Capturing Compassion

Support for abortion by reason for abortion and degree of Catholicism in Mexico

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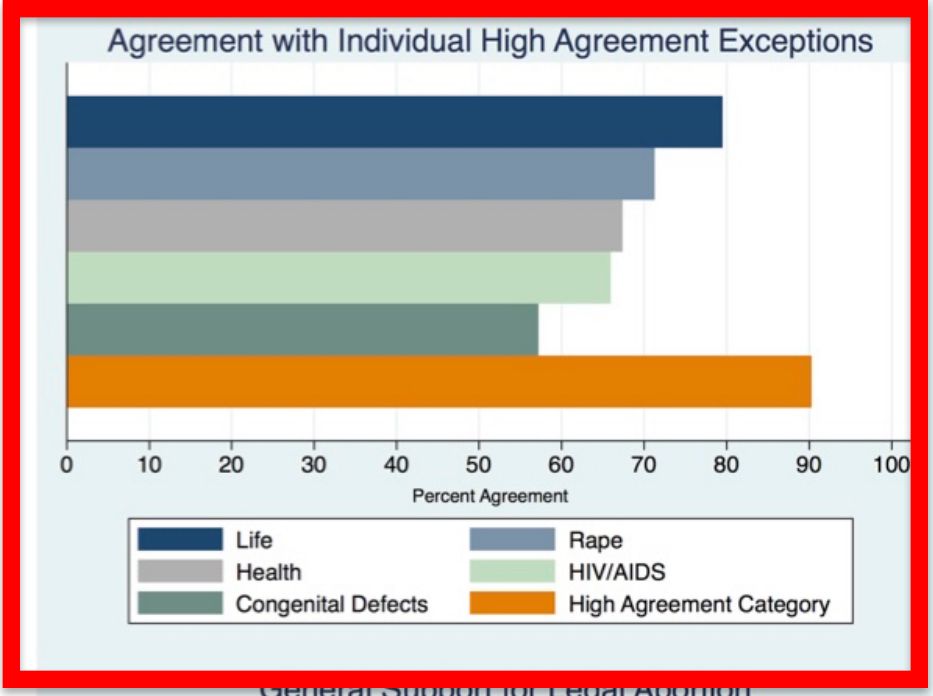

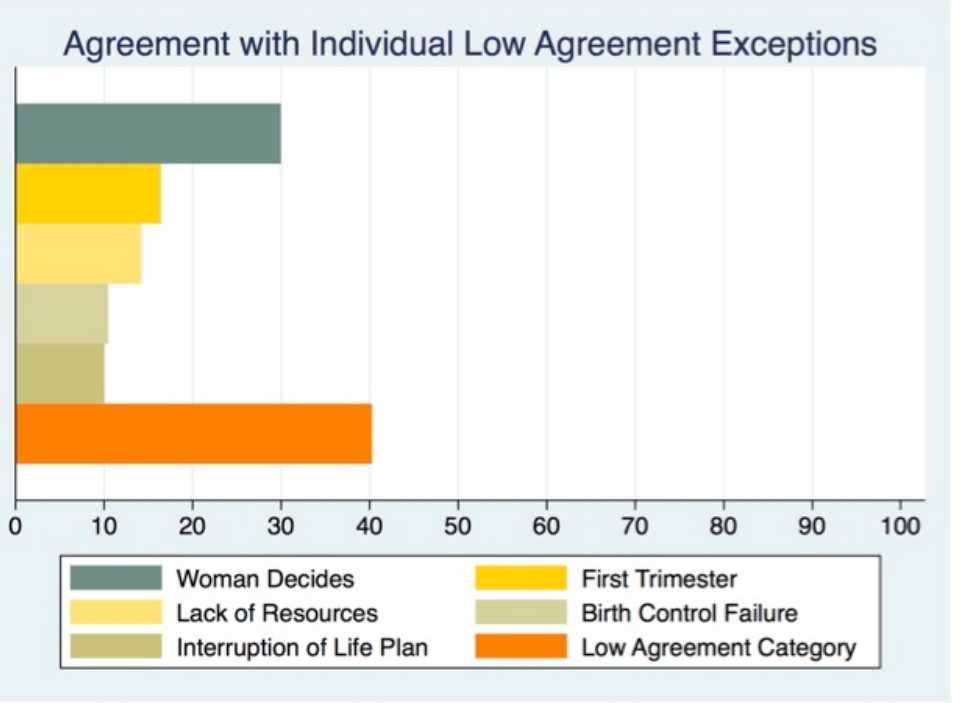

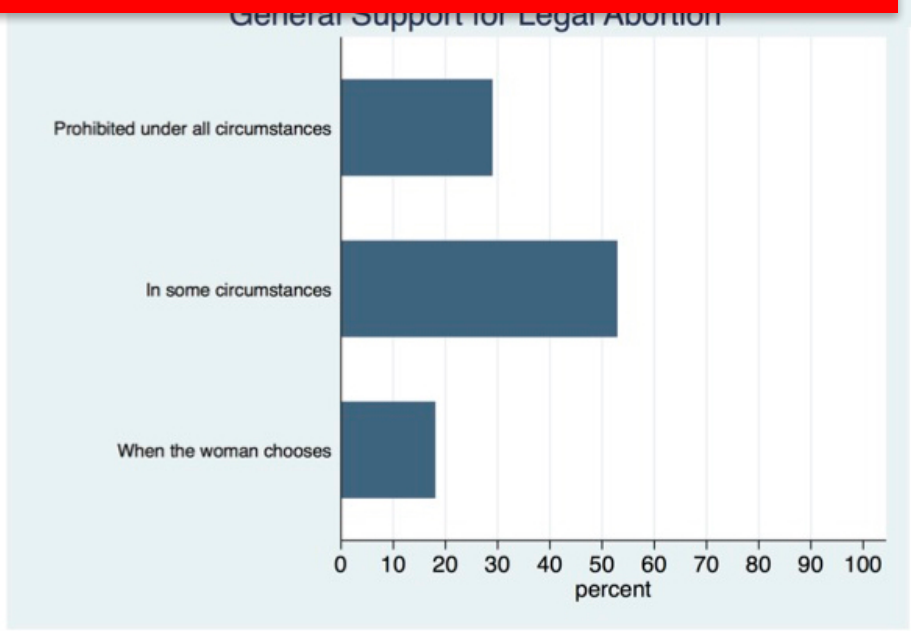

N=2669 self-identified Mexican Catholic sample

N = 79,452,291 population

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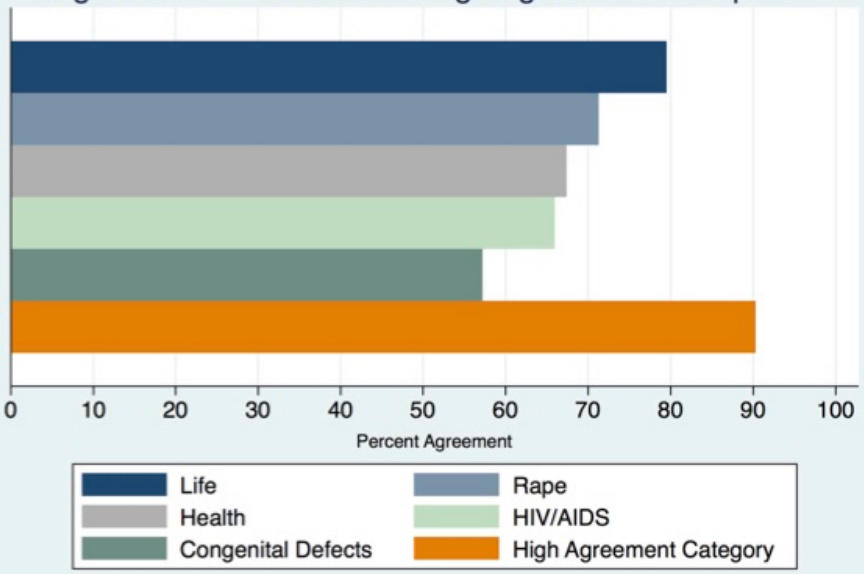
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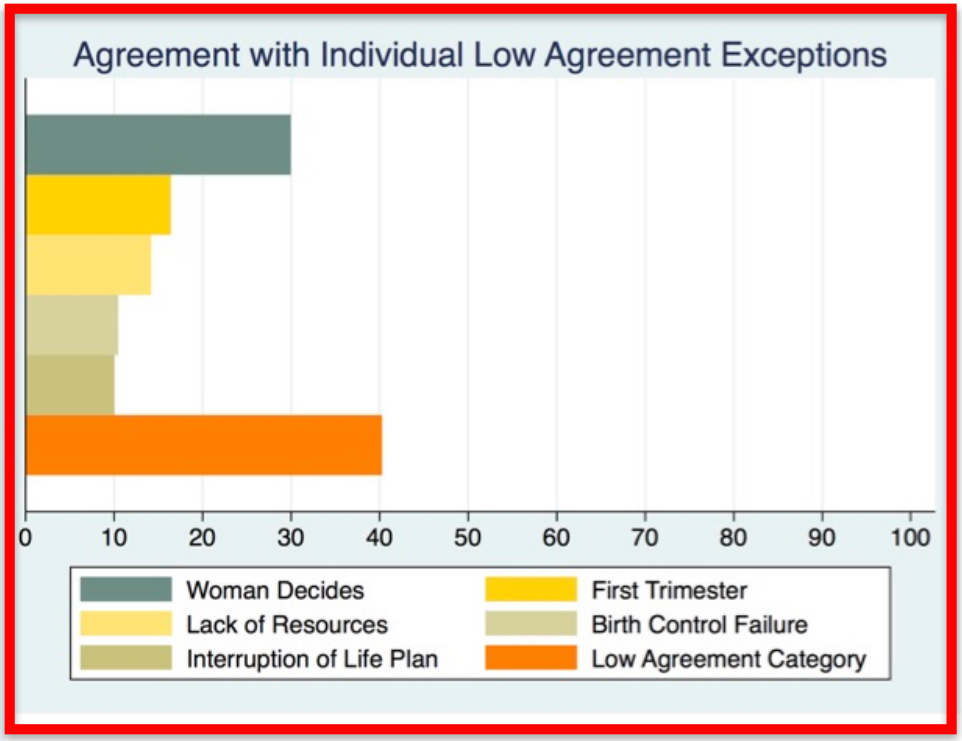
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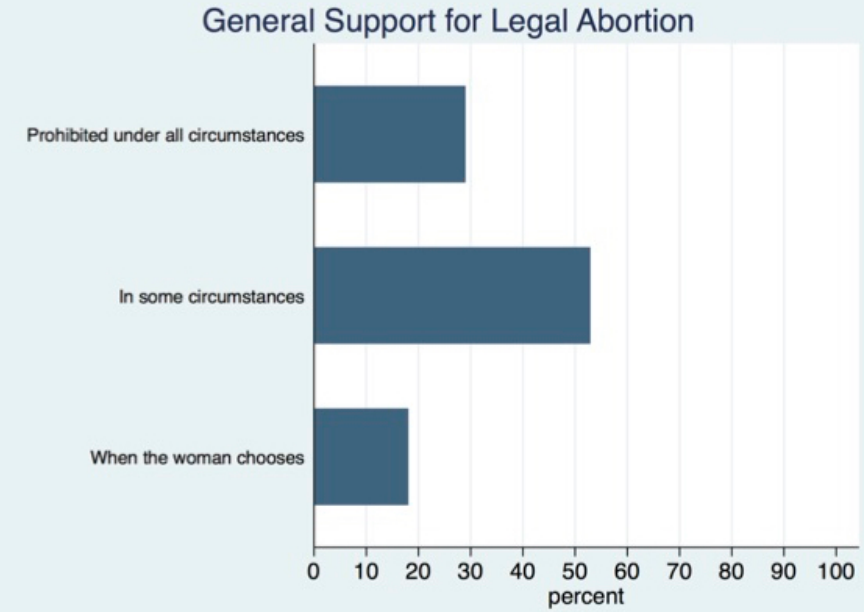
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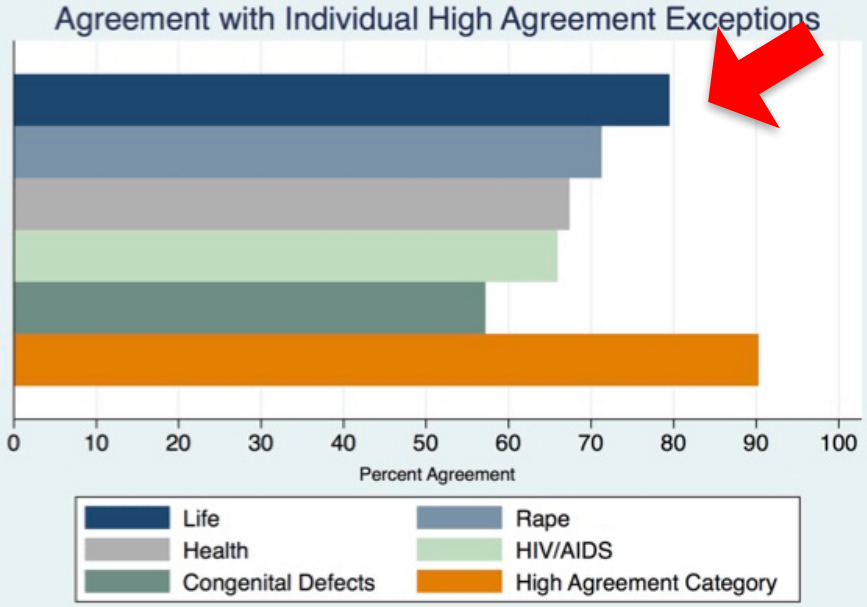
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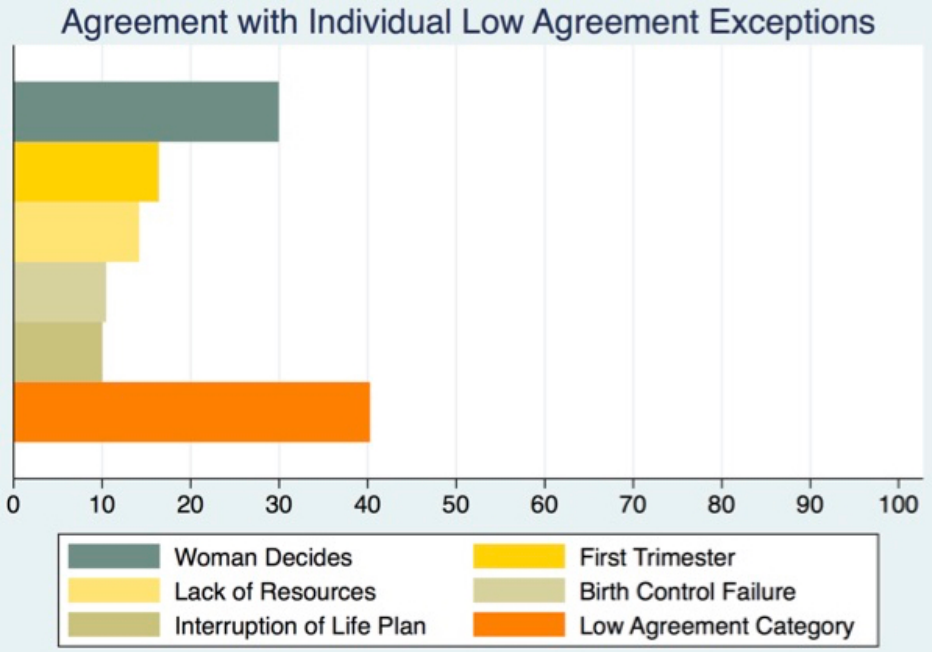
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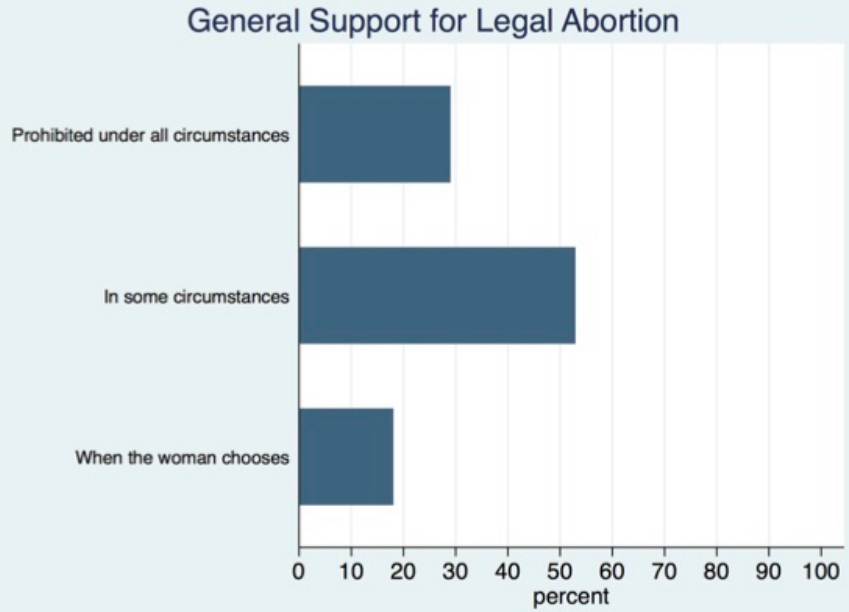
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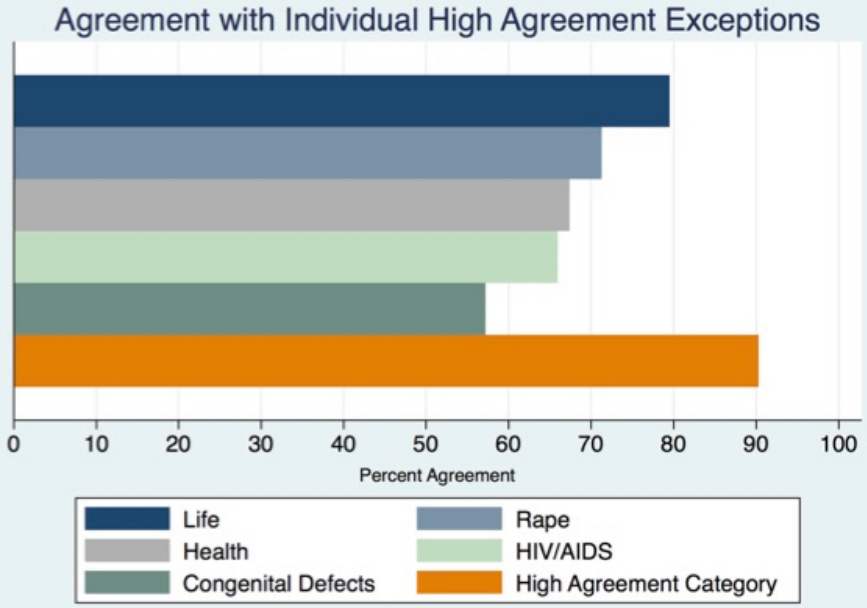
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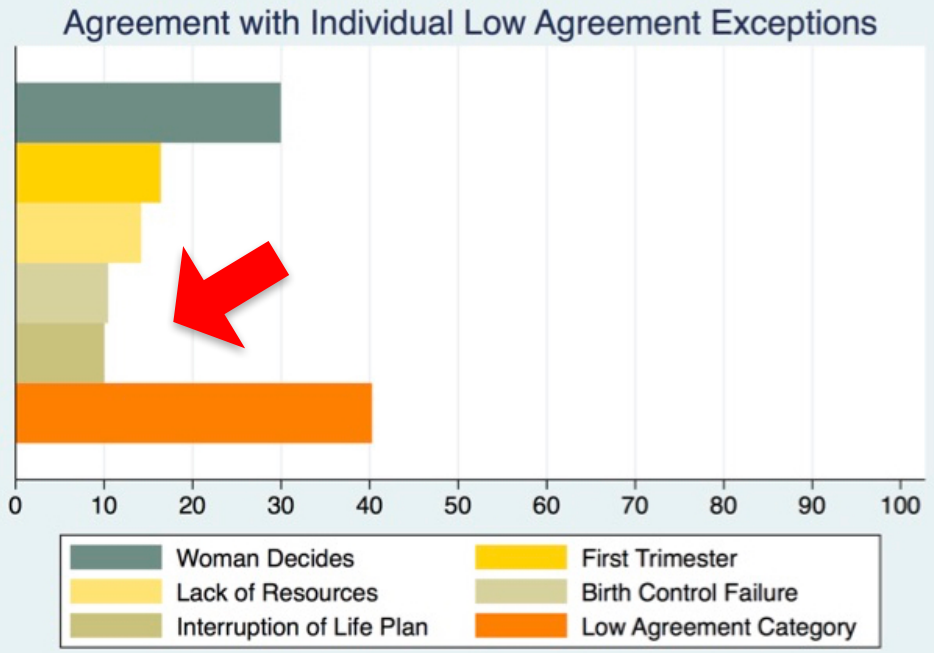
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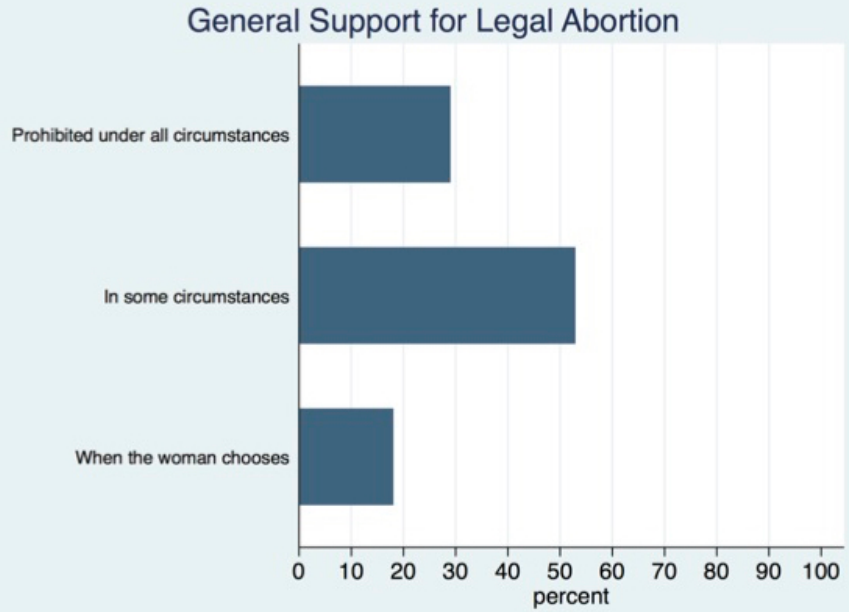
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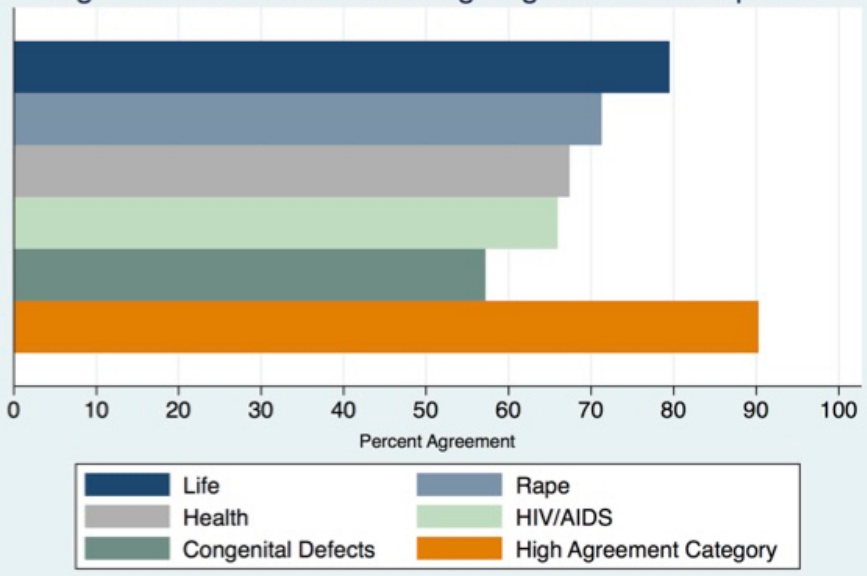
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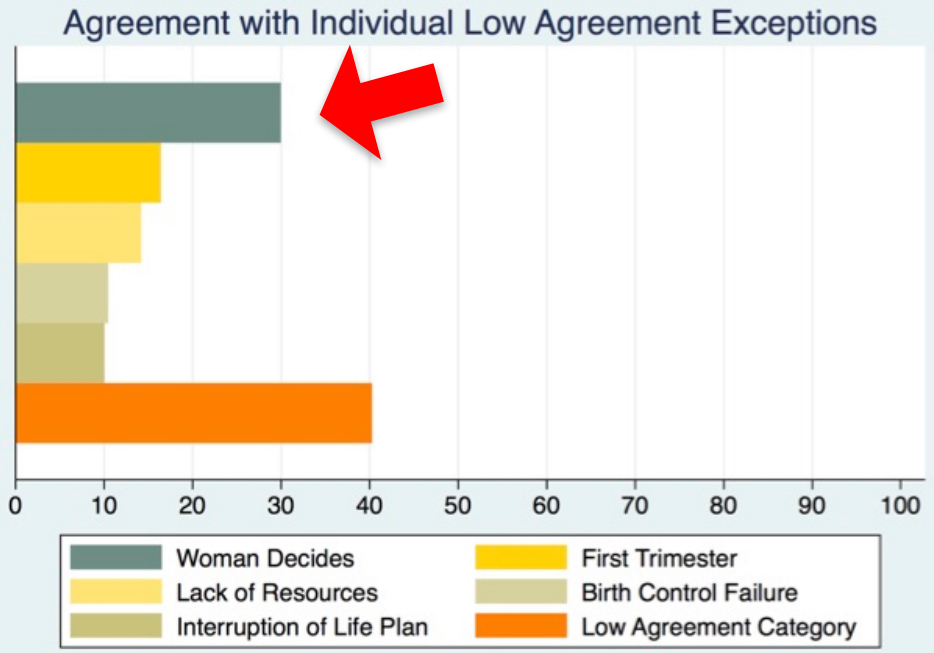
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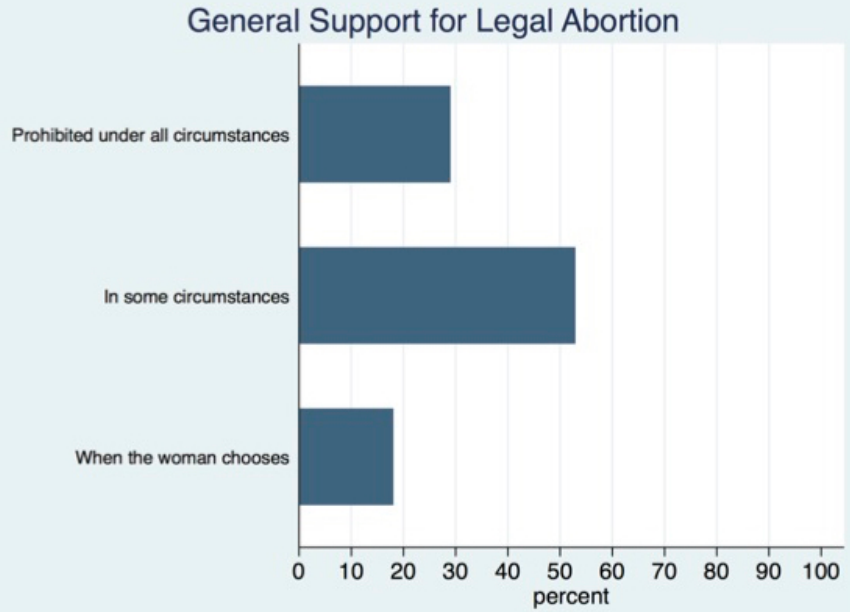
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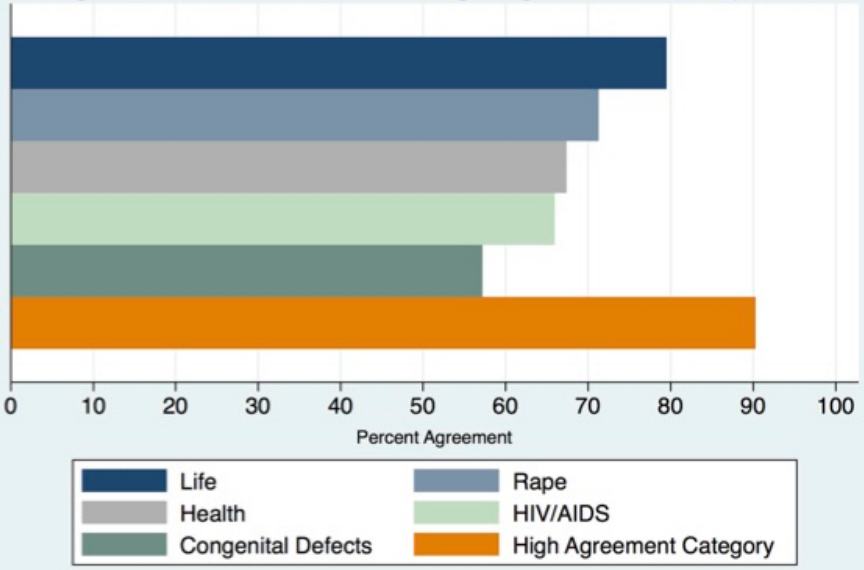

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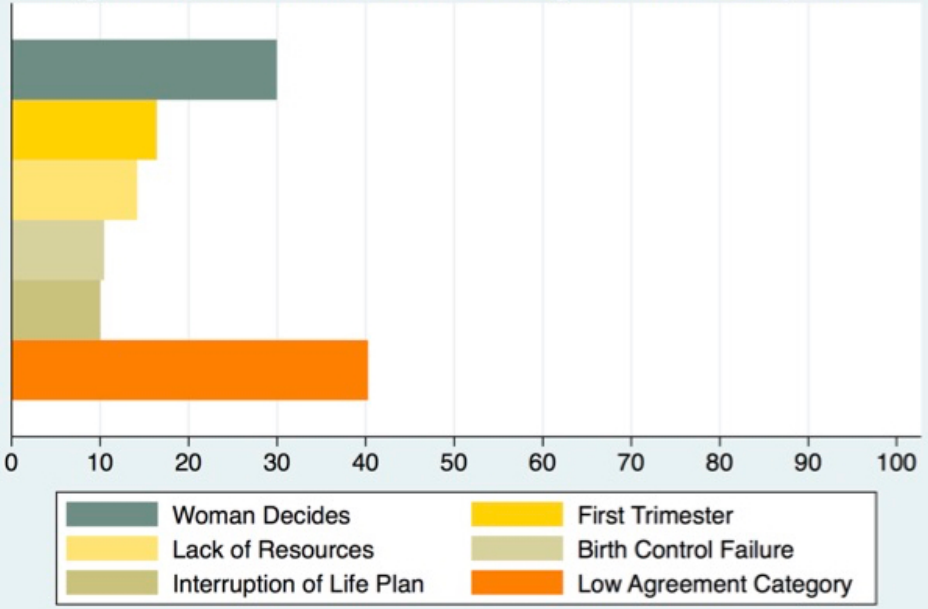

General Support for Legal Abortion

Measures of Catholicism

1) How Catholic?

65% somewhat or very Catholic

2) Mass frequency

64% sometimes/never

3) Good Catholic?

52% a person who helps a woman get an abortion can be a good Catholic

4) Confession?

35% only to God
26% no need to confess

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Sex

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Church in politics?

abortion is legal in CDMX?

Income

Contraceptive use

Age

Assisted suicide?

Education

Sex ed/abortion in school?

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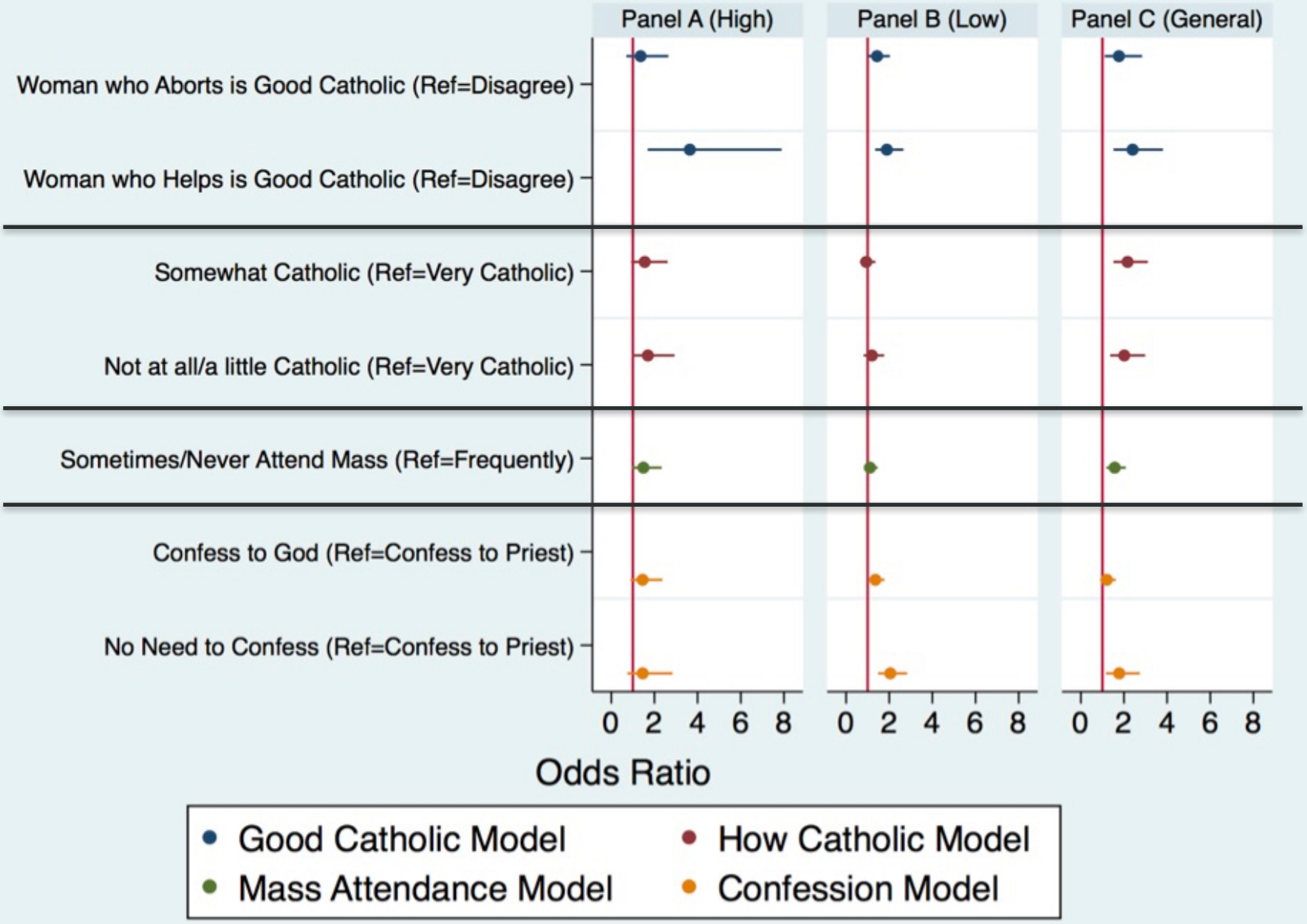
Panel A (High)
Panel B (Low)
Panel C (General)
Woman who Aborts is Good Catholic (Ref=Disagree)
Woman who Helps is Good Catholic (Ref=Disagree)
Somewhat Catholic (Ref=Very Catholic)
Not at all/a little Catholic (Ref=Very Catholic)
Sometimes/Never Attend Mass (Ref=Frequently)
Confess to God (Ref=Confess to Priest)
No Need to Confess (Ref=Confess to Priest)
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Odds Ratio
Good Catholic Model
How Catholic Model
Mass Attendance Model
Confession Model

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Table 1
Sample characteristics, 2014 survey of Mexican Catholics

	Crude % N = 2669[a]	*% Weighted [95% CI] Weighted N=79,452,291*
Sex		
Female	61	52 [50-55]
Education (N=2,668)		
None/Primary	42	34 [32-36]
Secondary	30	30 [27-32]
High school or more	28	37 [34-39]
Income (N=2,653)		
<$150	44	36 [33-38]
$151-452	36	37 [34-40]
$453-753	14	18 [16-20]
$754+	6	10 [8-11]
Age		
18-24	15	19 [17-22]
25-30	13	13 [12-15]
31-40	24	23 [21-25]
41-50	19	18 [16-20]
51+	30	26 [24-29]
Lives Outside Mexico City	90	92 [90-93]
Has Children (N=2,666)	82	77 [75-80]
Current use of birth control	54	57 [54-60]
Believes the Catholic Church *should* have influence in the government (N=2,667)	30	28 [25-30]
Believes public school books *should* include information about abortion being legal in the case of rape (N=2,428)	83	83 [81-85]
Has knowledge of Mexico City law (N=2,668)	43	46 [43-49]
Agrees with a doctor helping a person with an incurable illness die (assisted suicide) (N=2,667)	60	65 [63-68]
Believes public schools should teach all birth control methods (N=2,424)	89	90 [88-91]

[a] For variables with less than 2,669 responses, crude N provided; missingness addressed in Methods

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Table 2
Sample religious characteristics[1], 2014 Survey of Mexican Catholics

	% Crude Total N=2,669[2]	% Weighted [95% CI] Weighted N=79,452,291
How Catholic do you consider yourself? (N=2,668)		
Very	16	14 [12-15]
Somewhat	51	51 [49-54]
Not at all/a little	33	35 [32-38]
How often do you attend mass? (N=2,666)		
Frequently	40	36 [33-38]
Sometimes to never	60	64 [62-67]
Believes a woman who has an abortion can continue to be a good Catholic (N=2,668)	46	51 [48-54]
Believes someone who helps a woman who aborts can continue to be a good Catholic	46	52 [49-54]
A Catholic woman who decides to abort should... (N=2,660)		
Confess to her priest	43	40 [37-42]
Confess only to God	35	35 [32-37]
No need to confess	22	26 [23-28]

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Other variables associated with support for abortion

Variable	High agreement	Low agreement	General support
Support assisted suicide	✅	✅	✅
Support sex ed/abortion info in schools	✅		✅
Church should not influence gov't			✅
Current contraceptive use	✅	✅	✅
More education			✅
Age (ref 25-30 year olds)			✅
Male		✅	
Live in CDMX		✅	
Know about CDMX abortion law			✅ (marginal)

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