

Polling Shows Kenyans Overwhelmingly Against Abortion *77 percent of Kenyans say life begins at conception*

The citizens of Kenya are overwhelmingly pro-life, according to a poll conducted March 21–26, 2010. Questions were asked of 2,003 adult residents of the country; the survey was conducted by Synovate, formerly known as Steadman. The report is entitled, “Social, Political, Economic and Cultural Barometer, March 2010 Report.”

On the issue of legalizing abortion, opinions were overwhelmingly pro-life and against abortion. The question was asked, “Thinking about abortion, which of the following is closest to your view?”

Against legalizing abortion	69%
Support legalizing abortion	9%
Does not matter if it is legal or not	16%
No opinion on abortion	6%

Answering the question, “When do you believe human life begins?” 77 percent of Kenyans stated that life begins at conception, while 19 percent stated that human life begins at the time of birth. A very small percentage of respondents had no opinion on the matter.

Respondents were also asked about their views concerning the new Kenyan Constitution. According to the survey, only 19 percent support it as currently written, while a majority — 52 percent — want Parliament to revise the document before passage.

Currently, advocates of abortion are using the issue of maternal mortality and illegal abortions to argue for legalization of the procedure. However, the answer to illegal abortions and high maternal mortality rates is very simple: provide hope, opportunity and support for pregnant women by insuring a clean water supply, clean blood supply and adequate health care.

Kenya is a pro-life country and ought not to head toward an abortion-on-demand policy in its new Constitution.