

number who strongly disagree is lower than the norm, 8 percent compared to 9 percent of the total survey, and the number who simply disagree with that number is lower among voters than among the survey; at 14 percent for the survey for those who voted, and 16 percent for all individuals. What about Protestants and Catholics? Shouldn't this explain the biggest exchange of points of view? It certainly seems to have a basis here on the floor. Among Protestants, 27 percent strongly agree, plus 45 percent agree that government should not involve themselves in this decision, about 72 percent all together. Among Catholics it's 14 percent who strongly agree, but 37 percent who do agree, making a total of 51 percent of Catholics who agree to that principle. As far as education goes, the number that has the least support are those who have less than high school, at 21 percent who strongly agree, and 41 percent who agree, that's a total of 62 percent or either agree or strongly agree. The number is higher among college graduates, 65 percent either agree or strongly agree to that principle. The respondents by age do have one distinction here. Now, in Senator Labeledz category, which I believe is...let me not predict here. Among those who are 65 or older, 16 percent strongly agree, 51 percent agree that government should not be in this business, a total of 67 percent. Among young people 28 percent strongly agree, and 39 percent agree, for a total of about 67 percent, and that is somewhat lower than the sum total of the elderly, although they are much stronger in their support for the theory that government should not be involved with the abortion decision. Lastly, with respect to the rural and urban differences in this state. Rural survey respondents indicated that a total of 67 percent either agreed or strongly agreed with the statement that abortion was a private decision. In the urban areas the number is very, very similar, 67 percent. They have a slight variation. The urban voters have a little greater commonness as a strongly agreed respondent rather than a simply agree respondent. In the strongly disagree category the rural population has 9 percent that strongly disagree and that shadows or mirrors the profile of the entire state, in urban areas that number is 11 percent. The sum total from this survey, it seems to me, is two-fold. First, that most Nebraskans, while they may be squeamish, personally uncertain, perhaps personally opposed to abortion, recognize that the personal algebra of determining the right answer is so intricate that it can't really be settled for all people for all circumstances on the floor of the Legislature, that it is a decision which does not admit to legislative standards and, as we know today, legislative