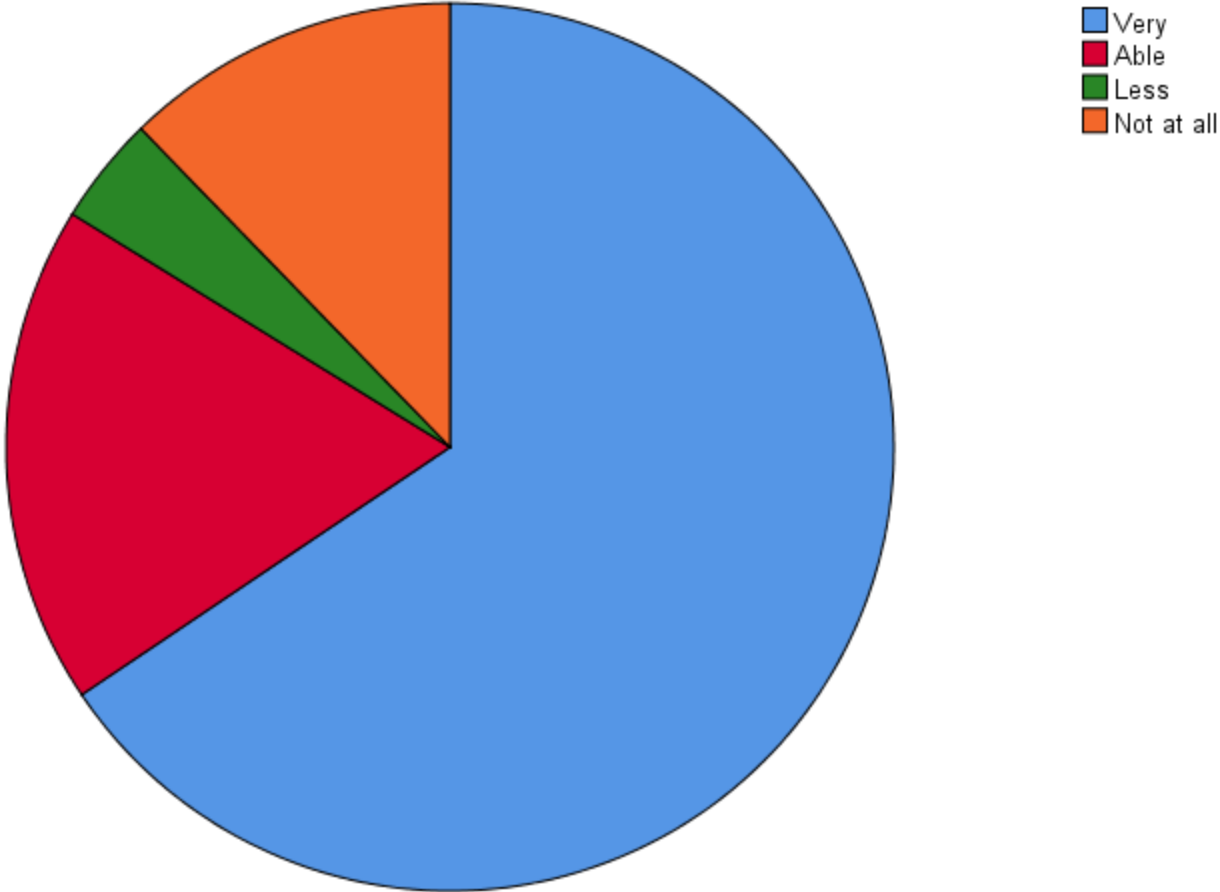


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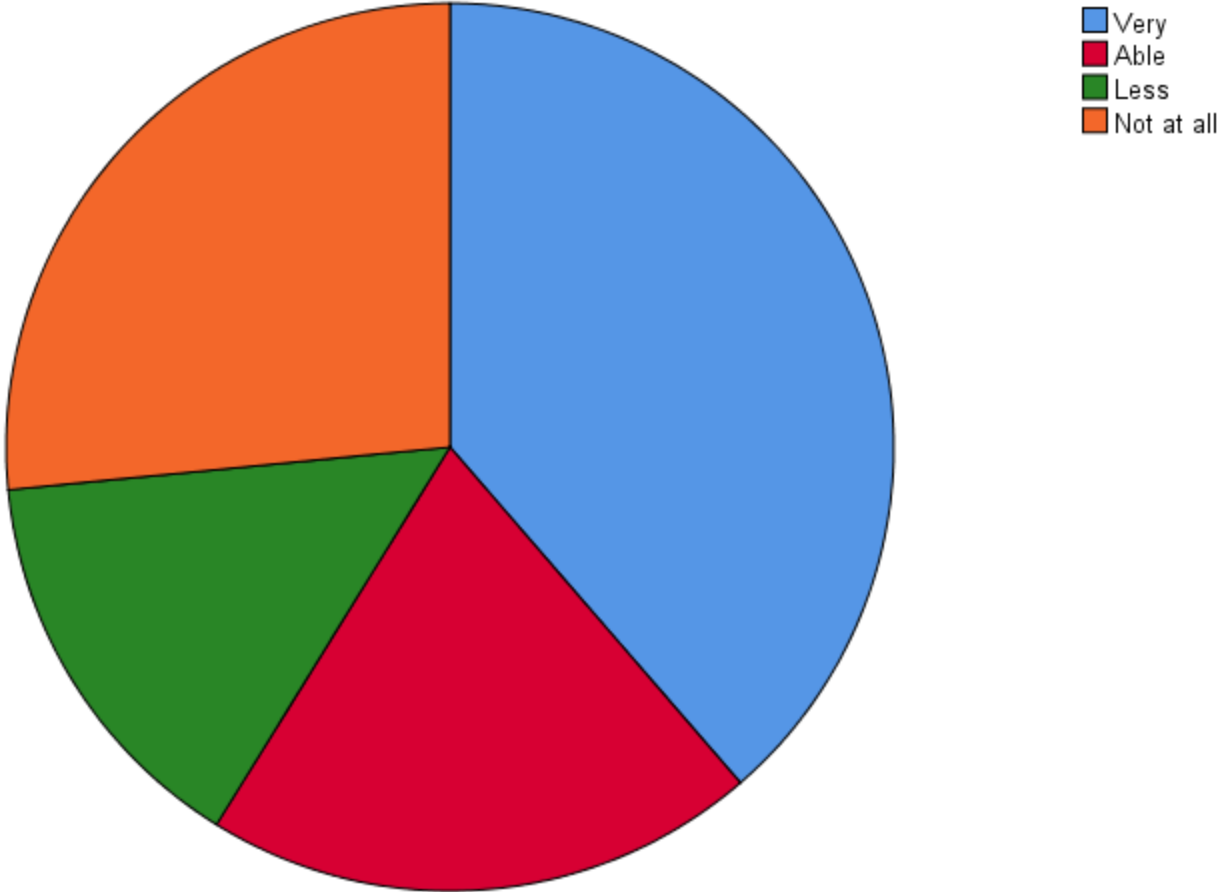


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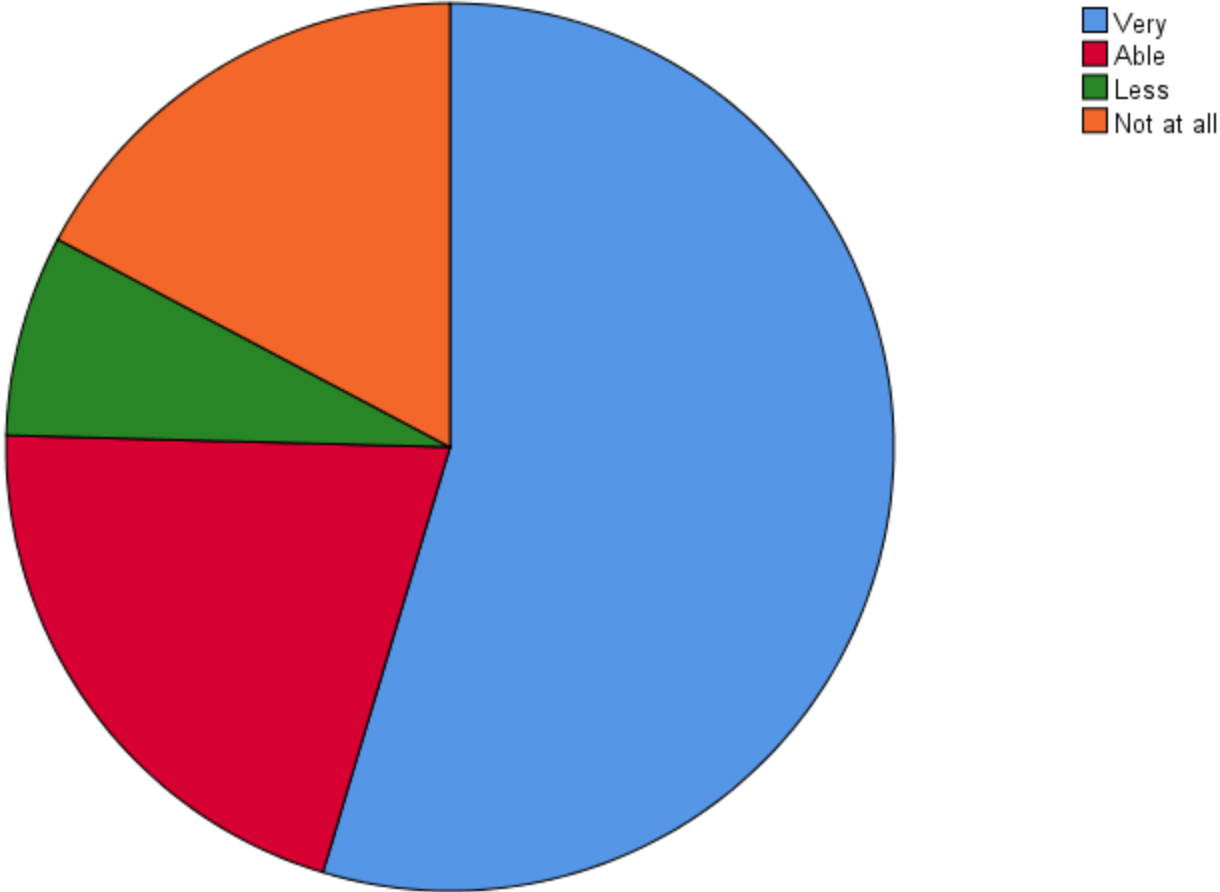
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How COMFORTABLE would you feel assisting with these nursing skills and activities associated with abortion care? - Performing preoperative ultrasound

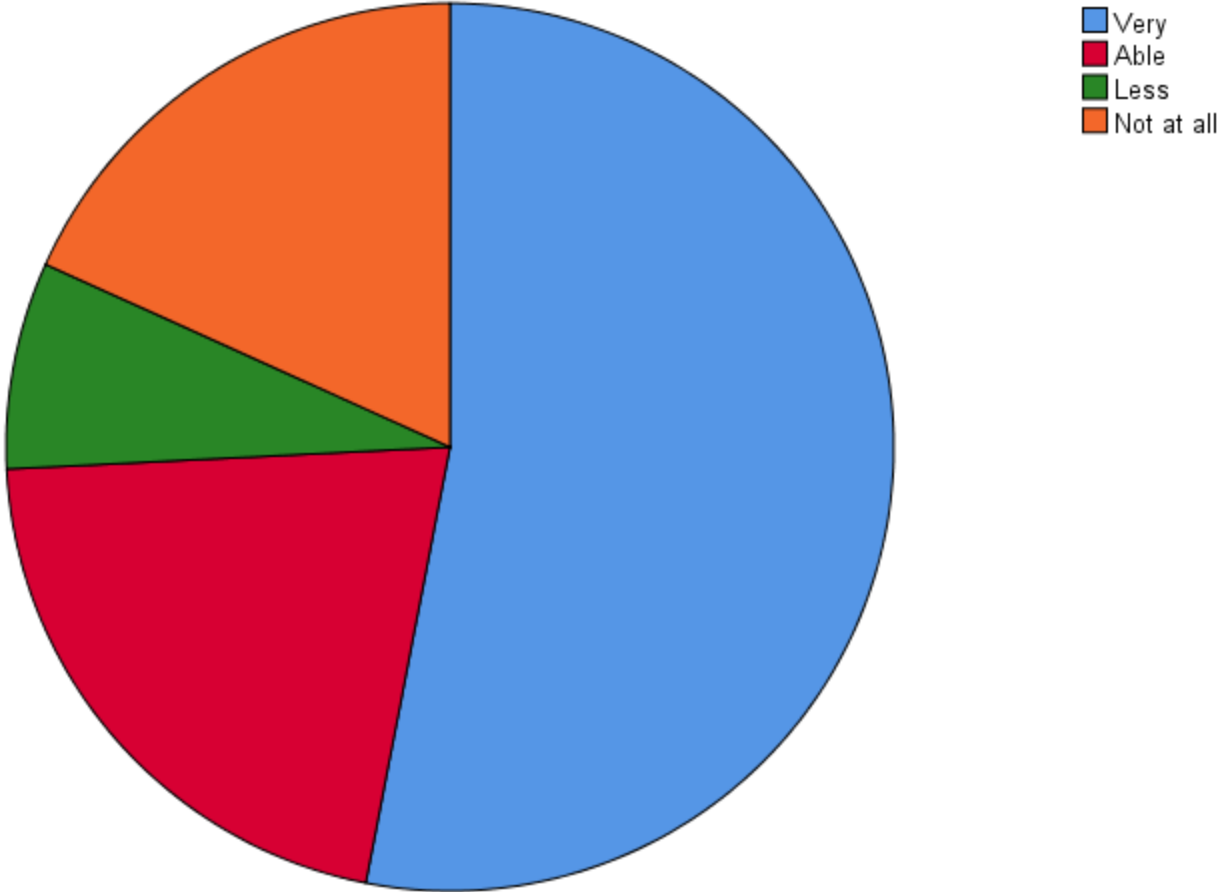


How COMFORTABLE would you feel assisting with these nursing skills and activities associated with abortion care? - Providing women with oral pre-medications

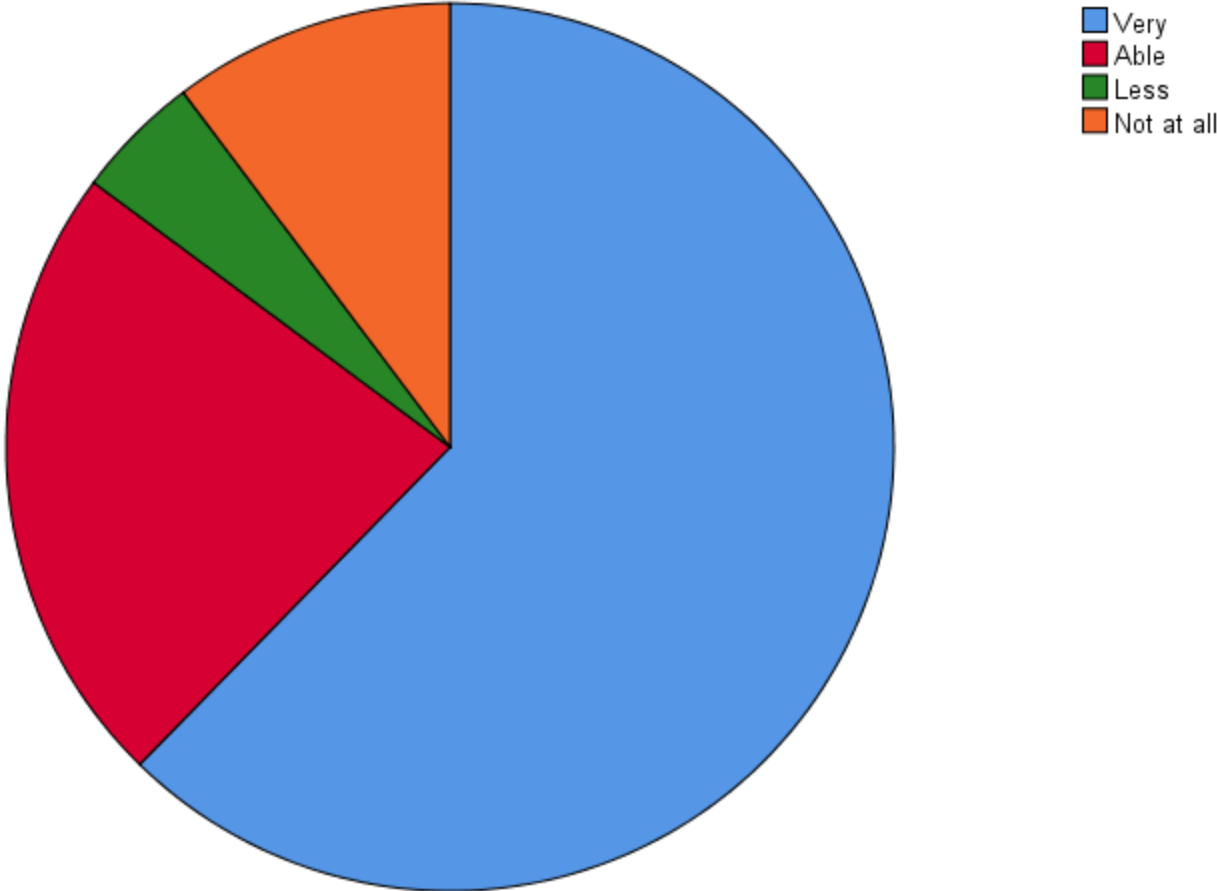




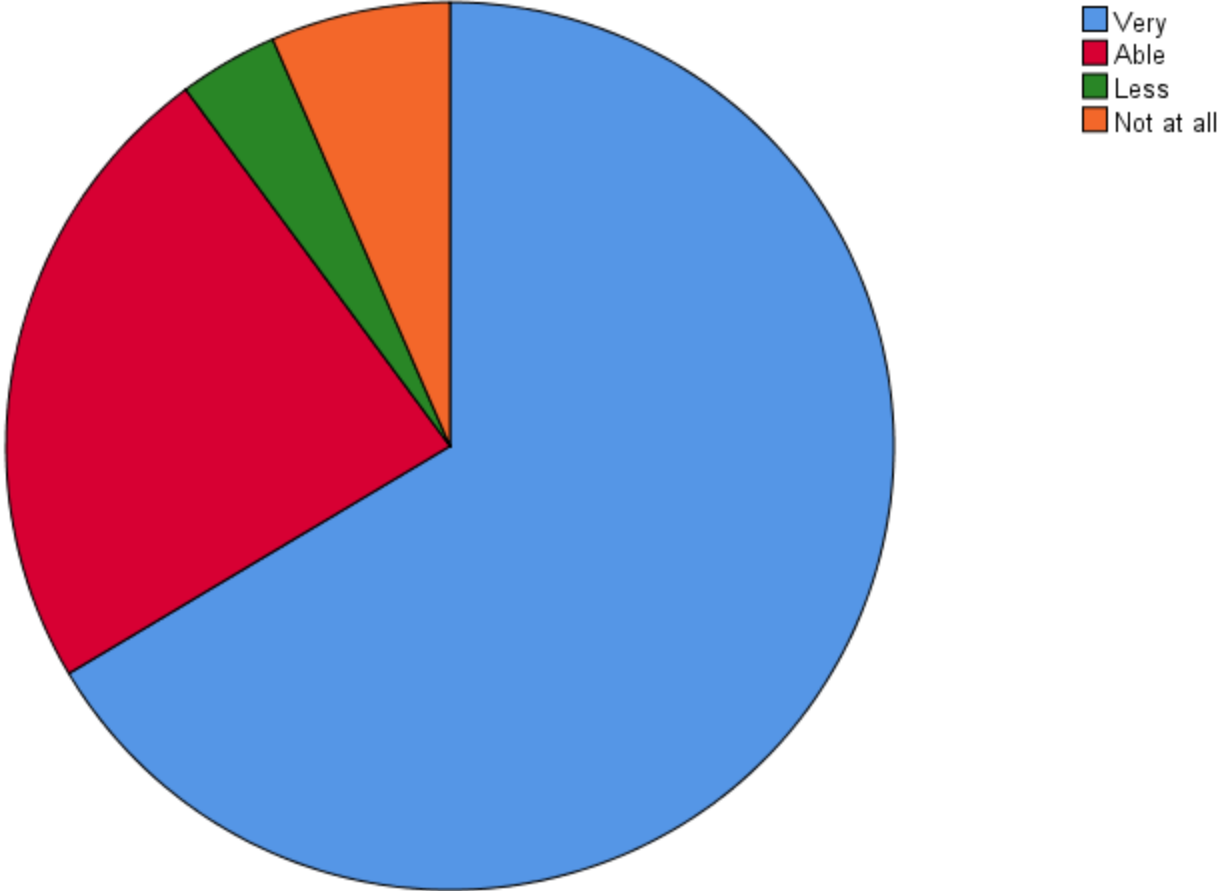
How COMFORTABLE would you feel assisting with these nursing skills and activities associated with abortion care? - Providing women with IV pre-medications



How COMFORTABLE would you feel assisting with these nursing skills and activities associated with abortion care? - Normal Post-operative clinical care



How COMFORTABLE would you feel assisting with these nursing skills and activities associated with abortion care? - Post-operative care for complications (i.e., bleeding, infection, pain management)



# Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Give Thanks!

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