Americans’ views concerning abortion:

- 79% do not support the current abortion-on-demand policy, saying abortion should be legal only in some circumstances (68%), or illegal in all circumstances (11%). Marist Poll, Dec. 2011
- 78% believe that women who have abortions commonly experience moderately severe to very severe negative emotional reactions. Medical Science Monitor, 2003
- 95% of women want to be informed of all risks of a medical procedure; 69% want to be informed of all alternatives. Journal of Medical Ethics, July 2006
- 64% of women who experienced one or more abortions “felt pressured by others” to have the abortion. Medical Science Monitor, Oct. 2004

Why do women have abortions?

- 74% say having a baby would interfere with work, school, or other responsibilities.
- 73% say they cannot afford to have a child.
- 48% say they do not want to be a single parent, or have relationship problems with husband or partner.

Less than 2% say they became pregnant as a result of rape or incest.

Source: The Alan Guttmacher Institute, Perspective on Sexual & Reproductive Health, Sept. 2005