New Jersey citizens are in agreement with the recent Supreme Court decision holding that abortion is a private matter according to the New Jersey Poll conducted by the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University.

A solid majority of those interviewed--79%--agreed with the statement "the decision to have an abortion is a private matter that should be left to the parents to decide without government intervention." Opposed were 16% with 5% expressing no opinion.

The survey shows little difference between the views of Catholics and Protestants, despite the opposition of Catholic Church and lay groups to liberalizing abortion laws. Among Catholics surveyed 74% agreed with the "private matter" statement with 20% opposed, while 83% of the Protestants agreed and 12% were opposed.

In addition, there is virtually no difference between the responses of men and women. Agreeing with the statement are 79% of the men and 80% of the women with 16% of each group opposed.

When asked to consider specific conditions under which legal abortion would be approved, 86% of the respondents are in favor of an abortion performed to save the life of the mother and 10% are opposed. Permitting abortion if pregnancy resulted from rape or incest is favored by 79% and opposed by 14%. A smaller proportion, 67%, favor permitting abortion if there is a chance of a handicapped or retarded child being born, while 21% were opposed.
A majority of New Jerseyans oppose permitting abortions "if the parents feel they cannot afford the child." Only 38% favor this position with 52% against. These figures, however, conceal a very large "generation gap." Among respondents over 30, 34% favor permitting abortion under these conditions with 55% opposed. On the other hand, among the under 30 group a majority--55%--approve with 40% opposed.

There are also sharp differences among respondents with differing amounts of education. Those who did not complete high school oppose abortion for economic reasons by a 29% to 59% margin, while among respondents who had some college training the figures are 49% in favor and 44% against.

Since May 1971, there has been a slight increase in the proportion of New Jerseyans favoring abortion. In this most recent poll, conducted between January 5 and 11, abortion to save the life of the mother is favored by an 86-10 margin as compared to 83-14 in May. Abortion where pregnancy is due to rape or incest is presently favored 79-14 as compared to 77-18 last May. By a 67-21 margin this January, New Jerseyans favor abortion to prevent the birth of a handicapped or retarded child. In May the margin was 64-26. The least change was in the proportion favoring abortion if the parents cannot afford the child. Such a position is presently opposed by 52% and favored by 38% most recently. In May 54% were opposed and 38% were in favor.

The Fifth New Jersey Poll was conducted by telephone between January 5 and 11 from the Eagleton Institute. The results were tabulated by Opinion Research Corp. of Princeton, N.J. The New Jersey Poll is supported by grants from the Wallace-Eljabar Foundation and the Eagleton Institute of Politics.
TO: POLITICAL REPORTERS
FROM: JOHN C. BLYDENBURGH
EAGLETON INSTITUTE

RE: THE FIFTH NEW JERSEY POLL, RELEASE #3, MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 29, 1973

The data and questions on which this analysis is based are as follow.

"Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The decision to have an abortion is a private matter that should be left to the parents to decide without government intervention?"

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<td>Whole Sample</td>
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"In the past few years a number of states have modified their laws concerning abortion. There has been talk of changing the abortion law in the state of N.J. Under which of the following conditions would you favor permitting abortions? Would you be in favor of permitting abortions..." (figures are for the whole sample)

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<td>If pregnancy results from rape or incest.</td>
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<td>If the child may be born handicapped or mentally retarded.</td>
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The above table provides a summary of the high-level organizational structure and contact information for the company. The department includes Finance, Marketing, and Sales, with each department headed by a manager or director. The company is located in Building 305, with office suites distributed across the building. Contact information is provided for key personnel, including phone numbers.