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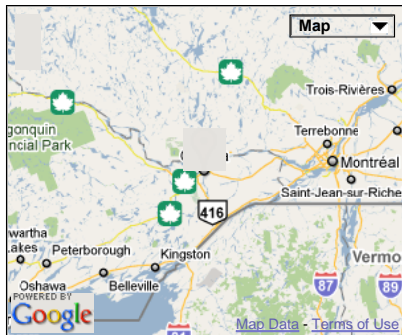
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## Surveys: Majority Of Canadians Favor Funding Abortions For Maternal Health Initiative

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Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (AHN) - Two recent surveys among Canadians found out that majority of residents favor funding abortions in the international maternal health initiative being pushed by Canada in the forthcoming G8 Summit.

In the Ipsos Reid poll, 56 percent of the survey respondents said they favored funding abortions. In the Nanos Research survey, 68 percent of the respondents said women in other countries who receive Canadian aid should have the same access

to safe abortion as Canadian women get.

The survey results are opposite the view of Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who have excluded abortion funding in the maternal health initiative the G8 Summit in Muskoka will discuss. Harper explained he would rather providing Canadian funding on initiatives that would not divide Canadians.

Canadians from the Atlantic side, British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario are usually in favor of abortion, while residents of Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta are generally on the opposite side. Despite this divide, Nanos Research said majority support for abortion access in Canada crosses geographic and party lines, age groups and gender.

Data from the United Nations said that 99 percent of 500,000 women from developing nations die yearly from complications related to pregnancy and childbirth.

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