

Evaluating the Mexico City Policy

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The Mexico City Policy

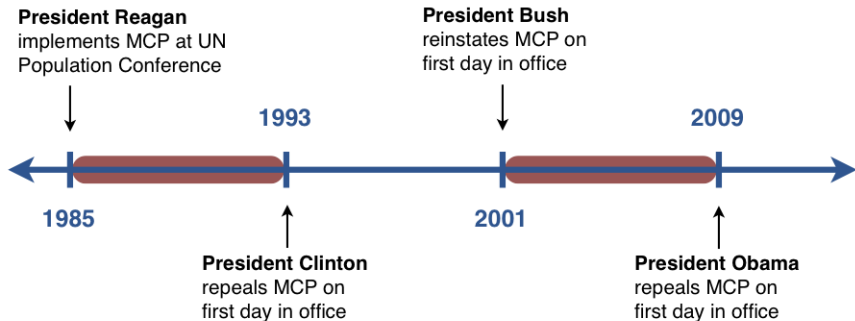
**“Attempts to use abortion ...
in family planning must be shunned.”**

The U.S. will not contribute to NGOs that perform or actively promote abortion in other nations.

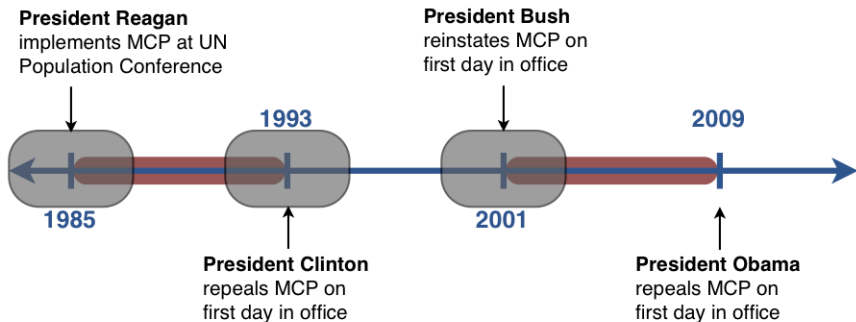
Promoting abortion includes:

- ▶ Lobbying for safe abortion legalization
- ▶ Education or Counseling about abortion options

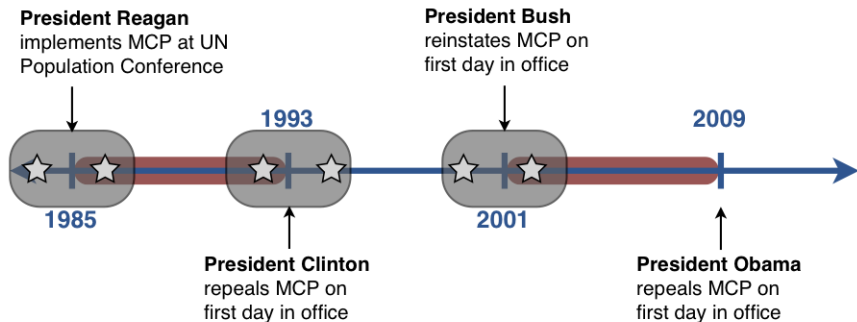
Policy Timing



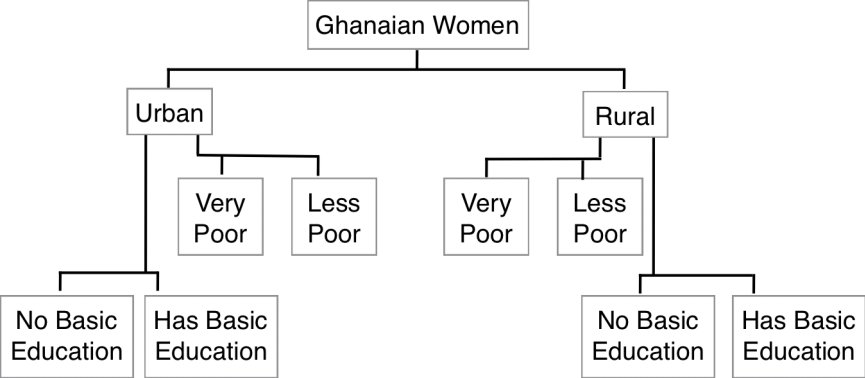
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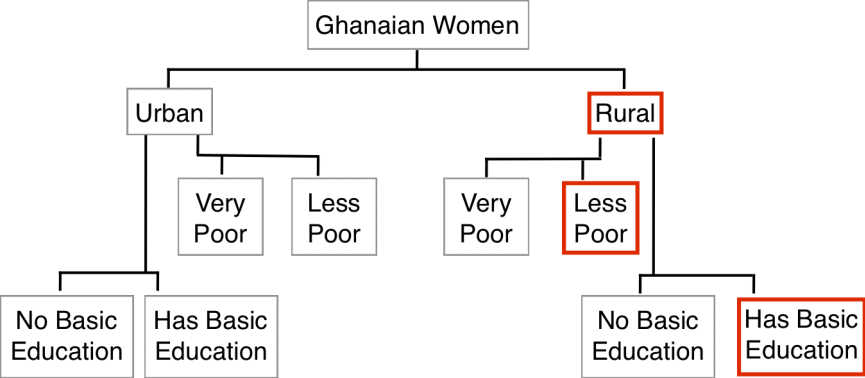
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Demographic Sub-groups

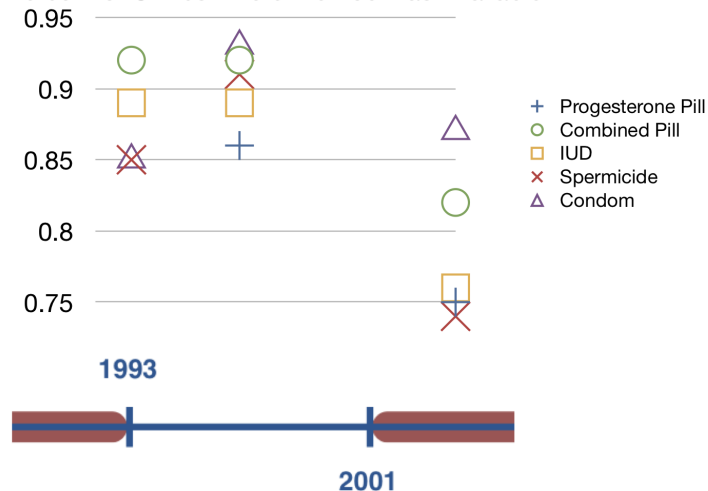


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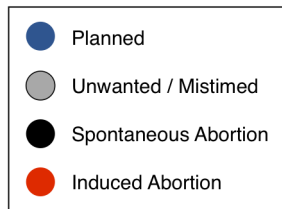
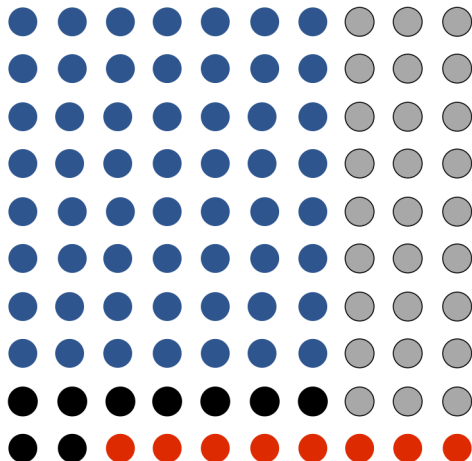


Availability of Contraceptives

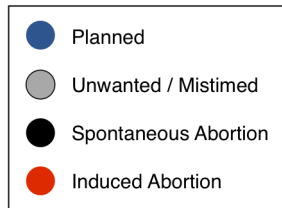
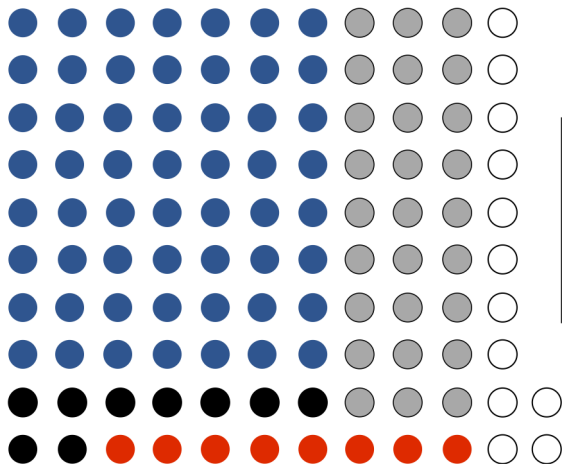
Percent of Clinics where Method was Available



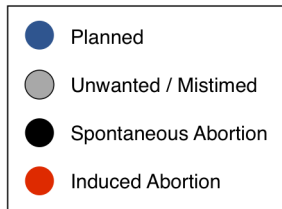
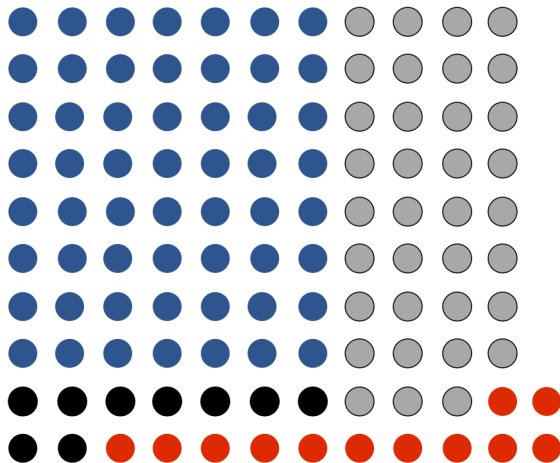
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Summary of Effects

No sub-groups show significant decrease in abortion

In rural Ghana alone, policy resulted in

- ▶ 250,000 to 500,000 additional unwanted births
- ▶ 75,000 to 120,000 additional abortions

