



# World Abortion Policies 2013

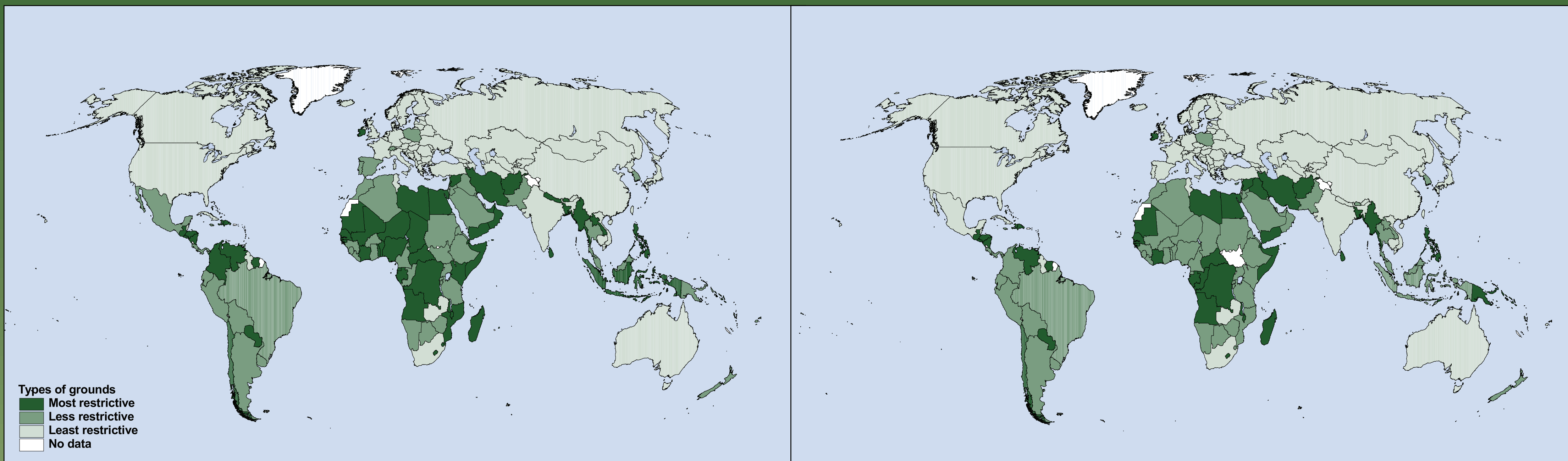
Country or area	Legal grounds on which abortion is permitted (2011)							Abortion rate (per 1,000 women aged 15-44)	Government support for family planning	Family planning			Maternal mortality ratio (per 100,000 live births)
	To save a woman's life	To preserve a woman's physical health	To preserve a woman's mental health	In case of rape or incest	Because of foetal impairment	For economic or social reasons	On request			Year	Contraceptive use, all methods <sup>1</sup> (percent)	Unmet need (percent)	
<b>World</b>								2010	63/57	12	2.5	210	
<b>More developed regions</b>								2010	72/62	9	1.7	16	
<b>Less developed regions</b>								2010	62/56	13	2.6	240	
<b>Least developed countries</b>								2010	35/28	24	4.1	430	
<b>Africa</b>								2010	31/25	23	4.4	460	
<b>Eastern Africa</b>								2010	33/28	26	4.7	...	
Burundi	X	X	X					Direct	2010/11	22/18 <sup>1</sup>	..	4.1	800
Comoros	X	X	X					Direct	2000	26/19	..	4.7	280
Djibouti	X	X	X					Direct	2006	18/17	..	3.6	200
Eritrea	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2002	8/5	29	4.2	240
Ethiopia	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2010/11	29/27	25	3.8	350
Kenya <sup>2</sup>	X	X	X					Direct	2008/09	46/39	26	4.6	360
Madagascar <sup>3</sup>	X	X	X					Direct	2008/09	40/28	19	4.5	240
Malawi <sup>4</sup>	X	X	X					Direct	2010	46/42 <sup>1</sup>	26	6.0	460
Mauritius <sup>5</sup>	X	X	X					Direct	2002	78/39 <sup>6</sup>	4 <sup>7</sup>	1.6	60
Mozambique	X	X	X					Direct	2011	12/11 <sup>1</sup>	..	4.7	590
Rwanda	X	X	X					Direct	2010/11	52/44	19	5.3	340
Seychelles	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	..	..	..	..	..
Somalia <sup>8</sup>	X	X	X					Indirect	2006	15/1	..	6.3	1 000
South Sudan	X	X	X					Direct	2006	4/1 <sup>1</sup>	..	..	..
Uganda	X	X	X					Direct	2011	30/28 <sup>1</sup>	..	5.9	310
United Republic of Tanzania <sup>2</sup>	X	X	X					Direct	2009/10	34/26	25	5.5	460
Zambia	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2007	41/27	27	6.3	440
Zimbabwe	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2010/11	59/57 <sup>1</sup>	..	3.1	570
<b>Middle Africa</b>								2010	19/8	26	5.2	..	
Angola <sup>9</sup>	X	X	X					Direct	2001	6/5	..	5.1	450
Cameroun	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2011	23/14 <sup>1</sup>	..	4.3	690
Central African Republic <sup>3</sup>	X	X	X					Indirect	2006	19/9	..	4.4	890
Chad	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2004	3/2	21	5.7	1 100
Chad <sup>2</sup>	X	X	X					Direct	2011	45/20	..	..	..
Dem. Republic of the Congo <sup>3</sup>	X	X	X					Direct	2010	18/6	24 <sup>1</sup>	5.5	540
Equatorial Guinea	X	X	X					Direct	2000	10/6	..	5.0	240
Gabon <sup>1</sup>	X	X	X					Direct	2000	33/12	28	3.2	230
Sao Tome and Principe <sup>3</sup>	X	X	X					Direct	2008/09	38/33	38	3.5	70
<b>Northern Africa</b>								2010	54/49	15	2.8	..	
Algeria	X	X	X					Direct	2006	61/52	..	2.1	97
Egypt	X	X	X					Direct	2008	60/58	12	2.6	66
Libya	X	X	X					No support	1995	45/26	..	2.4	58
Morocco	X	X	X					Direct	2003/04	63/52	12	2.2	100
Sudan	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2010	91/4 <sup>1</sup>	29 <sup>1a</sup>	4.9	730
Tunisia	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2006	60/52 <sup>1</sup>	..	1.9	56
<b>Southern Africa</b>								2010	62/61	14	2.5	..	
Botswana	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2007/08	63/51 <sup>1</sup>	..	2.6	160
Lesotho	X	X	X					Direct	2009/10	47/46	23	3.1	620
Namibia	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2006/07	55/54	21	3.1	200
South Africa	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	2003/04	60/60	14	2.4	300
Swaziland	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2010	65/63	13 <sup>1</sup>	3.2	320
<b>Western Africa</b>								2010	15/10	25	5.2	..	
Benin	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2006	17/6	27	5.1	350
Burkina Faso	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2010/11	16/15 <sup>1</sup>	..	5.8	300
Cape Verde	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	2005	61/57	17	2.3	79
Côte d'Ivoire	X	X	X					Direct	2006	13/8	..	4.2	400
Gambia <sup>2</sup>	X	X	X					Direct	2001	18/13	..	4.7	360
Ghana	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2008	24/17	36	4.0	350
Guinea	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2005	9/4	22	5.0	610
Guinea-Bissau <sup>3</sup>	X	X	X					Direct	2010	14/..	..	4.9	790
Liberia	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2007	11/10	36	5.0	770
Mali <sup>2</sup>	X	X	X					Direct	2006	8/6	28	6.1	540
Mauritania <sup>3</sup>	X	X	X					Direct	2007	9/8 <sup>1</sup>	..	4.4	510
Niger	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2006	11/5	16	6.9	590
Nigeria <sup>10</sup>	X	X	X					Direct	2011	14/8	19 <sup>1</sup>	5.4	630
Senegal	X	X	X					Direct	2010/11	13/12 <sup>1</sup>	..	4.6	370
Sierra Leone <sup>2</sup>	X	X	X					Direct	2008	8/6	28	4.7	890
Togo	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2010	15/13	31 <sup>1,2</sup>	3.9	300
<b>Asia</b>								2010	67/61	11	2.2	150	
<b>Eastern Asia</b>								2010	83/81	4	1.6	..	
China	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	2006	85/84	..	1.6	37
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	2002	69/58 <sup>1</sup>	..	2.0	81
Japan <sup>11</sup>	X	X	X					Indirect	2005	54/44 <sup>1</sup>	..	1.4	5
Mongolia	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	2008	55/50	14 <sup>1</sup>	2.4	63
Republic of Korea	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2009	80/70 <sup>1,2</sup>	..	1.4	16
<b>South-central Asia</b>								2010	..	..	..	2.6	..
Afghanistan	X	X	X					Direct	2010	22/15 <sup>1</sup>	..	6.0	460
Bangladesh	X	X	X					Direct	2011/12	61/48	12 <sup>1</sup>	2.2	240
Bhutan	X	X	X					Direct	2010	66/65	12 <sup>1</sup>	2.3	180
India	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	2007/08	55/48	21	2.5	200
Iran (Islamic Republic of) <sup>2</sup>	X	X	X					No support	2002	73/59 <sup>1</sup>	..	1.6	21
Kazakhstan	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	2006	51/49	..	2.5	51
Kyrgyzstan	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	2005/06	48/46	..	2.6	71
Tajikistan	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	2009	35/27	29	1.7	60
Nepal	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	2011	50/43	27	2.6	170
Pakistan <sup>14</sup>	X	X	X					Direct	2006/07	30/22	25	3.2	260
Sri Lanka	X	X	X					Direct	2006/07	68/63 <sup>1,5</sup>	7 <sup>1,5</sup>	2.2	35
Tajikistan	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	2007	37/32	..	3.2	65
Turkmenistan	X	X	X	X	X	X		Indirect	2000	62/45 <sup>1</sup>	10	2.3	67
Uzbekistan	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	2006	65/59	..	2.3	28
<b>Southeastern Asia</b>								2010	62/56	14	2.1	..	
Brunei Darussalam	X	X	X					No support	..	..	..	2.0	24
Cambodia	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	2010/11	51/36 <sup>1</sup>	24	2.4	250
Indonesia	X	X	X					Direct	2007	61/57	13	2.1	220
Lao People's Dem. Republic	X	X	X					Direct	2005	38/35	27	2.5	470
Malaysia	X	X	X					Direct	2004	49/32 <sup>1,6</sup>	..	2.6	29
Myanmar	X	X	X					Direct	2009/10	46/46 <sup>1</sup>	..	1.9	200
Philippines <sup>7</sup>	X	X	X					Direct	2011	49/36	..	3.1	99
Singapore	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	1997	62/55 <sup>1,8</sup>	..	1.4	3
Thailand	X	X	X	X	X			Direct	2009	80/78	..	1.5	48
Timor-Leste	X	X	X					Direct	2009/10	22/21	32	5.9	300
Viet Nam	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	2010/11	78/60	4 <sup>1</sup>	1.7	59
<b>Western Asia</b>								2010	58/38	17	2.8	..	
Armenia	X	X	X	X	X	X		Indirect	2010	55/27 <sup>1</sup>	..	1.7	30
Azerbaijan	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	2006	51/13	15	2.1	43
Bahrain	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	1995	62/31 <sup>1</sup>	..	2.4	20
Cyprus	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	2010	..	..	1.5	10
Georgia	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	2005	47/27 <sup>1</sup>	16 <sup>1,9</sup>	4.5	67
Iraq	X	X	X					Direct	2011	51/33 <sup>1</sup>	..	1.5	63
Israel	X	X	X	X	X	X		Indirect	1987/88	86/52 <sup>10</sup>	..	2.9	7
Jordan	X	X	X					Direct	2009	59/41	13	2.9	63
Kuwait	X	X	X					Direct	1999	52/39 <sup>1,7</sup>	..	2.3	14
Lebanon	X	X	X					Direct	2004	58/34	..	1.8	25
Oman	X	X	X					Direct	2000	32/25 <sup>1,7</sup>	..	2.1	32
Qatar	X	X	X					No support	1998	43/32 <sup>1,7</sup>	..	2.2	7
Saudi Arabia	X	X	X					No support	2007	24/.. <sup>1,7</sup>	..	2.6	24
Syrian Arab Republic <sup>1</sup>	X	X	X					Direct	2006	58/43	..	2.8	70
Turkey	X	X	X	X	X	X		Direct	2008	73/46	6	2.0	20
United Arab Emirates	X	X											



# Types of legal grounds on which abortion is permitted

1996

2011



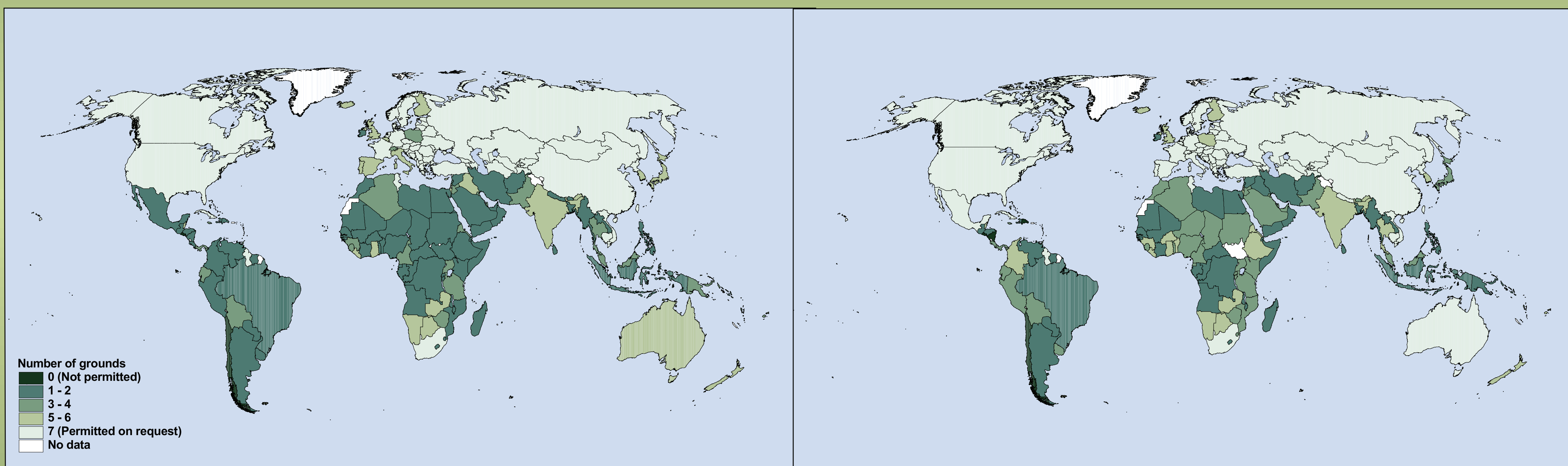
Most restrictive: Countries that do not permit abortion on any ground or permit abortion only to save a woman's life; Less restrictive: Countries that permit abortion to preserve a woman's physical or mental health, or in case of rape or incest, or because of foetal impairment, but that do not allow abortion for economic or social reasons or on request; Least restrictive: Countries that permit abortion for economic or social reasons or on request.

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1996

2011



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