Priests for Life Surveys
African-Americans on Abortion

In April 2010 the polling company™, inc./WomanTrend conducted, on behalf of Priests for Life, two focus groups of African-American adults in Baltimore and Houston and a nationwide online survey of 700 Black adults to measure attitudes on abortion and effective pro-life messaging. Following are excerpts from a summary of the results provided by Kellyanne Conway, President of the polling company, inc./WomanTrend.

Respondents acknowledged “information underload” about several key facts related to abortion: non-abortive services available to pregnant women, the African-American abortion rate, the concentration of Planned Parenthood clinics in minority areas, and the pro-choice positions of the Democratic Party and President Barack Obama.

Forty-one percent surveyed believed that Black women obtain fewer abortions than women of other races (22% expected more and 23% as many). Recent federal statistics show that 37% of African-American pregnancies end in abortion (compared to 19% of all pregnancies), yet the plurality of those surveyed thought that less than 35% of Black women terminate their pregnancies.

Pregnancy Resource Centers were little known, yet widely embraced among African-Americans. Black survey respondents were nearly ten times as likely to react positively than negatively to a description of pregnancy resource centers (75% vs. 7%), but a major hurdle remains: self-admitted lack of knowledge about the locations, accessibility, and services of PRCs.

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Outreach to the Black community on abortion requires a careful balance of message and messenger and delivery. Messaging must both “shock the conscience” and “warm the heart.” Three-quarters of respondents said they knew someone who had obtained an abortion, causing some reluctance in casting judgment on those that have them.

Still, actual images of aborted fetuses … were so compelling that one Baltimore participant volunteered: “Well, I’m just going to put it out there. Before I came in to this room today, I was pro-choice. But after seeing those pictures and hearing all that, I think I’ve changed my ideas on abortion.”

The survey showed that religious leaders, family, and friends were regarded as sources of encouragement and tangible support for unexpectedly pregnant women; all should be engaged more vocally and visibly as defenders of life.

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for performing the abortion on that girl.

Lives have already been saved because of the sobering effect of such letters on parents and abortion clinic staff.

Churches and pregnancy centers are key to making this project a success by informing teens as well as adults of their right not to be coerced into abortion, and by providing these letters. Priests for Life is ready to provide further information and training.

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