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Abstract:

The 2006 ANES Pilot Survey expanded the currently used four-option item measuring abortion attitudes through six items providing more distinct reasons for legal abortion, a more precise measurement of attitudes for each reason, and attitudes about timing. The authors found that prolife attitudes tend to be correlated, if only slightly, with the belief that men are more likely to be pro-choice. This suggests such attitudes are tied up in perceptions of the sexes, which is an avenue for research that should be pursued, because it suggests that abortion attitudes may be, in part, driven by concerns neither pertaining to “life” or “choice.”