



# World Abortion Policies 2013

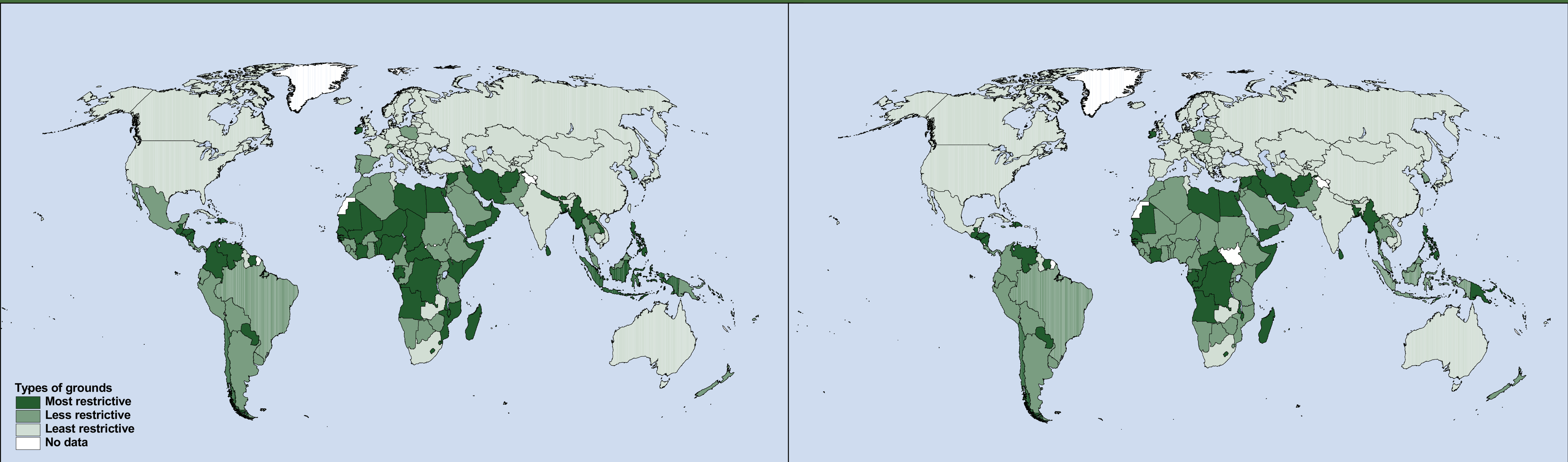
Country or area	Legal grounds on which abortion is permitted (2011)							Abortion rate		Family planning						
	To save a woman's life	To preserve a woman's physical health	To preserve a woman's mental health	In case of rape or incest	Because of foetal impairment	For economic or social reasons	On request	Year	Rate (per 1,000 women aged 15-44)	Government support for family planning	Contraceptive use, all methods/modern methods (percent)	Unmet need (percent)	Total fertility (births per woman) 2010-2015	Maternal mortality ratio (per 100,000 live births) 2010		
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Year	Rate (per 1,000 women aged 15-44)	—	—	—	—	—		
World	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2010	63/57	—	63	12	2.5	210		
More developed regions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2010	72/62	—	9	1.7	1.7	16		
Less developed regions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2010	62/56	—	13	2.6	2.6	240		
Least developed countries	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2010	35/28	—	24	4.1	4.1	430		
Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2010	31/25	—	23	4.4	4.4	460		
Eastern Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2010	33/28	—	26	4.7	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	-	-	-	-	-	-	Direct	2008/09	40/28	19	4.5	240	..		
Malawi <sup>4</sup>	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	Direct	2010	46/42	26	6.0	460	..		
Mauritius <sup>5</sup>	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	Direct	2002	78/39	4 <sup>6</sup>	1.6	50	..		
Mozambique	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	Direct	2011/12	12/11 <sup>7</sup>	..	4.7	490	..		
Rwanda	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	Direct	2010/11	52/44	19	5.3	340	..		
Seychelles	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	Direct	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Somalia <sup>3</sup>	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	Indirect	2006	15/1	..	6.3	1 000	..		
South Sudan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Direct	2006	4/1 <sup>8</sup>	..	..	..	..		
Uganda	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	Direct	2011	30/26 <sup>9</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	-	-	Direct	2010/11	59/57 <sup>1</sup>	..	3.1	570	..		
Middle Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2010	19/8	—	26	5.2	..	..		
Angola <sup>4</sup>	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	Direct	2001	6/5	..	5.1	450	..		
Cameroon	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	Direct	2011	23/14 <sup>1</sup>	..	4.3	690	..		
Central African Republic <sup>5</sup>	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	Indirect	2006	199	..	4.4	890	..		
Chad	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	Direct	2004	3/2	21	5.7	1 100	..		
Congo <sup>2</sup>	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	Direct	2011/12	45/20 <sup>1</sup>	..	4.4	560	..		
Dem. Republic of the Congo <sup>3</sup>	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	Direct	2010	18/6	24 <sup>7</sup>	5.5	540	..		
Equatorial Guinea	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	Direct	2000	10/6	..	5.0	240	..		
Gabon <sup>3</sup>	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	Direct	2000	33/12	28	3.2	230	..		
Sao Tome and Principe <sup>3</sup>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Direct	2008/09	38/33	38	3.5	70	..		
Northern Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2010	54/49	—	15	2.8	..	..		
Algeria	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	Direct	2006	61/52	..	2.1	97	..		
Egypt	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	Direct	2008	60/58	12	2.6	66	..		
Libya	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	-	-	Direct	2010	91/4	29 <sup>1,8</sup>	..	730	..		
Tunisia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2009	2009	60/52 <sup>4</sup>	..	1.9	56	..		
Southern Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2010	62/61	—	14	2.5	..	..		
Botswana	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	Direct	2007/08	53/51 <sup>9</sup>	..	2.6	160	..		
Lesotho	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	X	2010	2010	50/30/4	60/60	14	2.4	300	..	
Swaziland	X	X	X	-	X	-	-	Direct	2010	55/63	18 <sup>7</sup>	3.2	320	..		
Western Asia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	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	X	Direct	2005	61/57	17	2.3	79	..		
Côte d'Ivoire	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	Direct	2006	13/8	..	4.2	400	..		
Gambia <sup>2</sup>	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	Direct	2002	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>1</sup>	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	Direct	2010	14/7	..	4.9	790	..		
Liberia	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	Direct	2007	11/10	36	5.0	770	..		
Mali <sup>3</sup>	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	Direct	2006	8/6	28	6.1	540	..		
Mauritania <sup>1</sup>	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	Direct	2007	9/8 <sup>1</sup>	..	4.4	510	..		
Niger	X	X	X	-	X	-	-	Direct	2006	11/5	16	6.9	590	..		
Nigeria <sup>10</sup>	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	Direct	2005	14/8	19 <sup>1</sup>	5.4	630	..		
Senegal	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	Direct	2010/11	13/12 <sup>1</sup>	..	3.7	370	..		
Sierra Leone <sup>2</sup>	X	X	X	-	X	-	-	Direct	2008	8/6	28	4.7	890	..		
Togo	X	X	-	X	X	-	-	Direct	2010	15/13	31 <sup>1,7</sup>	3.9	300	..		
Asia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2010	67/61	—	11	2.2	150	..		
Eastern Asia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2010	83/81	—	4	1.6	..	..		
China	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2009	19.2	Direct	2006	85/84	..	1.6	37	..
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Direct	2002	69/58 <sup>4</sup>	..	2.0	81	..		
Japan <sup>11</sup>	X	X	-	X	-	X	-	Indirect	2005	54/44 <sup>5</sup>	..	1.4	5	..		
Mongolia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2010	16.9	Direct	2008	55/50	14 <sup>6</sup>	2.4	63	..
Republic of Korea	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	Direct	2009	80/70 <sup>1,8</sup>	..	1.4	16	..		
South-central Asia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2010	22/16 <sup>1</sup>	—	..	2.6	..	..		
Afghanistan	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	Direct	2010	22/16 <sup>1</sup>	..	6.0	460	..		
Bangladesh	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	2000	4.0	Direct	2011/12	61/52 <sup>1</sup>	12 <sup>1</sup>	2.2	240	..
Bhutan	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	Direct	2010	66/65	12 <sup>1</sup>	2.3	180	..		
India	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	2010	2.2	Direct	2007/08	55/48	21	2.5	200	..
Iran (Islamic Republic of) <sup>1</sup>	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	No support	2002	73/59 <sup>9</sup>	..	1.6	21	..		
Kazakhstan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2010	27.4	Indirect	2006	51/49	..	2.5	51	..
Kyrgyzstan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2010	10.8	Direct	2005/06	48/46	..	2.6	71	..
Maldives	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	Direct	2009	35/27	29	1.7	60	..		
Nepal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2005	5.0	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	-	-	-	-	-	-	Direct	2006/07	68/53 <sup>15</sup>	7 <sup>15</sup>	2.2	35	..		
Tajikistan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2009	6.1	Direct	2007	37/32	..	3.2	65	..
Turkmenistan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2009	9.4	Indirect	2000	62/45 <sup>5</sup>	10	2.3	67	..
Uzbekistan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2010	5.6	Direct	2006	65/59	..	2.3	28	..
Southeastern Asia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2010	62/56	—	14	2.1	..	..		
Brunei Darussalam	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	No support	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Cambodia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Direct	2010/11	51/35 <sup>1</sup>	24	2.4	250	..		
Indonesia	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	Direct	2007	61/57	13	2.1	220	..		
Lao People's Dem. Republic	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	-	-	-	-	-	-	Direct	2009/10	46/46 <sup>5</sup>	..	1.9	200	..		
Philippines <sup>3</sup>	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	Direct	2011	49/36	..	3.1	99	..		
Singapore	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2010	10.8	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	-	-	-	-	-	-	Direct	2009/10	22/21	32	5.9	300	..		
Viet Nam	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Direct	2010/11	78/60	4 <sup>7</sup>	1.7	59	..		
Western Asia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2010	58/38	—	17	2.8	..	..		
Armenia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2010	16.9	Indirect	2010	55/27 <sup>1</sup>	..	1.7	30	..
Azerbaijan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2010	11.4	Direct	2006	51/13	15	2.1	43	..
Bahrain	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2002	11.1	Direct	1995	62/31 <sup>1,7</sup>	..	2.4	20	..
Cyprus	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	Direct	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Georgia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2010	26.5	Direct	2005	47/27 <sup>9</sup>	16 <sup>9,9</sup>	4.5	67	..
Iraq	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	Direct	2011	51/33 <sup>1</sup>	..	1.5	63	..		
Israel	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	2010	12.5	Indirect	1987/88	88/52 <sup>1</sup>	..	2.9	7	..
Jordan	X	X	X	-	X	-	-	Direct	2009	59/41	13	2.9	63	..		
Kuwait	X	X	X	-	X	-	-	Direct	1999	52/39 <sup>1,7</sup>	..	2.3	14	..		
Lebanon	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	Direct	2004	58/34	..	1.8	25	..		
Oman	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	Direct	2000	3						



# Types of legal grounds on which abortion is permitted

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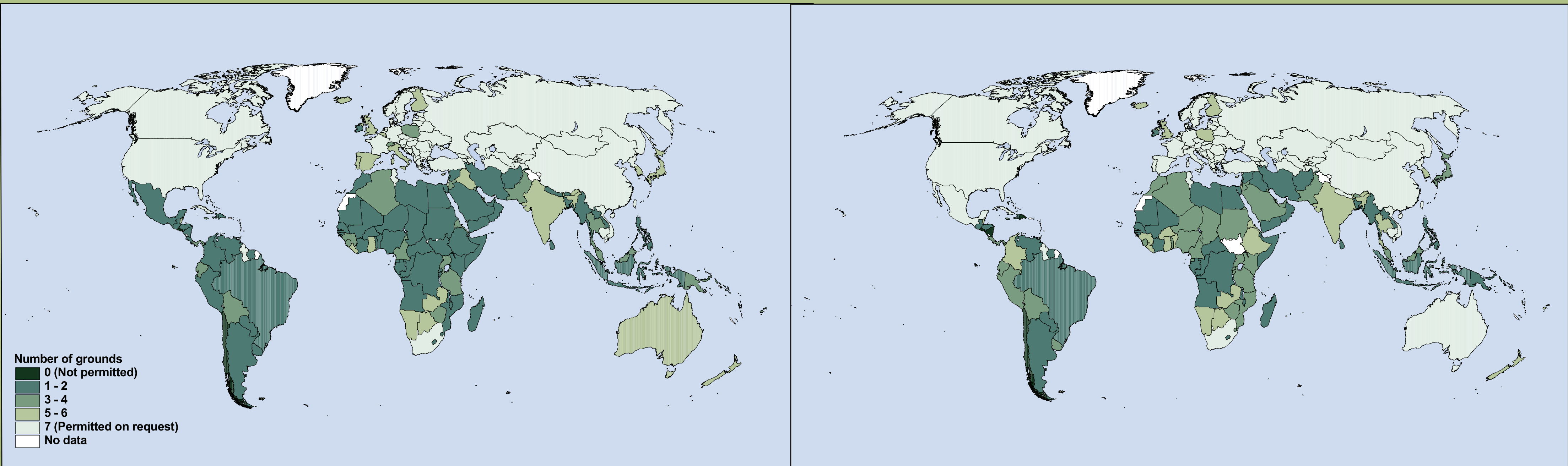
Most restrictive: Countries that do not permit abortion on any ground or permit abortion only to save a woman's life; Less restrictive: Countries that permit abortion to preserve a woman's physical or mental health, or in case of rape or incest, or because of foetal impairment, but that do not allow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