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Same-Sex Marriage, Gay Rights

CNN/Opinion Research Corporation Poll. May 14-17, 2009. N=1,010 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Do you think gays and lesbians have a constitutional right to get married and have their marriage recognized by law as valid?"

	Yes %	No %	Unsure %
5/14-17/09	45	54	1

FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll. May 12-13, 2009. N=900 registered voters nationwide. MoE ± 3.

LV = likely voters. Except where noted, results below are among registered voters.

"Do you believe gays and lesbians should be allowed to get legally married, allowed a legal partnership similar to but not called marriage, or should there be no legal recognition given to gay and lesbian relationships?"

	Legally Married %	Legal Partnership %	No Legal Recognition %	Unsure %
5/12-13/09	33	33	29	5
11/4-5/06 LV	30	30	32	7
6/13-14/06	27	25	39	8
5/04	25	26	40	9
3/04	20	33	40	7

"In general, do you think straight people in your community who have traditional religious values are tolerant of gays and lesbians and their beliefs, or not? . . ."

	Very Tolerant %	Somewhat Tolerant %	Somewhat Intolerant %	Very Intolerant %	Unsure %
5/12-13/09	22	45	14	14	6

"In general, do you think gays and lesbians in your community are tolerant of straight people who have traditional religious values and their beliefs, or not? . . ."

	Very Tolerant %	Somewhat Tolerant %	Somewhat Intolerant %	Very Intolerant %	Unsure %
5/12-13/09	32	35	10	9	13

USA Today/Gallup Poll. May 7-10, 2009. N=1,015 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Do you think marriages between same-sex couples should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?"

Should	Should Not	Unsure
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	%	%	%
5/7-10/09	40	57	4
5/8-11/08	40	56	4
5/10-13/07	46	53	1
5/8-11/06	42	56	2

"Just your best guess, do you think that allowing two people of the same sex to legally marry will change our society for the better, will it have no effect, or will it change our society for the worse?"

Options rotated

	Better %	No Effect %	Worse %	Unsure %
5/7-10/09	13	36	48	2
9/19-21/03	10	40	48	2

"Do you favor or oppose allowing openly gay men and lesbian women to serve in the military?"

	Favor %	Oppose %	Unsure %
5/7-10/09	69	26	6
11/19-21/04	63	32	5

Quinnipiac University Poll. April 21-27, 2009. N=2,041 registered voters nationwide. MoE ± 2.2.

"Would you support or oppose a law in your state that would allow same-sex couples to get married?"

	Support %	Oppose %	Unsure %
4/21-27/09	38	55	7

"Would you support or oppose a law in your state that would allow civil unions for same-sex couples?"

	Support %	Oppose %	Unsure %
4/21-27/09	57	38	5

"Do you think same-sex couples should be allowed legally to marry, should be allowed legally to form civil unions but not marry, or should not be allowed to obtain legal recognition of their relationships?"

	Legally Marry %	Form Civil Unions %	No Legal Recognition %	Unsure %
4/21-27/09	33	26	34	6
7/8-13/08	32	33	29	6

"Under current federal law states can refuse to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states. Do you think this law should remain in existence or not?"

	Should %	Should Not %	Unsure %
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4/21-27/09

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"Under current federal law spouses in same-sex marriages are denied eligibility for federal benefits. Do you think this law should remain in existence or not?"

	Should %	Should Not %	Unsure %
4/21-27/09	39	54	7

"Some people say that same-sex marriage is a threat to traditional marriage between a man and woman. Do you agree or disagree?"

	Agree %	Disagree %	Unsure %
4/21-27/09	39	58	3

"Some people say that not allowing same-sex couples to get married is discrimination. Do you agree or disagree?"

	Agree %	Disagree %	Unsure %
4/21-27/09	45	51	3

"Who do you think should decide whether same-sex couples should be allowed to get married: your state legislature or your state courts?"

	Legislature %	Courts %	Both (vol.) %	Neither (vol.) %	Unsure %
4/21-27/09	43	25	5	16	12

"Do you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to adopt children?"

	Support %	Oppose %	Unsure %
4/21-27/09	53	40	6

"Federal law currently prohibits openly gay men and women from serving in the military. Do you think this law should be repealed or not?"

	Should %	Should Not %	Unsure %
4/21-27/09	56	37	7

"Some people say that not allowing openly gay men and women to serve in the military is discrimination. Do you agree or disagree?"

	Agree %	Disagree %	Unsure %
4/21-27/09	60	36	4

"Some people say that allowing openly gay men and women to serve in the military would be divisive for the troops and hurt their ability to fight effectively. Do you agree or disagree?"

	Agree %	Disagree %	Unsure %
4/21-27/09	35	58	7

"In your opinion, what causes someone to be gay or lesbian? Do you believe that people are born gay or lesbian, or that people become gay or lesbian because of the way they are brought up, or is it just the way that some people choose to live?"

	Born %	Brought Up %	Choose %	Unsure %
4/21-27/09	42	6	36	16

"Do you have close friends or close relatives who are gay or lesbian?"

	Yes %	No %	Unsure %
4/21-27/09	63	34	3

"In general, do you think government is paying too much, too little, or about the right amount of attention to the needs of gays and lesbians?"

	Too Much %	Too Little %	About Right %	Unsure %
4/21-27/09	41	22	26	11

"In general, do you think society is paying too much, too little, or about the right amount of attention to the needs of gays and lesbians?"

	Too Much %	Too Little %	About Right %	Unsure %
4/21-27/09	49	21	22	8

"Some people say that ending discrimination against gay men and women is as necessary today as ending discrimination against blacks was in the 1960s. Do you agree or disagree?"

	Agree %	Disagree %	Unsure %
4/21-27/09	44	50	6

CNN/Opinion Research Corporation Poll. April 23-26, 2009. Adults nationwide.

"Do you think marriages between gay and lesbian couples should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?" N=1,005 (Form A), MoE ± 3

	Should %	Should Not %	Unsure %
4/23-26/09	44	54	2
12/19-21/08	44	55	1
6/26-29/08	44	53	3

"If a state's government does not legally recognize marriages between gays or lesbians, do you think that state should or should not allow gay and lesbian couples to form civil unions which would give them some of the legal rights of married couples?" N=1,005 (Form A), MoE ± 3

	Should %	Should Not %	Unsure %
4/23-26/09	60	38	2

"Do you favor or oppose the policy sometimes called 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' in which the U.S. military does not ask new recruits whether they are gay or lesbian, but prohibits gays and lesbians from serving in the military if they reveal their sexual orientation?" N=1,014 (Form B), MoE ± 3

	Favor %	Oppose %	Unsure %
4/23-26/09	48	47	5

"Do you happen to have a family member or close friend who is gay or lesbian?" N=2,019, MoE ± 2

	Yes %	No %
4/23-26/09	49	51
8/6-8/07	45	55

CBS News/New York Times Poll. April 22-26, 2009. N=973 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3 (for all adults).

"Which comes closest to your view? Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry. OR, Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry. OR, There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship."

	Legal Marriage %	Civil Unions %	No Legal Recognition %	Unsure %
4/22-26/09	42	25	28	5
Republicans	18	31	49	2
Democrats	52	22	21	5
Independents	43	26	25	6
3/12-16/09	33	27	35	5
Republicans	6	34	59	1
Democrats	46	23	26	5
Independents	37	26	30	7
5/30 - 6/3/08	30	28	36	6
Republicans	14	32	50	4
Democrats	36	27	32	5
Independents	34	26	31	9
3/7-11/07	28	32	35	5
10/27-31/06	28	29	38	5
6/06	27	30	40	3
2/24-28/05	23	34	41	2
11/18-21/04	21	32	44	3
7/11-15/04	28	31	38	3
5/20-23/04	28	29	40	3
3/10-14/04	22	33	40	5

ABC News/Washington Post Poll. April 21-24, 2009. N=1,072 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Do you think it should be legal or illegal for gay and lesbian / homosexual couples to get married?"

2009: "gay and lesbian" asked of half the sample; "homosexual" asked of half the sample. 2005: "gay and lesbian." Other years: "homosexual."

	Legal %	Illegal %	Unsure %
4/21-24/09	49	46	5
5/31 - 6/4/06	36	58	5
8/25-28/05	39	58	3
3/4-7/04	38	59	3
2/18-22/04	39	55	6
1/15-18/04	41	55	4

"If a gay or lesbian couple gets legally married in another state, do you think that marriage should or should not be recognized as legal in your state?"

	Should %	Should Not %	Unsure %
4/21-24/09	53	43	4

CBS News Poll. March 12-16, 2009. N=1,142 adults nationwide. MoE \pm 3 (for all adults).

"Which comes closest to your view? Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry. OR, Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry. OR, There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship."

	Legal Marriage %	Civil Unions %	No Legal Recognition %	Unsure %
3/12-16/09	33	27	35	5
Republicans	6	34	59	1
Democrats	46	23	26	5
Independents	37	26	30	7
18-45 years old	41	23	32	
45-64	29	32	35	
65 & older	18	27	47	
Men	27	28	42	
Women	38	26	30	

CNN/Opinion Research Corporation Poll. Dec. 19-21, 2008. N=1,013 adults nationwide. MoE \pm 3.

"Do you think marriages between gay and lesbian couples should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?"

	Should %	Should Not %	Unsure %
12/19-21/08	44	55	1

"Do you think marriages between gay and lesbian couples should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?" If yes: "Do you think gays and lesbians do or do not have a constitutional right to get married and have their marriage recognized by law as valid?"

	Valid -- Constitutional Right %	Valid -- No Constitutional Right %	Should Not Be Recognized As Valid %	Unsure %
12/19-21/08	39	5	55	1

"Do you think people who are openly gay or homosexual should or should not be allowed to serve in the U.S. military?"

	Should %	Should Not %	Unsure %
12/19-21/08	81	17	1
5/4-6/07	79	18	3

Newsweek Poll conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates International. Dec. 3-4, 2008. N=1,006 adults nationwide. MoE \pm 3.7.

"Now I have a few questions about the situation for gay men and women in this country and the issue of gay rights. Do you think there should or should NOT be [see below]?"

	Should %	Should Not %	Unsure %
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"Legally-sanctioned gay and lesbian unions or partnerships"

12/3-4/08	55	36	9
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"Legally-sanctioned gay and lesbian marriages"

12/3-4/08	39	55	6
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"Adoption rights for gays and lesbians so they can legally adopt children"

12/3-4/08	53	39	8
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"Inheritance rights for gay and lesbian domestic partners"

12/3-4/08	74	20	6
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"Social Security benefits for gay and lesbian domestic partners"

12/3-4/08	67	27	6
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"Health insurance and other employee benefits for gay and lesbian domestic partners"

12/3-4/08	73	23	4
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"Hospital visitation rights for gay and lesbian domestic partners"

12/3-4/08	86	10	4
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"Gays and lesbians serving openly in the military"

12/3-4/08	66	29	5
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"Equal rights for gays and lesbians in terms of job opportunities"

12/3-4/08	87	10	3
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"Equal rights for gays and lesbians in terms of housing"

12/3-4/08	82	13	5
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"Thinking again about legal rights for gay and lesbian couples, which of the following comes CLOSEST to your position on this issue? Do you support FULL marriage rights for same-sex couples, OR support civil unions or partnerships for same-sex couples, BUT NOT full marriage rights, OR do you oppose ANY legal recognition for same-sex couples?"

	Marriage Rights %	Civil Unions/ Partnerships %	No Legal Recognition %	Unsure %
12/3-4/08	31	32	30	7

(If support full marriage rights on preceding question: "Even though you told me you favor full marriage rights for same-sex couples, I need to ask everyone the following question. . . .")

"Would you favor or oppose an amendment to the U.S. constitution that would BAN gay marriage IN ALL STATES?"

	Favor %	Oppose %	Unsure %
12/3-4/08	43	52	5

"Gay marriage can also be an issue at the state level. Suppose YOUR STATE held an election where you could vote for or against an amendment to the state constitution that would ban gay marriage. Would you be more likely to vote 'yes' in favor of OR 'no' against a ban on gay marriage in your state?"

	Yes, Favor Ban %	No, Against Ban %	Unsure %
12/3-4/08	45	49	6

"Now thinking about marriage more generally: Some people think of marriage mostly as a legal matter and others think of it mostly as a religious matter. Do you personally think of marriage mostly as a legal matter, or mostly as a religious matter?"

	Mostly Legal %	Mostly Religious %	Both Equally (vol.) %	Unsure %
12/3-4/08	30	41	25	4

"How much, if at all, do your religious beliefs determine your views on the issue of gay marriage? Are your religious beliefs very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important in determining your views on gay marriage?"

	Very Important %	Somewhat Important %	Not Too Important %	Not at All Important %	Unsure %
12/3-4/08	41	21	11	23	4

"Suppose a gay or lesbian couple are legally married and have a child through assisted reproductive technology. If the couple gets divorced, how do you think the law should deal with disputes over child custody? Should the gay partner who is NOT the child's biological parent have custody rights, such as visitation and a role in making decisions about the child's upbringing, or not?"

	Should Have Rights %	Should Not Have Rights %	Unsure %
12/3-4/08	63	19	18

Time Poll conducted by Abt SRBI. July 31-Aug. 4, 2008. N=808 likely voters nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Should gay and lesbian couples be allowed to marry, giving them full legal rights of married couples, or not?"

	Should %	Should Not %	No Answer/ Unsure %
7/31 - 8/4/08	47	47	7
6/18-25/08	42	51	7

"Do you favor or oppose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would ban same-sex couples from getting married?"

	Favor %	Oppose %	No Answer/ Unsure %
7/31 - 8/4/08	35	58	7
6/18-25/08	36	58	6

"What if a presidential candidate took a position on gay marriage that was different from your own? Would you still consider voting for him because of his position on other issues, or would you not vote for him under any circumstances?"

	Still Consider %	Not Vote For %	No Answer/ Unsure %
7/31 - 8/4/08	72	22	6
6/18-25/08	72	22	6

ABC News/Washington Post Poll. July 10-13, 2008. N=1,119 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3. Fieldwork by TNS.

"Do you think homosexuals who do NOT publicly disclose their sexual orientation should be allowed to serve in the military or not?"

	Should Be Allowed %	Should Not Be %	Unsure %
7/10-13/08	78	18	5
1/01	75	22	3
5/93	63	35	2

"Do you think homosexuals who DO publicly disclose their sexual orientation should be allowed to serve in the military or not?"

	Should Be Allowed %	Should Not Be %	Unsure %
7/10-13/08	75	22	3
1/01	62	35	3
5/93	44	55	2

Quinnipiac University Poll. July 8-13, 2008. N=1,783 registered voters nationwide. MoE ± 2.3.

"In general, do you support or oppose same-sex marriage?"

	Support %	Oppose %	Unsure %
7/8-13/08	36	55	9

"Do you think states should give legal recognition to same-sex marriages performed in other states or not?"

	Should %	Should Not %	Unsure %
7/8-13/08	44	50	6

"Would you support or oppose a law in your state that would ban same-sex marriage?"

	Support %	Oppose %	Unsure %
7/8-13/08	45	49	6

"Would you support or oppose amending the United States Constitution to ban same-sex marriage?"

	Support %	Oppose %	Unsure %
7/8-13/08	38	56	6
11/13-19/06	43	53	4
12/7-12/04	43	53	4
7/18-22/04	39	55	6
3/16-22/04	41	51	8

Pew Research Center survey conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates International. June 18-29, 2008. N=2,004 adults nationwide. MoE \pm 2.5.

"Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally?"

	Favor %	Oppose %	Unsure %
6/18-29/08	40	52	8
5/21-25/08	38	49	13

Newsweek Poll conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates International. June 18-19, 2008. N=896 registered voters nationwide. MoE \pm 4 (for all registered voters).

"There has been much talk recently about whether states should give gay and lesbian couples the legal right to marry. Which of the following comes CLOSEST to your position on this issue? Do you support FULL marriage rights for same-sex couples, OR support civil unions or partnerships for same-sex couples, BUT NOT full marriage rights, OR do you oppose ANY legal recognition for same-sex couples?"

	Full Marriage Rights %	Civil Unions/ Partnerships %	No Legal Recognition %	Unsure %
ALL reg. voters	30	27	37	6
Republicans	12	28	55	5
Democrats	42	23	28	7
Independents	30	33	32	5

Pew Research Center survey conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates International. May 21-25, 2008. N=1,505 adults nationwide. MoE \pm 3. July 2006 survey conducted by SRBI.

"Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into legal agreements with each other that would give them many of the same rights as married couples?"

	Favor %	Oppose %	Unsure %
5/21-25/08	51	41	8
7/6-19/06	54	42	4
7/13-17/05	53	40	7
8/5-10/04	48	45	7
7/04	49	43	8
3/04	49	44	7
10/03	45	47	8

Gallup Poll. May 8-11, 2008. N=1,017 adults nationwide. MoE \pm 3 (for all adults).

"As you may know, there has been considerable discussion in the news regarding the rights of homosexual men and women. In general, do you think homosexuals should or should not have equal rights in terms of job opportunities?"

Should %	Should Not %	Depends (vol.) %	Unsure %
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5/8-11/08	89	8	1	1
5/10-13/07	89	8	1	2
5/8-11/06	89	9	1	1
6/17-20/77	56	33	-	11

"Do you feel that homosexuality should be considered an acceptable alternative lifestyle or not?"

	Acceptable %	Not Acceptable %	Unsure %
5/8-11/08	57	40	3
9/7-8/07	48	46	6
5/10-13/07	57	39	3
5/8-11/06	54	41	4
5/2-5/05	51	45	4
5/2-4/04	54	42	4
6/25-28/82	34	51	15

"Do you think marriages between same-sex couples should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?" N=513, MoE ± 5 (Form A)

	Should %	Should Not %	Unsure %
5/8-11/08	40	56	4
5/10-13/07	46	53	1
5/8-11/06	42	56	2

"Would you favor or oppose a constitutional amendment that would define marriage as being between a man and a woman, thus barring marriages between gay or lesbian couples?" N=504, MoE ± 5 (Form B)

	Favor %	Oppose %	Unsure %
5/8-11/08	49	48	3
5/8-11/06	50	47	3
4/29 - 5/1/05	53	44	3
3/18-20/05	57	37	6
7/19-21/04	48	46	6
5/2-4/04	51	45	4
3/5-7/04	50	45	5
2/9-12/04	53	44	3
2/6-8/04	47	47	6
7/03	50	45	5

"Thinking about how the gay marriage issue might affect your vote for major offices, would you only vote for a candidate who shares your views on gay marriage, consider a candidate's position on gay marriage as just one of many important factors when voting, or would you not see gay marriage as a major issue?" Options rotated

	Must Share Views %	One of Many Factors %	Not a Major Issue %	Unsure %
5/8-11/08	16	49	33	2
5/2-4/04	16	46	35	3

ABC News/Facebook poll. Dec. 16-19, 2007. N=1,142 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3. Fieldwork by TNS.

"Do you think homosexual couples should or should not be allowed to form legally recognized civil unions, giving them the legal rights of married couples in areas such as health insurance, inheritance and pension coverage?"

Should %	Should Not %	Unsure %
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12/16-19/07	54	43	4
5/31 - 6/4/06	45	48	7
3/4-7/04	51	46	3
2/18-22/04	45	48	7
1/15-18/04	46	51	4
9/03	40	51	9

Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg Poll. Oct. 19-22, 2007. N=1,039 registered voters nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Which of the following statements comes closest to your view? Same-sex couples should be allowed to legally marry. OR, Same-sex couples should be allowed to legally form civil unions, but not marry. OR, Same -sex couples should not be allowed to either marry or form civil unions."

	Marry	Form Civil Unions	Neither	Unsure
	%	%	%	%
10/19-22/07	30	26	38	6

CNN/Opinion Research Corporation Poll. Oct. 12-14, 2007. N=1,212 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Do you think marriages between homosexuals should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?"

	Should	Should Not	Unsure
	%	%	%
10/12-14/07	40	56	3
8/6-8/07	40	57	3

USA Today/Gallup Poll. Sept. 7-8, 2007. N=1,028 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Do you think that homosexual couples should be legally permitted to adopt children?"

	Yes	No	Unsure
	%	%	%
9/7-8/07	46	50	4

CNN/Opinion Research Corporation Poll. Aug. 6-8, 2007. N=1,029 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Do you favor or oppose the plan in which the U.S. military does not ask new recruits whether they are homosexual, but would still prohibit homosexuals from serving if they reveal their sexual orientation?"

	Favor	Oppose	Unsure
	%	%	%
8/6-8/07	38	57	6

Gallup Poll. May 10-13, 2007. N=1,003 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Now, thinking about what have been called 'hate crimes' -- those crimes committed because the criminal hates the group of people to which the victim belongs. As you may know, federal law currently allows prosecution of hate crimes committed on the basis of the victim's race, color, religion or national origin. Do you favor or oppose these laws?"

	Favor	Oppose	Unsure
	%	%	%
5/10-13/07	78	18	4

"There is a proposal to expand federal hate crime laws to include crimes committed on the basis of the victim's gender, sexual orientation or gender identity. Would you favor or oppose expanding the federal hate crime laws in this way?"

	Favor %	Oppose %	Unsure %
5/10-13/07	68	27	5

CNN/Opinion Research Corporation Poll. May 4-6, 2007. N=1,028 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Which of the following arrangements between gay or lesbian couples do you think should be recognized as legally valid: same-sex marriages, civil unions but not same-sex marriages, or neither same-sex marriages nor civil unions?"

	Same-Sex Marriages %	Civil Unions %	Neither %	Unsure %
5/4-6/07	24	27	43	6
10/27-29/06	24	26	45	5

"Do you think people who are openly gay or homosexual should or should not be allowed to serve in the U.S. military?"

	Should %	Should Not %	Unsure %
5/4-6/07	79	18	3

"Do you think gay or lesbian couples should or should not have the legal right to adopt a child?"

	Should %	Should Not %	Unsure %
5/4-6/07	57	40	3

Newsweek Poll conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates International. March 14-15, 2007. N=1,001 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Do you think gays and lesbians should or should NOT be able to serve openly in the military?"

	Should %	Should Not %	Unsure %
3/14-15/07	63	28	9

"There has been much talk recently about whether gays and lesbians should have the legal right to marry someone of the same sex. Which of the following comes closest to your position on this issue? Do you support FULL marriage rights for same-sex couples, support civil unions or partnerships for same-sex couples BUT NOT full marriage rights, or do you oppose ANY legal recognition for same-sex couples?"

	Marriage Rights %	Civil Unions %	No Legal Recognition %	Unsure %
3/14-15/07	26	24	44	6

"We're interested in whether certain information about a presidential candidate would cause you to vote against the candidate, regardless of other factors. What if you found out that the candidate was a strong supporter of full marriage rights for same-sex couples? Would that ALONE cause you to vote against the candidate?"

	Yes	No	Unsure
	%	%	%
3/14-15/07	38	59	3

Associated Press/AOL poll conducted by Ipsos Public Affairs. Jan. 16-18, 2007. N=1,005 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.1.

"Would you favor or oppose a law that would ban gay marriage, requiring that marriage should be between a man and a woman?"

	Favor	Oppose	Unsure
	%	%	%
1/16-18/07	51	45	4

Quinnipiac University Poll. Nov. 13-19, 2006. N=1,623 registered voters nationwide. MoE ± 2.4.

"Would you support or oppose amending the United States Constitution to ban same-sex marriage?"

	Support	Oppose	Unsure
	%	%	%
11/13-19/06	43	53	4
12/7-12/04	43	53	4
7/18-22/04	39	55	6
3/16-22/04	41	51	8

"The New Jersey Supreme Court recently ruled that homosexual couples are entitled to the same rights as heterosexual ones and that state legislators must rewrite New Jersey laws to make this happen. If you had to choose in your state, which would you prefer: allowing same-sex couples to form civil unions or allowing same-sex couples to get married?"

	Civil Unions	Marriage	Neither (vol.)	Unsure
	%	%	%	%
11/13-19/06	44	24	27	5

Newsweek Poll conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates International. Oct. 26-27, 2006. N=1,002 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3 (for all adults).

"There has been much talk recently about whether gays and lesbians should have the legal right to marry someone of the same sex. Which of the following comes closest to your position on this issue? Do you support FULL marriage rights for gay and lesbian couples; do you support gay civil unions or partnerships, BUT NOT gay marriage; or, do you oppose ANY legal recognition for gay and lesbian couples?"

	Full Marriage Rights	Civil Unions/ Partnerships	No Legal Recognition	Unsure
	%	%	%	%
ALL adults	24	26	40	10
Republicans	9	27	58	6

Democrats	34	23	33	10
Independents	24	32	33	11
<i>Trend:</i>				
5/13-14/04	28	23	43	6
2/19-20/04	23	24	45	8

Pew Research Center for the People & the Press and Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life survey conducted by Schulman, Ronca & Bucuvalas (SRBI). July 6-19, 2006. Adults nationwide. (June 2006 and earlier conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates International.)

"Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?" N=2,003, MoE ± 2.5

	Favor %	Oppose %	Unsure %
7/6-19/06	35	56	9
6/14-19/06	33	55	12
3/06	39	51	10
7/13-17/05	36	53	11
12/1-16/04	32	61	7
8/5-10/04	29	60	11
7/04	32	56	12
3/04	32	59	9
2/04	30	63	7
11/03	30	62	8
10/03	30	58	12

"And do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians to adopt children?" N=996, MoE ± 3.5 (Form 1)

	Favor %	Oppose %	Unsure %
7/6-19/06	42	52	6

"Do you think the question of whether gay marriage should be legal is something that should be decided at the national level, or is it something that each state should decide for itself?"
N=996, MoE ± 3.5 (Form 1)

	National Level %	Each State %	Unsure %
7/6-19/06	48	46	6

FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll. June 13-14, 2006. N=900 registered voters nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Do you believe gays and lesbians should be allowed to get legally married, allowed a legal partnership similar to but not called marriage, or should there be no legal recognition given to gay and lesbian relationships?"

	Legally Married %	Legal Partnership %	No Legal Recognition %	Unsure %
6/13-14/06	27	25	39	8
5/04	25	26	40	9
3/04	20	33	40	7

"Do you think the issue of whether gays and lesbians can legally marry should be decided at the state or federal level?"

	State %	Federal %	Unsure %
6/13-14/06	48	38	13

NBC News/Wall Street Journal Poll conducted by the polling organizations of Peter Hart (D) and Bill McInturff (R). June 9-12, 2006. N=1,002 adults nationwide. Results below are among registered voters.

"I'm going to read you some positions that someone running for Congress could take. For each one, please tell me whether you would be more likely to vote for a candidate for Congress who takes this position, less likely to vote for this candidate, or would it not make a difference to you either way? . . ."

More Likely %	Less Likely %	No Difference %	Unsure %
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"Favors adding an amendment to the Constitution that bans gay marriages"

6/9-12/06	37	39	22	2
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ABC News Poll. May 31-June 4, 2006. N=1,001 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Would you support amending the U.S. Constitution to make it against the law for homosexual couples to get married anywhere in the U.S., or should each state make its own laws on homosexual marriage?" Options rotated

Amend Constitution %	State Laws %	Unsure %
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5/31 - 6/4/06	42	51	7
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"If you agreed with a candidate for U.S. Congress on other issues, but not on the issue of same-sex marriage, could you still vote for him, or not?"

Could %	Could Not %	Unsure %
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5/31 - 6/4/06	50	41	9
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Gallup Poll. May 8-11, 2006. N=515 adults nationwide. MoE ± 5.

"Do you think marriages between homosexuals should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?"

Should Be Valid %	Should Not Be %	Unsure %
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5/8-11/06	39	58	4
8/22-25/05	37	59	4
4/29 - 5/1/05	39	56	5
3/18-20/05	28	68	4
7/19-21/04	32	62	6
3/5-7/04	33	61	6
2/16-17/04	32	64	4
2/6-8/04	36	59	5
12/03	31	65	4
10/03	35	61	4
6/03	39	55	6
1/00	34	62	4
2/99	35	62	3
3/96	27	68	5

FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll. April 4-5, 2006. N=900 registered voters nationwide. MoE ± 3 (for all registered voters).

"Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?"

Favor %	Oppose %	Unsure %
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ALL reg. voters	33	55	11
Democrats	45	43	11
Republicans	16	77	7
Independents	38	47	15

"As I list some programs and proposals that are being discussed in this country today, please tell me whether you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose each. . . ."

	Strongly Favor %	Favor %	Oppose %	Strongly Oppose %	Unsure %
"Allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military" N=695, MoE ± 4 (Form 2)					
3/8-12/06	20	40	19	13	8
"Allowing gays and lesbians to adopt children" N=1,405, MoE ± 3					
3/8-12/06	14	32	22	26	6
"Allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally" N=710, MoE ± 4 (Form 1)					
3/8-12/06	10	29	23	28	10

ABC News/Washington Post Poll. June 2-5, 2005. N=1,002 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Who do you trust more to deal with the issue of gay marriage: your state legislature or your state courts?"

Options rotated

	State Legislature %	State Courts %	Both Equally (vol.) %	Neither (vol.) %	Unsure %
6/2-5/05	45	40	1	11	3

Boston Globe Poll conducted by University of New Hampshire Survey Center. May 4-9, 2005. N=760 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.6 (for all adults).

"As you may know, Massachusetts is the only state that has legalized gay marriage. If a gay or lesbian couple gets married in Massachusetts, should their marriage be recognized as legal in all 50 states?"

	Yes %	No %	Unsure %
ALL	46	50	4
Democrats	63	33	4
Independents	46	49	5
Republicans	27	69	4

"Overall, do you approve or disapprove of gay and lesbian couples being allowed to get married?"

	Approve %	Neutral (vol.) %	Disapprove %	Unsure %
ALL	37	11	50	2
Democrats	53	12	31	3
Independents	34	15	49	2
Republicans	21	9	70	0

"Would you favor or oppose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would define marriage as being between a man and a woman, thus prohibiting marriages between gay or lesbian couples?"

	Favor %	Neutral (vol.) %	Oppose %	Unsure %
ALL	45	5	47	5
Democrats	31	4	62	3
Independents	41	7	48	4
Republicans	64	3	30	3

"Would you favor or oppose legislation in YOUR state that would prohibit marriages between gay or lesbian couples?"

	Favor	Neutral	Oppose	Unsure
	%	(vol.)	%	%
ALL	46	7	46	2
Democrats	26	7	64	4
Independents	47	13	41	0
Republicans	67	6	26	0

"What about civil unions between gay or lesbian couples that would give them some, but not all, of the legal rights of married couples? Should same-sex couples be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry in your state?"

	Yes	Neutral	No	Unsure
	%	(vol.)	%	%
ALL	46	7	41	7
Democrats	49	7	37	8
Independents	42	14	39	5
Republicans	46	4	43	6

"As you may know, Massachusetts is the only state that has legalized gay marriage. Do you think in the future that all states will legalize gay marriage, that some additional states will legalize gay marriage, or that no additional states will legalize gay marriage?"

	All Will	Some	No	Unsure
	%	More Will	More Will	%
ALL	12	64	17	8
Democrats	13	68	13	6
Independents	15	59	15	11
Republicans	8	63	22	7

ABC News/Washington Post Poll. April 21-24, 2005. N=1,082 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Do you think same-sex couples should be allowed legally to marry, should be allowed legally to form civil unions but not to marry, or should not be allowed to obtain legal recognition of their relationships?"

	Marriage	Civil	No Legal	Unsure
	%	Unions	Recognition	%
4/21-24/05	27	29	40	4

CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll. March 18-20, 2005. Adults nationwide.

"Which of the following arrangements between gay or lesbian couples do you think should be recognized as legally valid: same-sex marriages, civil unions but not same-sex marriages, or neither same-sex marriages nor civil unions?"
N=466, MoE ± 5 (Form B)

	Same-sex	Civil Unions	Neither	Unsure
	Marriages			
	%	%	%	%
3/18-20/05	20	27	45	8
11/19-21/04	21	32	43	4

CBS News/New York Times Poll. Feb. 24-28, 2005. Adults nationwide.

"Which comes closest to your view? Same-sex couples should be allowed to legally marry. OR, Same-sex couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry. OR, There should be no legal recognition of a same-sex couple's relationship." Form B (N=552 adults)

	Legal	Civil	No Legal	Unsure
	Marriage	Unions	Recognition	
	%	%	%	%
2/24-28/05	25	28	42	5

Los Angeles Times Poll. Jan. 15-17, 2005. N=1,033 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"As you may know, another issue that is on Bush's agenda is to reform medical liability awards. The President would like to put a \$250,000 cap on jury awards for pain and suffering. The Bush Administration contends that excessive damage awards have become a burden for businesses and a drag on the nation's economy. They argue that the cost of frivolous lawsuits make it prohibitively expensive for small businesses to stay in business or for doctors to practice medicine. Opponents say the White House is exaggerating the extent of the problem of excessive damage awards, and say that caps on damages ultimately do not reduce premiums for doctors. They acknowledge the high cost of malpractice insurance, but blame it on lax regulation of the insurance industry. Do you approve or disapprove of capping damages awarded by juries to \$250,000 for pain and suffering?"

Options rotated

	Approve %	Disapprove %	Unsure %
1/15-17/05	50	42	8

Associated Press-Ipsos poll conducted by Ipsos-Public Affairs. Nov. 19-21, 2004. N=1,000 adults nationwide. MoE \pm 3.

"Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?"

	Strongly Favor %	Favor %	Oppose %	Strongly Oppose %	Unsure %
11/19-21/04	14	21	25	36	4

CBS News/New York Times Poll. Nov. 18-21, 2004. N=885 adults nationwide. MoE \pm 3.

"Is it possible that you would ever vote for a candidate who does not share your views on the issue of gay marriage, or is the subject so important to you that you could not vote for a candidate who disagrees with you?"

	Yes, Possible %	No, Could Not %	Depends (vol.) %	Unsure %
11/18-21/04	57	33	5	5

"Do you think defining marriage as a union only between a man and a woman is an important enough issue to be worth changing the Constitution for, or isn't it that kind of issue?"

	Important Enough %	Not That Kind of Issue %	Unsure %
11/18-21/04	40	56	4
3/10-14/04	38	56	6

University of Pennsylvania National Annenberg Election Survey. June 16-30, 2004. N=1,641 adults nationwide. MoE \pm 2. Interviewing conducted by Schulman, Ronca, Bucuvalas, Inc.

"Would you favor or oppose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution saying that no state can allow two men to marry each other or two women to marry each other?"

	Favor %	Oppose %
6/16-30/04	43	48
5/2-16/04	42	50
2/14-23/04	41	48

NBC News/Wall Street Journal Poll conducted by the polling organizations of Peter Hart (D)

"Would you favor or would you oppose an amendment to the United States Constitution that defines marriage as a union only between a man and a woman and makes same-sex marriages unconstitutional?"

	Favor Amendment %	Oppose Amendment %	Depends (vol.) %	Not Sure %
6/25-28/04	51	44	2	3
5/1-3/04	50	44	2	4

CBS News Poll. May 20-23, 2004. Nationwide:

"Which comes closest to your view? Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry. OR, Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry. OR There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship." N=1,113 adults, MoE ± 3 (for all adults)

	Legal Marriage %	Civil Unions %	No Legal Recognition %
ALL	28	29	40
Republicans	13	33	53
Democrats	32	28	36
Independents	37	27	33
18-29 years	43	32	25
30-44	29	25	44
45-64	26	29	41
65 & older	12	32	51
Northeast	35	31	33
Midwest	26	23	47
South	23	26	48
West	31	36	28

"Would you favor or oppose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would allow marriage ONLY between a man and a woman?" N=1,113 adults, MoE ± 3 (for all adults)

	Favor %	Oppose %	Don't Know %
ALL	60	37	3
Republicans	78	20	2
Democrats	57	39	4
Independents	47	49	4
<i>Trend:</i>			
3/10-14/04	59	35	6
2/24-27/04	59	35	6
12/03	55	40	5

"Is it possible that you would ever vote for a candidate who does not share your views on the issue of gay marriage, or is the subject so important to you that you could not vote for a candidate who disagrees with you?" N=923 registered voters, MoE ± 3 (for all registered voters)

	Yes, Would %	No, Would Not %	Depends (vol.) %	Don't Know %
ALL	56	35	5	4
Republicans	46	44	7	3
Democrats	57	34	3	6
Independents	64	27	5	4
<i>Trend:</i>				
3/10-14/04	45	44	3	8
2/24-27/04	52	40	4	4

"Do you think the issue of gay marriage should be part of this year's election campaign, or not?" N=923 registered voters, MoE ± 3

	Should Be %	Should Not Be %	Don't Know %
5/20-23/04	29	70	1

"Would you favor or oppose a law in your state that would allow two men to marry each other or two women to marry each other?" N=1,181 adults, MoE ± 3 (total sample)

	Favor	Oppose
	%	%
ALL	30	61
18-29 years old	42	50
30-44	32	60
45-64	30	58
65 & older	12	81
Republicans	18	74
Democrats	33	54
Independents	36	58

CBS News/New York Times Poll. March 10-14, 2004. N=1,206 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3 (for total sample).

"Do you think laws regarding marriages and civil unions between gay people should be determined by the federal government or by each state government?"

	Federal	State	Neither (vol.)	Don't Know
	%	%	%	%
ALL	43	44	6	7
Republicans	55	34	4	7
Democrats	39	47	6	8
Independents	37	49	6	8

CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll. March 5-7, 2004. N=1,005 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Would you favor or oppose a law that would allow homosexual couples to legally form civil unions, giving them some of the legal rights of married couples?"

	Favor	Oppose	No Opinion
	%	%	%
3/5-7/04	54	42	4
7/03	40	57	3
5/03	49	49	2
5/02	46	51	3
4/02	45	46	9
2/02	41	53	6
5/01	44	52	4

ABC News/Washington Post Poll. March 4-7, 2004. N=1,202 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3 (total sample). Fieldwork by TNS Intersearch.

"Would you support amending the U.S. Constitution to make it illegal for homosexual couples to get married anywhere in the U.S., or should each state make its own laws on homosexual marriage?" Options rotated. Asked of half the sample.

	Amend Constitution	State Laws	Unsure
	%	%	%
3/4-7/04	43	54	3
2/18-22/04	46	45	9
1/15-18/04	38	58	3

CBS News Poll. Feb. 24-27, 2004. Nationwide.

"Would you favor or oppose a law that would allow homosexual couples to marry, giving them the same legal rights as other married couples?" N=1,545 adults, MoE ± 3

	Favor	Oppose	Unsure
	%	%	%
2/04	30	62	8
12/03	34	61	5
7/03	40	55	5

"Would you favor or oppose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would allow marriage only between a man and a woman, and outlaw marriages between people of the same sex?" Form B (N=767 adults)

	Favor	Oppose	Unsure
	%	%	%
2/04	51	42	7

University of Pennsylvania National Annenberg Election Survey. Feb. 14-23, 2004. N=1,943 adults nationwide. MoE ± 2 (total sample). Interviewing conducted by Schulman, Ronca, Bucuvalas, Inc.

"Would you favor or oppose a law in your state that would allow gays and lesbians to marry a partner of the same sex?" Favor/Oppose rotated

	Favor	Oppose
	%	%
ALL	30	64
18-29 years old	41	52
30-44	35	61
45-64	28	66
65 & older	12	81
Republicans	12	83
Democrats	40	55
Independents	35	59

ABC News/Washington Post Poll. Feb. 18-22, 2004. N=1,028 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3 (total sample). Fieldwork by TNS Intersearch.

"Do you think it should be legal or illegal for homosexual couples to get married?"

	Legal	Illegal	No Opinion
	%	%	%
ALL	39	55	6
Republicans	24	73	3
Democrats	47	48	5
Independents	44	48	8

"Would you support amending the U.S. Constitution to make it illegal for homosexual couples to get married anywhere in the U.S., or should each state make its own laws on homosexual marriage?" Options rotated

	Amend	State Laws	No Opinion
	Constitution		
	%	%	%
ALL	46	45	9
Republicans	58	36	6
Democrats	44	48	8
Independents	35	56	9

"Say a homosexual couple is legally married in one state, then moves to another state. Should that other state be required to recognize that marriage as legal, or not?"

	Should	Should Not	No Opinion
	%	%	%
2/18-22/04	41	54	5

CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll. Feb. 16-17, 2004. N=1,006 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Do you think the laws regarding marriages between homosexuals should be determined by the federal government, or by individual state governments?" Options rotated

	Federal	State	Unsure
	%	%	%
2/16-17/04	48	46	6

Time/CNN Poll conducted by Harris Interactive. Feb. 5-6, 2004. N=1,000 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.1 (total sample).

"Do you think marriages between homosexual men or between homosexual women should be recognized as legal by the law, or not?"

	Yes %	No %	Unsure %
ALL	30	62	8
Republicans	20	75	5
Independents	30	63	7
Democrats	38	52	10
<i>Trend:</i>			
11/03	32	62	6
7/03	33	60	7
10/98	29	64	7
9/96	26	65	9
6/94	31	64	5

"Do you favor or oppose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that legally defines marriage as a union between a man and woman only, and would prevent states from legally recognizing marriages between homosexual men or between homosexual women?"

	Favor %	Oppose %	Unsure %
ALL	47	46	7
Republicans	57	38	5
Independents	49	44	7
Democrats	38	53	9

ABC News/Washington Post Poll. Jan. 15-18, 2004. N=1,036 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3. Fieldwork by TNS Intersearch.

"Do you think it should or should not be a role of the federal government to promote and encourage traditional marriage between a man and a woman?"

	Should %	Should Not %	Unsure %
1/04	43	56	1

National Public Radio Poll conducted by Public Opinion Strategies (R) and Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research (D). Dec. 10-15, 2003. N=1,002 likely voters nationwide. MoE ± 3.1 (total sample).

"Thinking now about gay marriage, that is, allowing a couple who are gay or lesbian to marry one another legally, do you favor or oppose gay marriage?"

	Favor %	Oppose %	Unsure %
12/03	30	56	13

"Do you favor or oppose a law that would allow homosexual couples to legally form civil unions, giving them some of the legal rights of married couples?" Form A (N=501)

	Favor %	Oppose %	Unsure %
12/03	42	49	8

"Do you favor or oppose a law that would allow homosexual couples to legally form civil unions, giving them the legal rights of married couples in areas such as health insurance, inheritance, pension coverage and hospital visiting privileges?" Form B (N=501)

	Favor %	Oppose %	Unsure %
12/03	45	45	10

CBS News/New York Times Poll. Dec. 10-13, 2003. N=1,057 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Do you think homosexual relations between consenting adults should or should not be legal?"

	Should %	Should Not %	Unsure %
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	%	%	%
12/03	41	49	10
7/03	54	39	7

"Would you favor or oppose a law that would allow homosexual couples to legally form civil unions, giving them some of the legal rights of married couples?"

	Favor	Oppose	Unsure
	%	%	%
12/03	39	54	7
11/03	39	53	8

FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll. Nov. 18-19, 2003. N=900 registered voters nationwide. MoE \pm 3.

"Do you support or oppose allowing homosexual couples to form civil unions that are not marriages, but would give gay couples rights such as inheritance, insurance and hospital visiting privileges?"

	Support	Oppose	Unsure
	%	%	%
11/03	41	48	11
9/03	46	44	10

"Today / Yesterday, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled in favor of gay marriage in that state. Do you favor or oppose same-sex marriage?"

	Favor	Oppose	Unsure
	%	%	%
11/03	25	66	9

Time/CNN Poll conducted by Harris Interactive. Nov. 18-19, 2003. N=1,507 adults nationwide. MoE \pm 2.5 (total sample).

"If the courts in your state ruled that your state's government must legally recognize gay marriages, would you favor or oppose amending your state's constitution to legally define marriage as a union between a man and a woman only?"

	Favor	Oppose	Not Sure
	%	%	%
ALL	53	40	7
Republicans	62	33	5
Independents	50	41	9
Democrats	49	46	5

Los Angeles Times Poll. Nov. 15-18, 2003. N=1,345 adults nationwide. MoE \pm 3 (total sample).

"Would you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to form civil unions that are not marriages, but would give similar legal protection in areas such as inheritance, taxes, health insurance and hospital visits, or haven't you heard enough about it yet to say?"

	Support	Oppose	Haven't Heard Enough/ Don't Know
	%	%	%
ALL	36	40	24
Democrats	42	36	22
Independents	36	37	27
Republicans	21	64	15

"Do you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to marry, or haven't you heard enough about it yet to say?"

	Support	Oppose	Haven't Heard Enough/ Don't Know
	%	%	%
ALL	31	55	14
Democrats	34	54	12
Independents	30	54	16
Republicans	19	72	9

CBS News Poll. Nov. 10-13, 2003. N=1,177 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3 (total sample).

"Would you favor or oppose a law that would allow homosexual couples to legally form civil unions, giving them some of the legal rights of married couples?"

	Favor %	Oppose %	Unsure %
ALL	39	53	8
Republicans	23	71	6
Democrats	45	45	10
Independents	46	46	8

CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll. Sept. 19-21, 2003. N=1,003 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Do you think gay or lesbian couples should or should not be allowed all the same legal rights as married couples in every state, or does it not matter to you?" Options rotated

	Should %	Should Not %	Doesn't Matter %	No Opinion %
9/03	32	35	32	1

Associated Press Poll conducted by ICR. Aug. 8-12, 2003. N=1,028 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Would you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to form a civil union that would give a same-sex couple the same rights and benefits as a married couple?"

	Favor %	Oppose %	Unsure %
8/03	41	53	6

"If a presidential candidate favored allowing gays and lesbians to form a civil union that would give them the same rights and benefits as a married couple, would that make you more likely to support that candidate, less likely, or wouldn't it make any difference?"

	More Likely %	Less Likely %	No Difference %	Unsure %
8/03	12	44	43	1

"How about if a presidential candidate favored gay marriage? Would that make you more likely to support that candidate, less likely, or wouldn't it make any difference in your decision to support a particular candidate?"

	More Likely %	Less Likely %	No Difference %	Unsure %
8/03	10	49	39	2

"Would you favor or oppose a law that would ban gay marriage, requiring that marriage should be between a man and a woman?"

	Favor %	Oppose %	Unsure %
8/03	52	41	7

"Congress is considering a constitutional amendment that marriage should only be between a man and a woman. Would you favor or oppose the amending of the Constitution to specify marriage should be between a man and a woman?"

	Favor %	Oppose %	Unsure %
8/03	54	42	4

NBC News/Wall Street Journal Poll conducted by the polling organizations of Peter Hart (D) and Robert Teeter (R). July 26-28, 2003. N=500 adults nationwide.

"Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into same-sex marriages?"

	Favor	Oppose	Depends (vol.)	Not Sure
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7/03	%	%	%	%
	32	51	4	13

"Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into legal agreements with each other that are not marriages, but that would give them many of the same legal and financial relationships as married couples?"

	Favor	Oppose	Depends (vol.)	Not Sure
	%	%	%	%
7/03	53	34	2	11

CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll. July 25-27, 2003. N=1,006 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Do you think homosexual relations between consenting adults should or should not be legal?"

	Should	Should Not	Unsure
	%	%	%
7/25-27/03	48	46	6
7/18-20/03	50	44	6
5/5-7/03	60	35	5

CBS News/New York Times Poll. July 13-27, 2003. N=3,092 adults nationwide. MoE ± 2 (total sample).

"Would you favor or oppose a law that would allow homosexual couples to marry, giving them the same legal rights as other married couples?"

	Favor	Oppose	No Opinion
	%	%	%
ALL	40	55	5
Republicans	27	71	2
Democrats	45	50	5
Independents	45	48	7
18-29 years	61	35	4
30-44	40	55	5
45-64	38	58	4
65 & older	18	73	9
Men	39	56	5
Women	41	53	6

CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll. July 18-20, 2003. N=1,003 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"Now I'd like you to think about how your attitudes toward gays and lesbians might have changed in the past few years. Have you become more accepting of gays and lesbians, have your attitudes not changed, or have you become less accepting of gays and lesbians?"

	More Accepting	Not Changed	Less Accepting	No Opinion
	%	%	%	%
7/03	32	59	8	1

Associated Press Poll conducted by ICR. May 17-21, 2000. N=1,012 adults nationwide. MoE ± 3 (for all adults).

"In general, do you think gays and lesbians should or should not be allowed to be legally married?" Split sample, Form A

	%
Should	34
Should not	51
Don't know	11
Refused	3

"In general, do you think gays and lesbians should or should not be allowed to form a domestic partnership that would give the same-sex couple the same rights and benefits as opposite sex marriage?" Split sample, Form B

	%
Should	41

Should not	46
Don't know	11
Refused	3

"I would like to read you a proposal in the area of legal recognition of gay and lesbian relationships. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose this proposal. . . ."

	Favor %	Oppose %	Don't Know %	Refused %
"Providing inheritance rights to gay partners."	56	32	9	3
"Providing health insurance coverage to gay partners."	53	37	7	3
"Providing Social Security benefits to gay partners."	50	41	6	3

Fox News/Opinion Dynamics Poll. Jan. 12-13, 2000. N=902 registered voters nationwide. MoE ± 3.

"One issue that has come up in the presidential debates is gays in the military. Do you think gay men and lesbians should be allowed to serve openly in the military?"

	%
Yes	57
No	30
Not sure	13

"There has been a lot of discussion recently about whether gay couples should be granted either marriage or its equivalent in terms of legal rights. Do you believe gays and lesbians should be allowed to get legally married, allowed a legal domestic partnership similar to but not called marriage, or should there be no legal recognition given to gay and lesbian relationships?"

	%
Allowed to get legally married	19
Allowed a legal domestic partnership	24
There should be no legal recognition	47
Not sure	10

NBC News/Wall Street Journal Poll conducted by the polling organizations of Peter Hart (D) and Robert Teeter (R). June 16-19, 1999. N=2,011 adults nationwide:

"Let me read you two positions on laws dealing with homosexuality. Between these positions, which do you tend to side with more? Position A: There are too many unnecessary laws that give special rights to homosexuals. Position B: Current laws are necessary to prohibit discrimination against homosexuals."

	%
A. Too many unnecessary laws	42
B. Current laws are necessary	49
Not sure	9

CNN/Time Poll conducted by Yankelovich Partners. Oct. 14-15, 1998. N=1,036 adults nationwide.

"Finally, do you think that as a matter of principle, the federal government should treat homosexuals and heterosexuals equally, or don't you think so?"

	ALL %	Rep. %	Ind. %	Dem. %
Yes, should	82	82	85	85
No, don't think so	14	15	11	12
Not sure	4	3	4	3

"As you may know, a federal law mandates increased penalties for people who commit crimes against blacks or other minorities out of prejudice against them. Do you favor or oppose a federal law that would mandate the same treatment for people who commit crimes against homosexuals out of prejudice against them?"

Favor	76	73	78	79
Oppose	19	24	18	15
Not sure	5	3	4	6

"In your opinion, how serious a problem is violence against gays and lesbians in this country today: very serious, fairly serious, not very serious, or not at all serious?"

Very serious	39
Fairly serious	36
Not very serious	17
Not at all serious	4
Not sure	4

"As you may know, a gay student at the University of Wyoming was recently beaten, tied to a fence, and later died. Do you think that an attack like the one in Wyoming could happen in your own community, or don't you think so?"

Yes, could happen	68
No, could not	27
Not sure	5

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