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**COMPARISON OF ATTITUDES TOWARDS ABORTION BETWEEN POST-COMMUNIST  
AND POST-INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES**

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This paper seeks to examine the distribution and correlates of attitudes towards abortion between post-industrial and post-communist countries. It starts out by explaining the relevance and significance of the present study in the introduction section. It then summarizes existing literature on abortion attitudes in post-industrial democracies and moves to outline conceptual problems of applying Western methodology within and Eastern European context. The hypotheses derived from the review of literature are then be tested in a regression model that aims to examine and juxtapose the effects of abortion correlates in six post-industrial democracies and six post-communist countries. Results indicate that the correlates of abortion in post-industrial democracies are not the same as those in post-communist countries. Attitudes towards gender and religion have a different effect in post-communist and post-industrial countries. Attitudes towards sexuality are related to abortion attitudes in post-industrial countries but not in post-communist countries. The paper provides a brief discussion the conclusions that can be drawn and avenues for future research.