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WHAT DO REFORM MEMBERS THINK ABOUT ABORTION LAW REFORM?

Summary:

Last year we interviewed 79 Reform party members on abortion law reform, asking them 6 short questions. The majority of respondents were uninformed about the scale of UK abortion, and supported reforming UK abortion law in some way. In particular, 58% of these Reform members supported the introduction of a UK heartbeat bill, with support increasing if such legislation included exceptions for extreme cases.

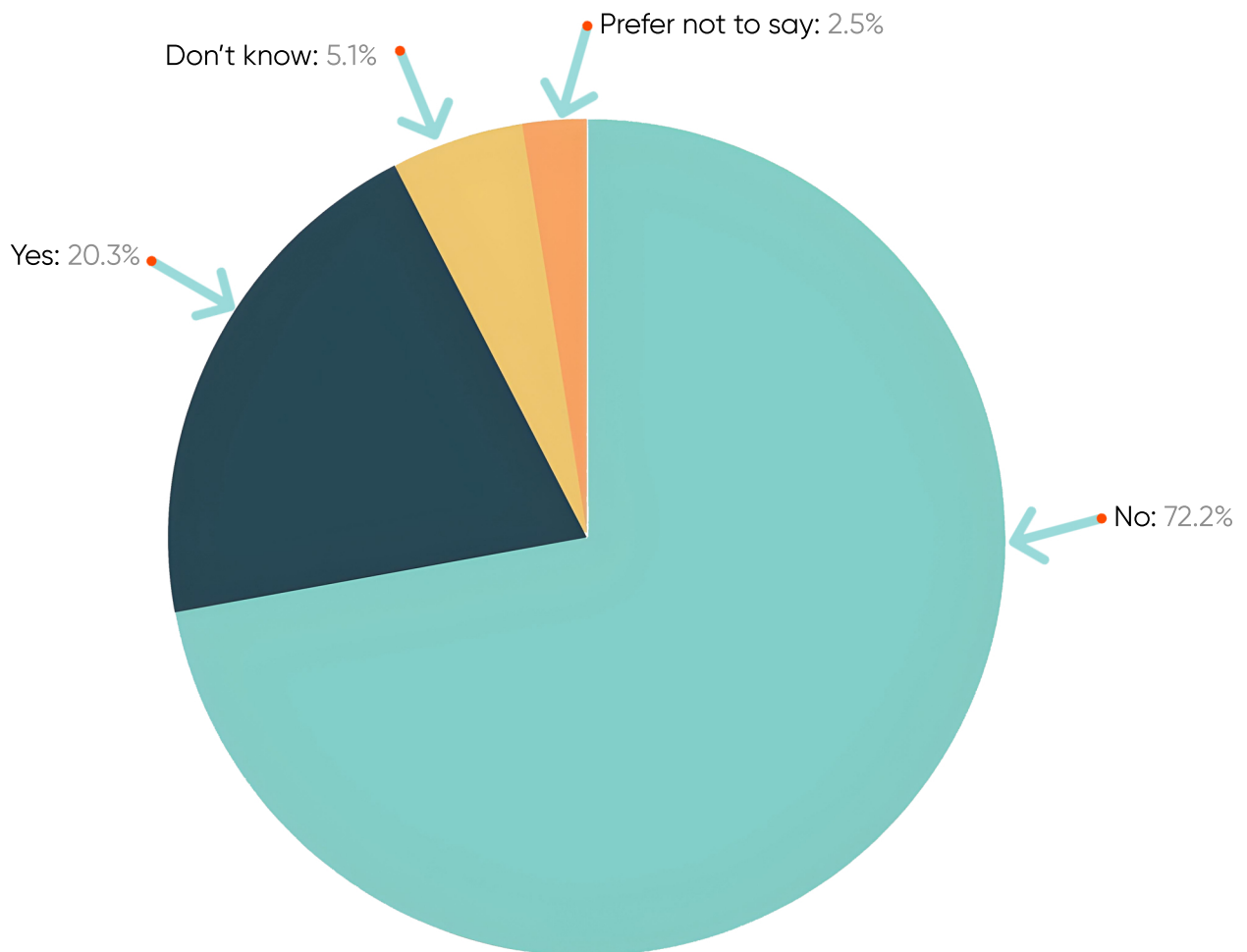
Key Findings:

- The majority of respondents (72%) were unaware of the 250,000 abortions we conduct each year in the UK.
- A slightly smaller majority of respondents (67%) were unaware that we have intentionally ended the lives of 10 million unborn babies since 1967.
- In view of this information the majority of respondents we interviewed (65%) agreed UK abortion law is in "urgent need of reform".
- The majority of Reform party members interviewed (58%) support the introduction of a UK heartbeat bill, with support increasing if such a bill includes exceptions for extreme cases.
- Finally, over half of respondents (54%) believe that current UK abortion law is contributing towards the immigration crisis.

QUESTIONS

Question 1:

Did you know that last year we aborted 250,000 unborn babies in the womb, the highest figure on record?

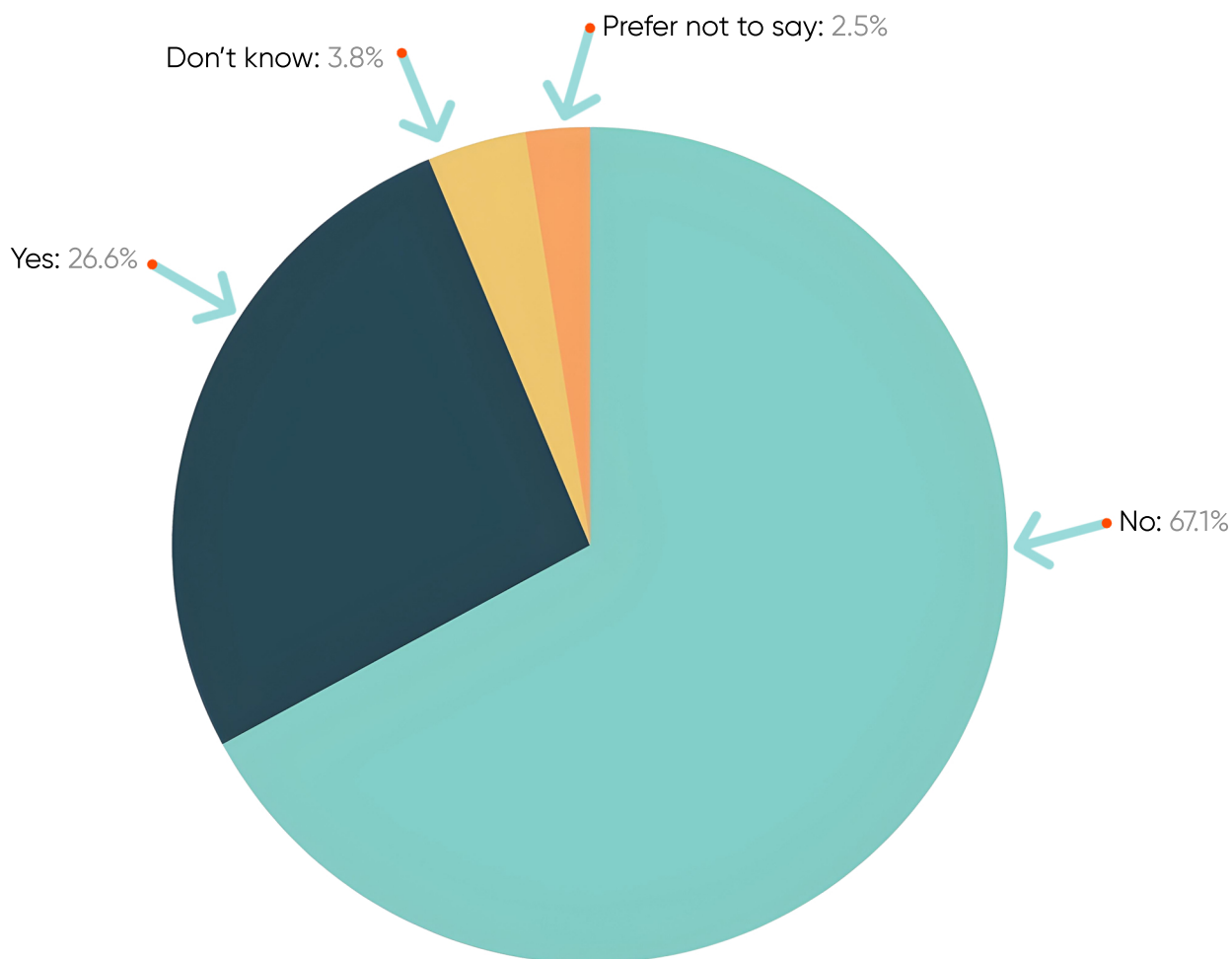


ANALYSIS

The majority of Reform party members we interviewed, like the public at large, seem to be unaware of just how many abortions are taking place each year in the UK.

Question 2:

Were you aware that since abortion was first legalised in 1967 we have aborted over 10 million babies in the UK?

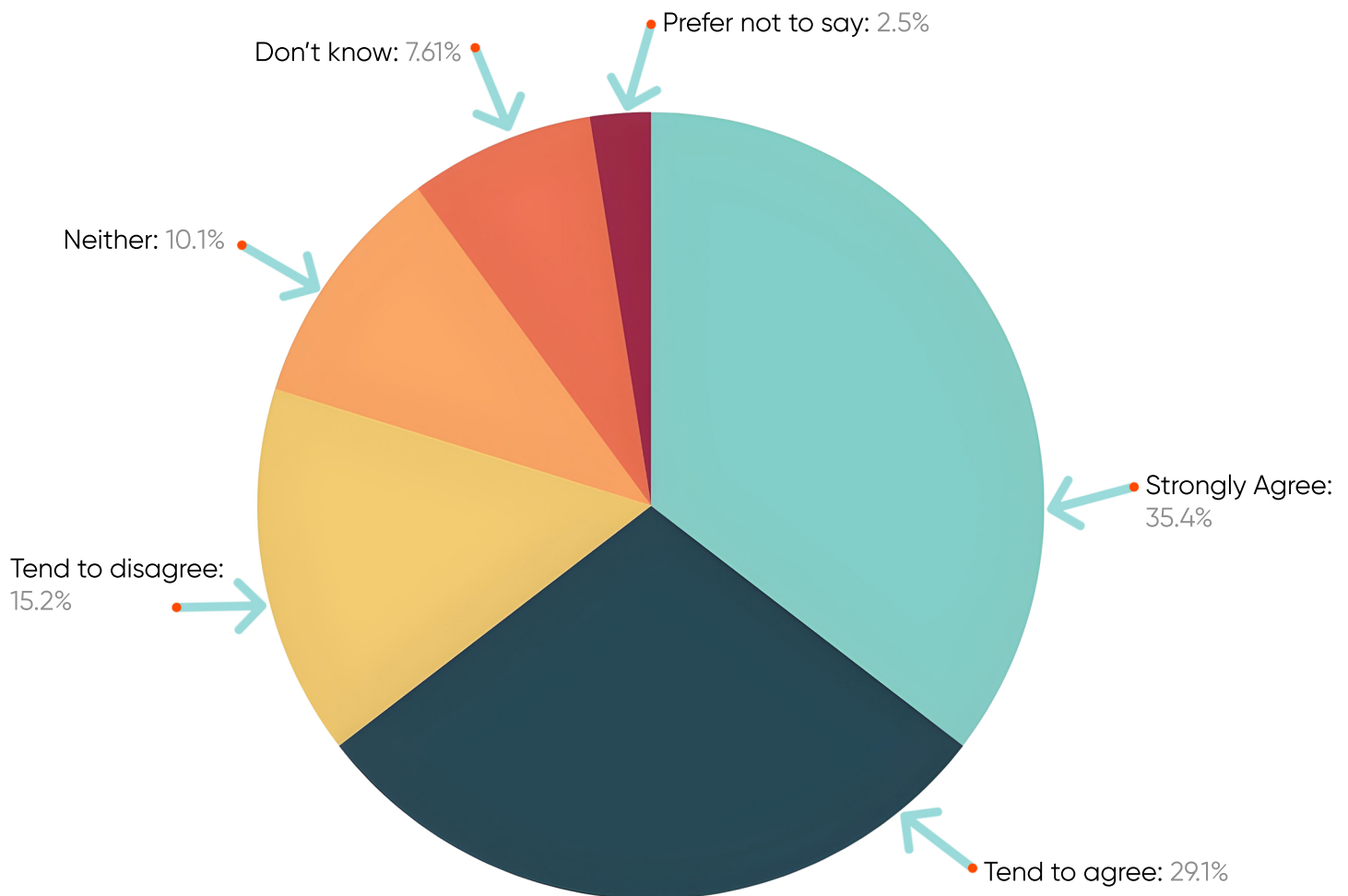


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The majority of Reform party member respondents interviewed, like the public at large, are unaware of the colossal number of abortions that have taken place in the UK since abortion was legalised in 1967. Interestingly there appeared to be more awareness of the gross figure since 1967 than the yearly statistics (5% decrease in uninformed – 7% increase in informed).

Question 3:

In light of this information to what extent do you agree/disagree with the statement: "UK abortion law is in urgent need of reform"



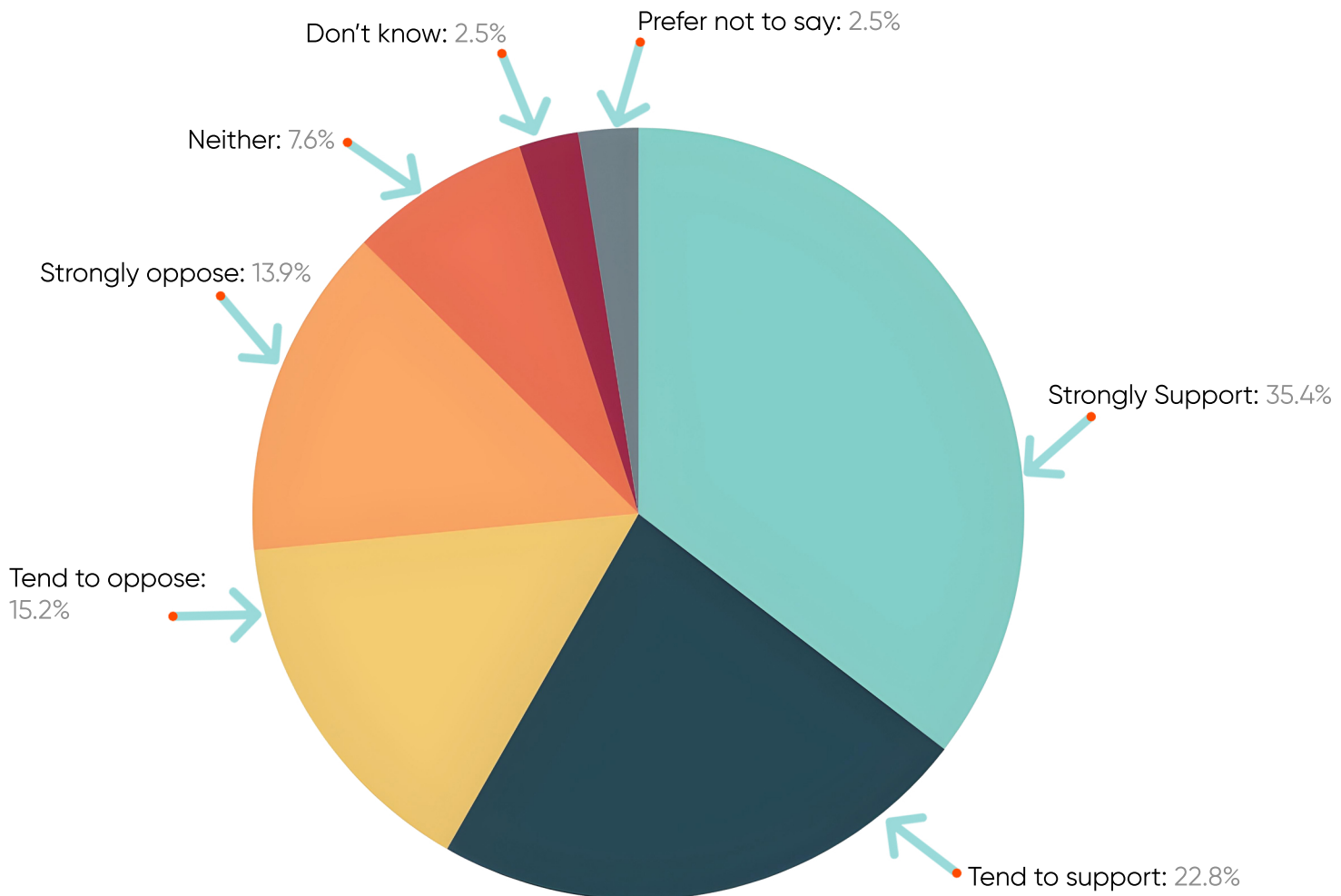
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A strong majority cohort of Reform party members interviewed, tended to agree or strongly agree with the statement "UK abortion law is in urgent need of reform". It is noteworthy that there also remains a significant number -approximately 30%- who disagree with the statement.

*The question unfortunately omitted the option for "strongly disagree" meaning results may be biased and inaccurate. We have included an estimate based on other results.

Question 4:

To what extent would you support a law that protects babies in the womb from abortion once their heart beat can be detected? (i.e from 6 weeks)

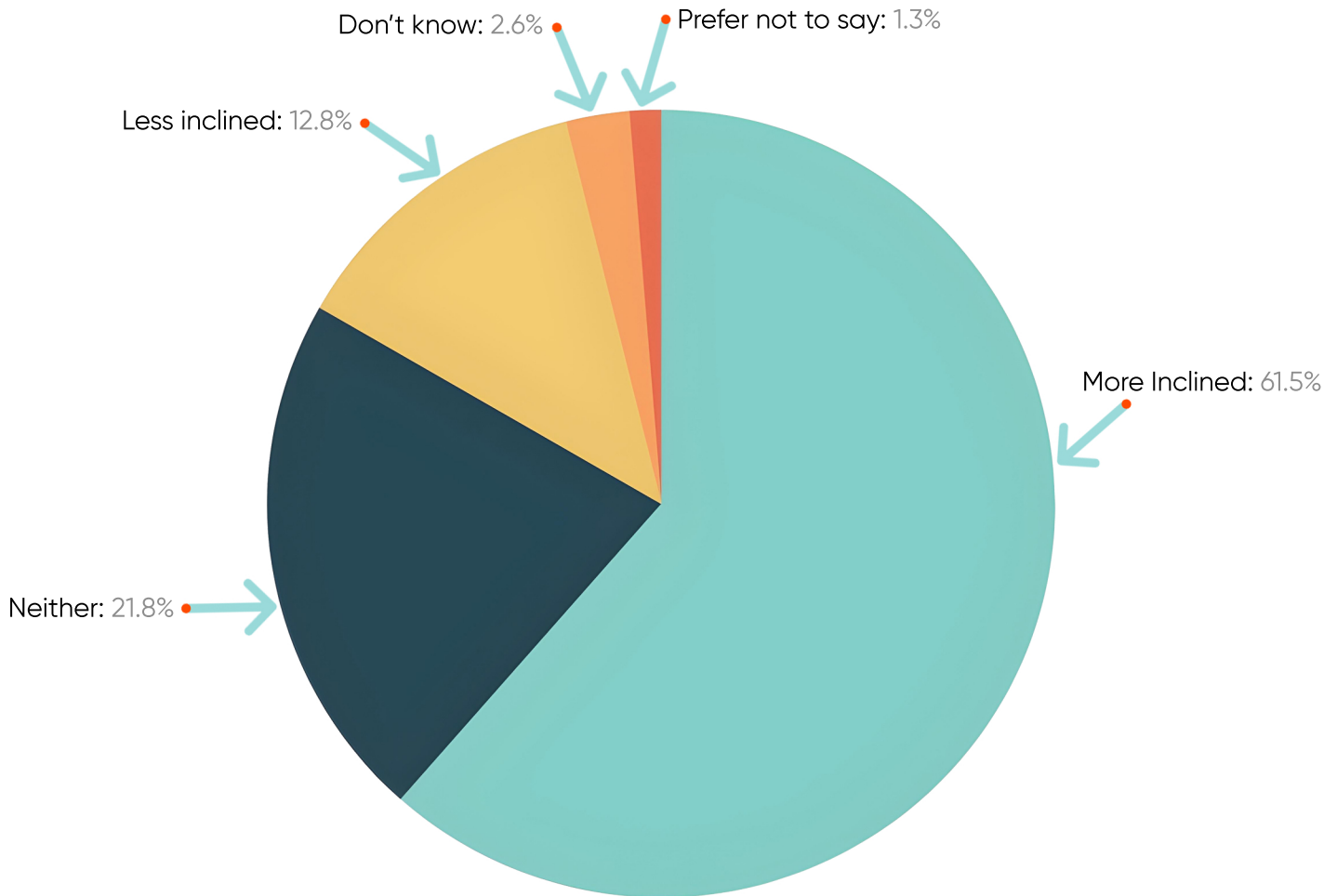


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When presented with one strategy for decreasing the number of abortions in the UK – a UK heartbeat bill – the majority (58%) were supportive of such legislation. A similar number – around one third – expressed resistance to such a bill.

Question 5:

If this law was to include built in exceptions for cases of rape, when the baby has a severe disability or to save the life of the mother, would this make you any more or less inclined to support this law?

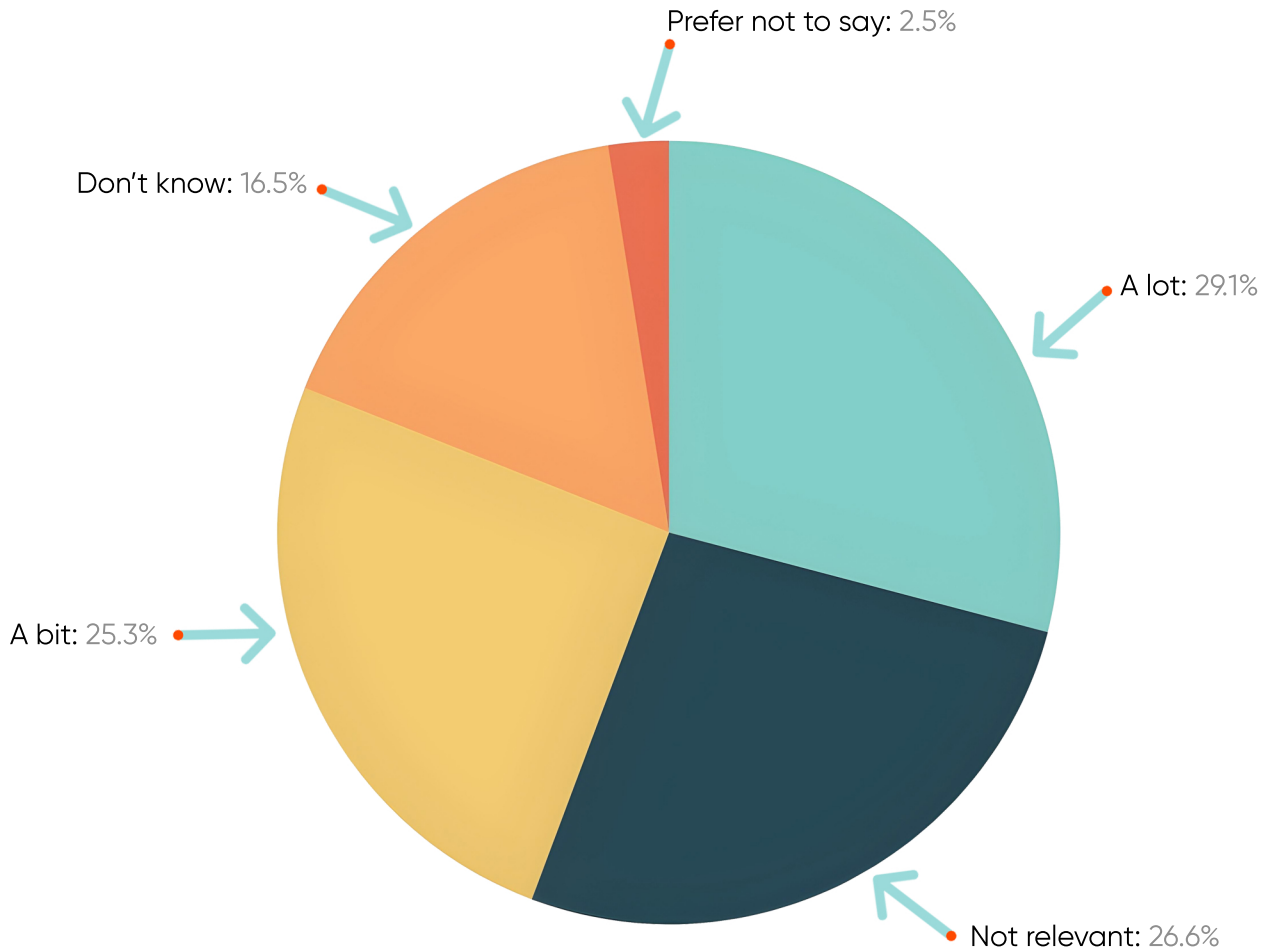


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Clearly for many Reform members, the palatability of such a bill is increased if the bill includes exceptions for extreme cases. For a small group of respondents (12.8%) these exceptions would make them less inclined to support such a bill. It is reasonable to speculate that this may be due to one of two possible reasons. Firstly it could simply be an act of opposition to the whole idea. Secondly it could be that they believe there to be no moral grounds to intentionally kill a baby conceived in rape or if diagnosed with a fatal fetal abnormality. In essence they are against abortion but don't support an incremental approach to decreasing abortion numbers.

Question 6:

To what extent do you think abortion has contributed to our immigration crisis? (NB- UK birth rate is currently 1.49. It needs to be 2.1 to replace our population)



ANALYSIS

A majority (54%) of the Reform party members we interviewed thought there was a link between abortion and immigration, with 29% believing the link was strong. 30% believed such a link was not relevant.

For a party and a leader who said the last election was an "immigration election" it is revealing that increasing numbers within the party not only see a link between the two but also see abortion law reform as part of the solution. With 10 million individuals missing, the impact on society, culture and the economy is 'unimaginable'. As one Reform party member has stated "We will never know how many of those children would have gone on to become GPs, Nurses and many other professionals our nation may be in need of at this time" (Mark Townsend, Rugby Branch).

METHODOLOGY

86 interviews were conducted on a random self selecting basis between 19-21st September 2024, at the last Reform party conference. Of them 6 were non-members and have been excluded from the data set, but are present in the demographic notes. They were conducted in person using an online form. Results have been collated for means of insight and discussion. They are not a representative sample of full party membership, though we would encourage formal research to this end.

Demographic Notes

Gender	
Male	56
Female	30
Reform Party Member	
Yes	80
No	6
Age	
16-17	2
18-24	13
25-34	9
35-44	11
45-54	14
55-64	19
65 Plus	18
Ethnicity	
Asian/Asian British	5
White British	72
White other	2
Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups	3
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British	2
Other ethnic Groups	1
White Irish	1

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