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Americans Oppose Same-Sex Marriage but Acceptance of Gays in Society Grows

Overview

Attitudes toward gays in the United States have come a long way over the last ten to twenty years, according to a new Los Angeles Times Poll. The poll shows that the public appears to be more accepting and more tolerant of people in this country who are gays and lesbians than they were even just a decade ago. One of the reasons for this tolerance is the fact that most people know at least one person who is – whether they have personal friends, co-workers or even acquaintances. Just in over a decade the shift from keeping this part of one's life a secret to one of more openness is dramatic. For instance, in a December 1985 Times survey, just a plurality of the public said they knew someone who was gay, compared to almost seven in ten today. And twenty years ago, in a September 1983 Times poll, just three in 10 who were surveyed said they were sympathetic to the gay community. Today, the complete opposite is true – six in 10 now say they are sympathetic. The atmosphere for gays in this country twenty years ago was very repressive and for someone to announce that he or she was gay was extremely difficult. Many businesses would not hire gays, renting a residence was difficult and other kinds of discrimination for this group was a usual occurrence. But today, many businesses have domestic partner health benefits and many states have laws to protect gays from discrimination. A sizable minority of Americans believe that gays should be protected under civil rights laws in the way that racial minorities and women have been protected. The stigma of being gay in the past is being wiped away in many parts of the country. There are openly gay members of the U.S. Congress, local elected officials, CEOs of large corporations and even the daughter of the vice president of the United States.

However, as this analysis will show, there are still wide generational differences between the youngest (18-29) and the oldest respondents (65 and over), as well as some differences between men and women. The youngest group is very accepting of gays while the opposite is true of the oldest respondents. Most young respondents know someone who is gay while a bare majority of the oldest group knows someone. There is evidence that the reason the younger group is more tolerant is that the more one comes in contact with a group, the more likely one will feel positive toward them. Also not surprising is the fact that liberals and conservatives look at this issue on opposite sides of the coin while moderates are somewhere in-between. And as one would expect, Christian conservative fundamentalists* (which represent about 14% of the sample) still believe that being gay is against God's will and they are against anything that would increase acceptance and recognition of gays in society.

**(For this analysis this group may also be referred to as the religious right and those respondents who are not will be referred to as the non-religious right)*

Still, this is not to gloss over the fact that there is prejudice against gays in our country today, because there is a sizable minority out there that are not sympathetic to the gay community, don't believe in civil unions or marriage and would not associate with anyone who is gay. But even though the public doesn't want gays to marry, almost three-fifths believe it is inevitable.

Familiarity and Acceptance

This survey reflects America's growing familiarity with all things gay. While there were too few gay respondents to report their experience and opinions directly, the survey also confirms indirectly that many more gays are out to family, friends, or coworkers than in decades past. In late 1985, more than half of U.S. residents did not know anyone who was gay, or even suspect that anyone they knew was gay according to a Times Poll survey taken in December of that year. Two decades later the proportion of those who do know a gay person has been doubled. Forty-eight percent in the current survey said they work with or are acquainted with someone who is gay, 15% said a family member is, and nearly a quarter said they have at least one close gay friend. Even in small town America, about three-fourths said they know someone or have a family member who is gay and nearly two in three describe their small town community as "accepting" of its gay members. Overall, 62% nationwide described their community as accepting of gays, 25% said it is not, and 13% either weren't sure or said there were no gays in their community.

A majority of Americans have become comfortable around gay men or lesbians. In an L.A. Times survey taken September of 1983, 38% said they were sometimes or always uncomfortable around gays. Four years ago, in a survey taken in June of 2000, that number had dropped to 29% and only one in five indicated discomfort around gays in the current survey. Even a plurality of the religious right said they are fine with being around gay people today.

There is also growing acceptance of the idea that being gay is not a chosen lifestyle, or how a person is raised, but rather something innate. Two decades ago, a Times poll found that just 16% thought being gay was inborn, while more than three out of five said it was something in the way gays are raised (25%) or a lifestyle choice (37%). In the current survey, about a third now said they believe homosexuality is genetic, while 14% said it was a result of family upbringing and a third called it a matter of choice. Along the same lines but even somewhat more dramatically, a majority overall said that homosexual orientation cannot be changed, or only in a few cases. Just over one in 10 said that gays can be converted to heterosexuality most of the time, 25% said some of the time, 24% said in just a few cases and 28% said it will can never happen.

In a further indication of how openness can lead to acceptance at least in some cases, those respondents who said their attitude has changed as a result of knowing someone who is gay were five times more likely to report a positive change than a negative one. About one in five said that knowing a gay person gave them a "much more" positive attitude toward gays in general. The majority (61%) said that knowing a gay person didn't change their opinion one way or the other.

Even the religious right are eight percentage points more likely to support gay rights if they know a gay person than if they don't, ten points more likely to say they are sympathetic and eleven points less likely to be concerned about their child playing with a friend who has a gay parent. Most dramatically, that group is nineteen percentage points more likely to believe that a gay person can be a good role model for a child if they know a gay person than if they don't.

Interestingly, more than two-thirds of those who don't know anyone who is gay, including a majority of the religious right, said they'd be able to continue to have a friendly relationship if a friend or family member came out to them.

Gays in Politics and the Media

Americans are split as to who would be better at handling the issue of same-sex marriage – 36% thought President Bush would be better on this issue and 35% thought it would be the presumptive Democratic nominee Sen. John F.

Kerry of Massachusetts. More men, younger respondents, single men and women and those who attend church services less than weekly believe Kerry is the candidate to better handle this issue. Conversely, females, older respondents, married men and women and frequent churchgoers all think Bush is the candidate to handle same-sex marriage. Not surprisingly, 60% of conservatives think the president is the candidate to manage this issue, while the same share of liberals believe it would be Kerry. Moderates, by 8 points, are more inclined to go with Kerry over Bush on this issue. Almost two-thirds of Christian conservative fundamentalists think the president is best on this issue, while the non-religious right think the Democratic challenger would be best by a slight 38% to 31% margin.

But having said that, nearly three out of five surveyed said that debate in the country about same-sex marriage should *not* be an issue at all in the upcoming presidential election. Two out of five think it should be an issue, but not the most important thing to be discussed and just 1% said it should be the most important issue in the campaign. Most demographic groups feel that it should not be an important issue in the campaign. Even the religious right felt that way as well. However, the youngest cohort wants it to be an important issue in the campaign (61%), but not the driving one.

Likewise, it is not a defining issue for most respondents in deciding who they would vote for in the November presidential election. Almost two-thirds of respondents would vote for a candidate who had a different position than theirs on same-sex marriage, but agreed with them on most other issues. A sizable quarter of the public, though, would only vote for a candidate who agreed with them on same-sex marriage.

Another way the poll data showed the public's acceptance of the gay community is the fact that 59% of Americans said they would be willing to vote for a well-qualified candidate running for an elected office if that person was openly gay. This is a sharp turnaround of how the public felt about a decade ago in a survey by Roper/US News & World Report conducted in September 1985. At that time, 41% would support a generally well-qualified candidate for president if he were openly gay, while 52% would not. Again, not surprisingly are the attitudes of Christian conservative fundamentalists. In the current survey, two-thirds of this group would not be willing to vote for an openly gay candidate. Conversely, the same share of those not part of the religious right would.

About a fifth of those surveyed think that gays have too little political power. That belief has increased by 12 points since the Times Poll last asked the question about a decade ago. A third think the gay community has the right amount of political power, while a third think they have too much. Sixteen percent are not sure how politically powerful they are.

More than half (55%) of the public said that the gay community has been getting too much coverage in the media recently, while 4% said not enough. Almost four in 10 said this community was getting about the right coverage. Except for some demographic groups (like the youngest respondent, liberals, single women) most groups think the gay community has gotten too much coverage. No group thought this community was receiving too little attention.

Nearly two-thirds of the public said that watching gay characters on TV has made no difference in their feelings toward gays. Also in that vein, 56% said it made no difference in their attitudes about same-sex couples marrying when they saw media coverage of couples getting married in San Francisco. However, a third said it made them less sympathetic toward gays wanting to marry, while less than one in 10 made them more sympathetic toward the idea of gay couples tying the knot.

Gay Marriage/Civil Unions

More than 7 in 10 Americans are following the news about same-sex marriage in this country. But whether someone has been paying close attention or not their opinions remain the same. A quarter of Americans believe same-sex couples should be allowed to legally marry, while nearly two out of five believe same-sex couples should be allowed to legally form civil unions but not marry. A third don't want either of these things to take place. A plurality of the youngest respondents think gays should be allowed to marry, while a large plurality of the oldest group believe that neither marriage nor civil unions should be allowed to happen. Slightly more than half of liberals feel that marriage is in order for gays, while nearly the same share of conservatives don't believe in marriage or civil unions. And frequent churchgoers are strongly against the idea of gays marrying or even forming civil unions, while

those who attend church less frequently are more inclined to opt for civil unions over marriage (as would many Americans). Knowing a gay person makes it easier for this group to consider marriage (31%) and civil unions (43%) for same-sex couples. Just less than a quarter believe that neither of those couplings should happen. Not knowing a gay person makes it easier to believe that marriage or civil unions among same-sex couples should not take place.

As you can see, more of the public can go along with civil unions but not marriage. Just using the word marriage evokes highly charged emotions plus the thought that it would degrade the marriage. This poll shows that 51% of those surveyed favor a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage (including 43% who *strongly* favor it), while 42% oppose it (including 30% who *strongly* oppose it). Two thirds of those 18-29 years of age oppose this amendment (including 43% who *strongly* oppose), while the other age groups favor it. Moderates are in favor of the amendment by 49% to 41%. Men are in favor of this amendment more than women are (54% of men favor it, 41% oppose; 49% of women favor it, 43% oppose) Not surprisingly, almost nine in 10 of the religious right are in favor of this amendment, including a whopping 82% who strongly are in favor of banning gay marriage by a constitutional amendment while the non-religious right are divided (45% in favor, 47% opposed).

Interestingly, whether the respondents know someone who is gay or not, both groups believe that same-sex marriage is inevitable. When all is said and done – regardless of how respondents felt about same sex marriage – 59% think legal recognition of it is inevitable. This belief is felt across most demographic groups. Even conservatives, who are opposed to same-sex marriage and want to ban it constitutionally, are divided as to whether this will happen or not. One of the only groups to deny this will happen are the respondents who are part of the religious right – 52% said it is *not* inevitable while just over a third say it is.

Another indicator that gays are moving into the mainstream of society is the fact that nearly three out of five surveyed said that it is possible for two people of the same sex to be in love with one another the way that a man and a woman can be in love. And among this group, 56% oppose a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriages, but they are split on whether gay couples should marry (40%) or have civil unions (42%). Just 15% said they should not be able to do either of those things. And among the 31% who don't believe that two people of the same-sex could have the same love as a man and a woman – almost three-quarters favor a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriages. Virtually none of this group said same-sex couples should be allowed to legally marry, 29% said they should be allowed to form civil unions and 66% said they should not be allowed to do either.

Just as most respondents believe that love between a same-sex couple can be as strong as love between a heterosexual one, one more indication of tolerance toward the gay community is that almost two-thirds of respondents said that they can accept two men or two women living together like a married couple, 30% said they could not envision that. The oldest respondents and frequent churchgoers are divided over this issue while most other groups accept this coupling. Once again the Christian conservative fundamentalists are the least accepting. More than seven in 10 cannot accept this living arrangement, while the same share of respondents who are not part of the religious right can accept same-sex couples living together as married couples.

Gay Rights

In a Times March 1989 poll, just 29% of Americans approved of gay rights, while 51% disapproved. Today, 15 years later, the poll shows a dramatic shift toward acceptance. Although it isn't huge support for gay rights, the directional shift is moving toward acceptance. Now 42% of respondents approved of gay rights, while an equal number disapproved. More than four out of five Christian conservative fundamentalists disapproved of gay rights and almost two-thirds are not sympathetic to the gay community. For comparison, nearly half of respondents who are not part of the religious right approved of gay rights and a third disapproved. Nearly two-thirds of conservatives and roughly three out of five each of frequent churchgoers and the oldest respondents disapproved of gay rights, while almost three-quarters of liberals and more than half each of the youngest respondents, single women and those with a college degree or more approved. Slightly more women than men approved of gay rights.

While only 42% approved of gay rights, 60% said that they are sympathetic toward the gay community. More than a third, 36%, are not. This is a complete turnaround from a Times poll taken twenty years ago, where only 30% said they were sympathetic to the gay community, and 63% were not sympathetic at all. Having empathy for the gay community is definitely seen through a generational divide. Seven in 10 younger respondents are sympathetic toward gays, while 62% who are between the age of 30 to 44 are, as well as 57% of those 45 to 64 years of age. The oldest respondents, however, are less sympathetic, with just 43% saying they are sympathetic toward gays.

There was fairly strong support for protecting gays under civil rights laws similar to anti-discrimination laws protecting racial minorities. Sixty-two percent said that should be the case, compared to 28% who said they should not be given legal protection. Conservatives were split on this, with 43% saying yes, and 46% saying no.

In particular, more than seven in 10 overall favored a law that would protect gays against job discrimination while 18% said they are opposed to such a law. Pretty much everyone, from young to old, from liberal to conservative, supported gay labor protection, if in varying degrees. The proportion of those who favor an anti-discrimination law has risen from 52% in a September 1993 Times poll, to 68% in a June 2000 Times poll, to 72% today. Similarly, there is widespread support for laws that would protect gays from housing discrimination, with three out of four in favor and 17% against.

The Clinton era “don’t ask - don’t tell” policy that allows the armed services to discharge a gay or lesbian soldier if they step out of the closet is not popular today. Seven in 10 said that the armed forces should *not* be allowed to discharge gay soldiers, while 21% supported that policy. Even nearly six in 10 conservatives disagreed with the policy. About two decades ago, a Times Poll survey (September 1983) found 50% who did not support the military’s stance on gays which was even more restrictive at that time, a noteworthy rise in opposition over that period.

Family and Children

Despite an overall trend toward acceptance of gays, the survey found plenty of resistance to accepting gays into some aspects of mainstream society, mainly those having to do with marriage and children.

There is some evidence that people have an easier time accepting a friend’s being gay than they have when a family member comes out. Those who have a gay family member but no gay friends or coworkers were twice as likely to report a negative change in their attitudes towards gays. The numbers are still very small among both groups, but 6% of those with gay friends or acquaintances reported having a negative attitude change, compared to 14% of those whose only contact is with a gay family member.

When it comes to gays and children there is the usual ideological divide between the social beliefs of liberals and conservatives, but in this case there was an equally strong divide between the generations. The youngest group (under thirty) indicated a much stronger acceptance of gays interacting with children in general than did their elders, and particularly when compared to the 65-and-older set. The religious right in particular opposed contact between gays and children, with the vast majority against allowing gays to adopt (88%), against hiring a gay babysitter (84%) and against allowing their child to read material featuring a same-sex couple (85%). In many of these cases, the strong feelings of the conservative fundamentalists pull the country rightward: For example, 84% percent of the religious right would not hire a gay babysitter, while more than half of the rest of the nation would.

Most parents said they would have a hard time accepting their child’s homosexuality. Nearly two-thirds of parents said they would be very (36%) or somewhat (29%) upset if they found out their child was gay. About a third said they would not be too upset (10%) or not upset at all (22%). However, a slight majority (51%) of young people said they would not be upset to hear their child is gay, splitting closely with the 48% who would be. Compared to the elderly, this is a huge generational divide. More than eight in 10 of those 65 and over said they would be upset, and half said they’d be very upset.

Overall, just over half of the public opposed allowing gays to adopt children, among them 41% who said they are strongly opposed. Opposition to gay adoption has declined somewhat over time, but not as dramatically as other measures of societal acceptance. Twelve years ago, a similar Time/CNN/Yankelovich Clancy Shulman question found 63% opposed, a drop of 11 percentage points. Once again the same generational splits applied-- more than half of those under 30 favored allowing gays to adopt, while the elderly (70%) emphatically disagreed.

More than two-thirds said they are not bothered by the idea of their child being taught by a gay teacher, however. These numbers do show dramatic change from just over a decade ago when a similar question was asked in a CBS News/NY Times survey taken in February 1993. At that time 55% said they would object to a homosexual teaching their elementary school age child. In the current survey only 26% said they'd have a problem with a gay elementary school teacher.

About six in 10 said they would allow their child to play at the home of a friend who lives with a gay parent, but they are split 45% to 43% overall about whether they would hire a gay babysitter. Similarly, there was a close split between those who would permit their child to read a book featuring a gay couple (45%) and those who would not (44%) with the very strong feelings of the conservative fundamentalists bringing the average down. Even so, in another indication of how times are changing, the same February 1993 CBS News/NY Times poll found just under six in 10 who said they would not permit their kid to play with a friend who had a homosexual parent, and a similar proportion who would not permit their child to read a book featuring a homosexual couple.

A decade ago, a Time/CNN/Yankelovich Clancy Shulman poll (6/94) found nearly six in 10 said that a homosexual could not be a good role model for a child, while this survey found exactly the opposite – six in 10 said that a gay person *could* set a good example for a child. The religious right, as usual, provide a strong minority dissent of 62% who say that is not possible to 29% who say it is.

It is a truism that small towns tend to be more conservative than cities or their suburbs, and rural areas even more so. When it comes to mixing gays and children, that is definitely so. Only one-third of rural residents favor gay adoption, compared to a 48% plurality of small-town folk, 50% of suburbanites, and 53% of city dwellers. A majority of rural Americans wouldn't hire a gay babysitter, and half wouldn't allow their child to read a book with a gay couple in it. In both of these cases, other areas of the country are more permissive in increasing measure according to the population density of their community. Since there is more likely to be an active gay community in a larger municipality, this may very well be another indication of how familiarity precedes tolerance.

Morality and Same-Sex Relationships

While the country is tending toward an acceptance of gays in a societal sense, there is still a strong feeling that homosexuality is not in God's plan. Almost six in 10 said that homosexuality is "against God's will" (including more than half of the younger respondents) and the country is split 48% to 46% over whether same-sex relationships between consenting adults are morally wrong or not. In keeping with the rest of the findings, there has been movement away from condemning gays as immoral over the last quarter century, although it is not dramatic. There was an eight point increase in those who see homosexuality as not being a moral issue and a five point decrease in those who see it as immoral since a March 1978 Time//Yankelovich, Skelly & White poll found 53% who saw homosexuality as morally wrong and 38% who did not.

Gays and lesbians may be benefiting from the public's growing toleration of diversity, regardless of their own beliefs and lifestyles. In this survey, nearly half of those who said that homosexuality is against God's will are also willing to accept gays living together, and most of the public agreed that gays should be included under civil rights laws.

Statements

Activists and leaders tend to repeat the same phrases, which end up being reported in the media. It is interesting to see if the public agrees with those ideas or not. For each of the following statements, the respondent was asked to say if they mostly agreed or disagreed.

- *“Homosexuality is wrong because people were put on this earth to reproduce.”*

Whether homosexuality is wrong because of the biblical edict to “go forth and multiply” split the nation 48% to 47% -- over a third agreed strongly while just over a quarter disagreed strongly. More than half of people age 65 and over agreed strongly, along with almost half of conservatives. Six in 10 younger people disagreed.

- *“If gays are allowed to marry, the institution of marriage will be degraded.”*

This is an argument that hit home for many people. More than half (55%) agreed that marriage would be changed for the worse if gays were allowed to marry too, while 41% disagreed. Young people disagreed 56% to 44%, along with seven in 10 liberals. Six in 10 married people agreed, while 52% of unmarrieds disagreed, and about six in 10 each of the elderly and conservatives agreed strongly with this statement.

- *“If gays are allowed to marry, then it is only a matter of time before things like incest and polygamy are legalized.”*

This type of slippery slope argument is a favorite of anti-gay marriage leaders and so has had quite a bit of airplay in the media. The argument, however, gained the approval of only 37% of the public while nearly six in 10 disagreed, with 43% disagreeing strongly. More than half of the survey’s conservatives agreed with the statement, however, while Non-Catholic Christians and people 65 and over were split on this question. The real cutting point for this argument is among the religious right vs. everyone else. Nearly two-thirds of conservative fundamentalists said that gay marriage would be the first step toward allowing polygamy and incest, while nearly two-thirds of everyone else disagreed.

- *“Marriage between same-sex partners is a good thing for society because it strengthens family units.”*

A country that doesn’t favor gay adoption and is against allowing gays to marry isn’t likely to buy this argument, and that was indeed the case. More than two-thirds disagreed while only 25% thought it made sense. Even liberals were only lukewarm— 49% agreed.

- *“Homosexuality is determined by genetic predisposition and it is wrong to discriminate against someone’s biological makeup.”*

This statement was a bit more palatable. A plurality of 48% agreed while 40% disagreed, with 12% saying they weren’t sure. Women agreed by 51% to 36% while men were split. Fifty-three percent of young people agreed while those 65 and over were split 40% agree to 43% disagree.

- *“As long as two people are in love and committed to each other, it doesn’t matter if they are a same sex couple or a heterosexual couple.”*

More than half (56%) agreed with the idea that love and commitment is what really matters. It found its strongest support among women, moderates and 30-44 year olds (60% each), young people (70%) and liberals (83%). Conservatives (56%), non-Catholic Christians (51%) and older Americans (57%) disagreed.

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Guide to Column Headings

All	All adults nationwide
Men	Men
Wom	Women
18/29	Ages 18 through 29
30/44	Ages 30 through 44
45/64	Ages 45 through 64
65+	65 years of age or older
Lib	Self-described Liberals
Mod	Self-described Moderates
Con	Self-described Conservatives
NCC	Non-Catholic Christians
Cat	Catholics
Fun	Christian Conservative fundamentalists

(ORDER OF CANDIDATES IS ROTATED)

Q19A. "He would do a better job of handling the issue of same-sex marriage": Does this apply more to George W. Bush or more to John Kerry?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Neither (Volunteered)	10	10	9	8	15	10	4
Bush	36	34	38	33	31	41	39
Kerry	35	41	31	46	38	29	26
Both equal (Volunteered)	4	2	5	2	2	4	7
Don't know	15	13	17	11	14	16	24

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Neither (Volunteered)	15	11	6	9	11	2
Bush	11	26	60	42	27	65
Kerry	60	34	20	30	41	20
Both equal (Volunteered)	3	7	2	3	4	4
Don't know	11	22	12	16	17	9

Q30. Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of homosexual or gay rights-- or haven't you heard enough about that yet to say? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Approve (Net)	42	41	44	54	45	40	23
Approve strongly	27	24	30	42	26	21	15
Approve somewhat	16	17	14	12	19	19	8
Disapprove (Net)	42	44	39	31	41	42	58
Disapprove somewhat	6	6	6	9	5	5	4
Disapprove strongly	36	38	34	22	36	38	53
Depends (Volunteered)	3	4	3	6	1	5	2
Don't know/Not aware	13	11	14	9	13	13	17

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	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Approve (Net)	<u>74</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>10</u>
Approve strongly	53	26	11	17	38	5
Approve somewhat	22	17	12	16	17	5
Disapprove (Net)	<u>13</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>86</u>
Disapprove somewhat	1	8	8	6	1	3
Disapprove strongly	12	28	56	48	18	82
Depends (Volunteered)	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	-
Don't know/Not aware	<u>9</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>4</u>

Q31. Generally speaking, how sympathetic would you say you are to the gay community? Would you say you are very sympathetic, somewhat sympathetic, somewhat unsympathetic, or very unsympathetic to the gay community?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Sympathetic (Net)	<u>60</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>43</u>
Very sympathetic	19	15	23	29	17	16	12
Somewhat sympathetic	41	39	42	41	45	41	30
Unsympathetic (Net)	<u>36</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>53</u>
Somewhat unsympathetic	13	17	11	9	16	14	16
Very unsympathetic	23	24	21	19	18	23	38
Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Sympathetic (Net)	<u>81</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>32</u>
Very sympathetic	40	16	9	13	20	11
Somewhat sympathetic	41	49	34	38	52	21
Unsympathetic (Net)	<u>16</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>64</u>
Somewhat unsympathetic	6	14	19	16	9	20
Very unsympathetic	10	16	35	29	14	44
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>

Q32. Do you think homosexuals have too little political power, or about the right amount, or do you think that homosexuals have too much political power?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Too little	<u>20</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>
Right amount	32	35	30	33	37	33	21
Too much	32	35	29	23	24	40	45
Don't know	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>22</u>

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Too little	<u>40</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>13</u>
Right amount	32	42	26	29	38	17
Too much	11	23	52	40	24	56
Don't know	<u>17</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>14</u>

Q33. How closely have you been following the news about same-sex marriages in the United States? Have you been following it very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Closely (Net)	<u>71</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>74</u>
Very closely	27	25	28	23	21	31	35
Somewhat closely	45	46	44	41	47	49	39
Not closely (Net)	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>
Not too closely	20	22	18	23	24	17	15
Not at all closely	7	7	9	13	6	3	10
Don't know	<u>1</u>	-	<u>1</u>	-	<u>2</u>	-	<u>1</u>

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Closely (Net)	<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>86</u>
Very closely	29	25	29	26	27	30
Somewhat closely	43	40	49	46	44	56
Not closely (Net)	<u>28</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>14</u>
Not too closely	21	25	16	20	22	11
Not at all closely	7	9	6	7	7	3
Don't know	-	<u>2</u>	-	<u>1</u>	-	-

Q34. 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".

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Legally marry	24	23	26	44	26	16	10
Legally form civil unions	38	39	37	31	39	43	38
Neither	34	36	31	22	31	36	48
Don't know	4	2	6	3	4	5	4

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Legally marry	52	24	7	14	35	2
Legally form civil unions	34	47	35	38	43	21
Neither	12	24	54	44	19	77
Don't know	2	5	4	4	3	-

Q35. Do you favor or oppose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that legally defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman only, and would prevent states from legally recognizing same-sex marriages? (IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE) Do you (favor/oppose) that strongly or only somewhat?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Favor (Net)	<u>51</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>63</u>
Favor strongly	43	47	40	27	45	46	58
Favor somewhat	8	7	10	5	11	10	5
Oppose (Net)	<u>42</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>27</u>
Oppose somewhat	13	12	13	23	11	9	7
Oppose strongly	30	29	29	43	26	28	20
Don't know	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>

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	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Favor (Net)	24	49	69	61	44	88
Favor strongly	20	35	62	52	36	82
Favor somewhat	4	14	7	9	8	6
Oppose (Net)	70	41	26	32	50	10
Oppose somewhat	16	12	12	11	17	5
Oppose strongly	54	30	14	21	34	6
Don't know	6	10	5	7	6	2

Q36. Regardless of your opinion about same-sex marriage, do you think legal recognition of it is inevitable, or not?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Inevitable	59	63	54	71	61	55	45
Not inevitable	31	26	36	22	30	35	39
Don't know	10	11	10	7	9	10	16

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Inevitable	67	69	44	52	66	35
Not inevitable	21	23	46	38	22	52
Don't know	12	8	10	10	12	13

Q37. Would you say that issues pertaining to the gay community have been getting too much coverage in the media recently, or not enough coverage, or would you say the coverage has been just about right?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Too much	55	60	51	38	53	61	73
Not enough	4	2	6	9	3	3	2
Right amount	37	36	38	48	42	33	21
Don't know	4	2	5	5	2	3	4

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Too much	37	48	73	61	53	83
Not enough	4	7	2	3	5	2
Right amount	55	43	23	33	40	15
Don't know	4	2	2	3	2	-

Q38. Has watching gay characters on television shows, such as Will and Grace, made you feel more accepting of gays, or less accepting of gays, or hasn't watching gay characters on TV changed your feelings toward gays one way or the other? (IF MORE/LESS ACCEPTING) Would you say you are much (more/less) accepting of gays, or somewhat (more/less) accepting?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
More accepting (Net)	8	5	10	12	9	5	5
Much more accepting	3	1	4	6	3	1	-
Somewhat more accepting	5	4	6	6	6	4	4
Less accepting (Net)	10	11	9	1	6	15	19
Somewhat less accepting	3	3	3	-	2	5	7
Much less accepting	7	8	6	1	5	10	13
No difference	65	70	60	78	75	57	41
Won't watch (Volunteered)	8	6	11	3	2	12	22
Don't know/Haven't seen	9	8	10	6	8	11	13

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	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
More accepting (Net)	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>
Much more accepting	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
Somewhat more accepting	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>
Less accepting (Net)	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>21</u>
Somewhat less accepting	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>
Much less accepting	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>16</u>
No difference	<u>75</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>49</u>
Won't watch (Volunteered)	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>15</u>
Don't know/Haven't seen	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>

Q39. Has seeing media coverage of gay and lesbian couples getting married in San Francisco and other cities around the nation made you feel more sympathetic toward same-sex couples getting married, or less sympathetic, or hasn't it affected how you feel toward same-sex couples getting married one way or another? (IF MORE/LESS SYMPATHETIC) Are you much (more/less) sympathetic, or somewhat (more/less) sympathetic?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
More sympathetic (Net)	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
Much more sympathetic	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
Somewhat more sympathetic	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
Less sympathetic (Net)	<u>33</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>49</u>
Somewhat less sympathetic	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>
Much less sympathetic	<u>23</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>38</u>
No difference	<u>56</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>42</u>
Haven't seen (Volunteered)	-	<u>1</u>	-	<u>1</u>	-	-	-
Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
More sympathetic (Net)	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>
Much more sympathetic	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
Somewhat more sympathetic	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>
Less sympathetic (Net)	<u>14</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>54</u>
Somewhat less sympathetic	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>
Much less sympathetic	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>41</u>
No difference	<u>66</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>41</u>
Haven't seen (Volunteered)	<u>1</u>	-	-	-	-	<u>1</u>
Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>

Q40. Do you think the debate in the country today about same-sex marriage and civil unions for gay couples should be the most important issue to be discussed in the upcoming presidential election, or an important issue but not the most important one, or should it not be an important issue at all in the upcoming presidential election?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Most important issue	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	-	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
An issue, but not most important	<u>40</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>21</u>
Not an important issue	<u>57</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>74</u>
Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	-	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Most important issue	<u>1</u>	-	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
An issue, but not most important	<u>45</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>38</u>
Not an important issue	<u>53</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>56</u>
Don't know	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

Q41. When voting in the November election for president, would you only vote for a candidate who agrees with your position on same-sex marriage, or would you vote for a candidate who held a different position than you on same-sex marriage, but agreed with you on most other issues?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Agree	24	25	23	33	19	20	26
Different position	65	65	65	60	70	69	58
Don't know	11	10	12	7	11	11	16

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Agree	14	17	36	27	19	49
Different position	78	71	54	61	70	39
Don't know	8	12	10	12	11	12

Q42. Would you be willing or not willing to vote for a well-qualified candidate running for an elected office if that person was openly gay?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Willing	59	57	61	69	61	59	42
Not willing	32	33	31	20	28	36	50
Don't know	9	10	8	11	11	5	8

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Willing	78	67	42	47	74	25
Not willing	15	25	47	42	18	66
Don't know	7	8	11	11	8	9

Q43. Do you personally know or work with anyone who is gay or lesbian? (IF YES) Are they a member of your family, or a close friend, or someone you know only as a co-worker or acquaintance? Do you know any other gays or lesbians? (ACCEPT ALL THAT APPLY)

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Don't know anyone	27	28	26	24	21	27	42
Member of family	15	15	15	17	17	14	12
Close friend	23	20	28	44	21	19	10
Co-worker/Acquaintance	48	48	47	40	51	56	37
Don't know	4	5	2	2	5	1	6

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Don't know anyone	15	25	34	31	23	42
Member of family	14	18	14	15	16	17
Close friend	41	23	15	21	26	15
Co-worker/Acquaintance	53	48	47	45	51	36
Don't know	1	2	5	3	3	4

(IF RESPONDENTS DOESN'T KNOW ANYONE GAY)

Q44. Let's say a friend of yours or a co-worker told you that he or she was gay. Could you continue to have a friendly relationship with them, or not?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Yes	68	66	70	55	76	76	61
No	16	16	15	18	4	18	23
Depends (Volunteered)	9	9	9	25	4	4	9
Don't know	7	9	6	2	16	2	7

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	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Yes	80	70	65	65	77	58
No	9	12	17	18	7	27
Depends (Volunteered)	3	11	10	9	9	6
Don't know	8	7	8	8	7	9

(ASKED OF THOSE WHO KNOW A GAY PERSON)

Q45. Would you say that knowing someone who is gay or lesbian has given you a more positive attitude toward gays in general, or a more negative attitude, or has knowing someone who is gay not changed your attitude one way or another? (IF POSITIVE/NEGATIVE) Would you say your attitude toward gays has become much more (positive/negative) now, or somewhat more (positive/negative)?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
More positive (Net)	32	26	37	45	30	28	22
Much more positive	19	14	23	33	16	14	11
Somewhat more positive	13	12	14	12	14	14	11
More negative (Net)	6	5	6	2	5	9	8
Somewhat more negative	2	1	2	1	4	1	2
Much more negative	4	4	4	1	1	8	6
No difference	61	68	56	52	65	62	69
Don't know	1	1	1	1	-	1	1

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
More positive (Net)	46	35	17	22	38	7
Much more positive	30	21	8	11	23	3
Somewhat more positive	16	14	9	11	16	4
More negative (Net)	3	7	8	9	2	8
Somewhat more negative	-	4	1	3	-	1
Much more negative	3	3	7	6	2	7
No difference	50	58	74	68	59	83
Don't know	1	-	1	1	1	2

(ASKED OF EVERYONE)

Q46. If you had a child who told you he or she was gay or a lesbian, what do you think your reaction would be? Would you be upset or not? (IF UPSET) would you be very upset or somewhat upset? (IF NOT UPSET) Would you say you would not be too upset or would you not be upset at all?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Upset (Net)	60	61	59	48	54	64	82
Very upset	33	34	32	30	23	37	50
Somewhat upset	27	27	27	18	31	27	32
Not upset (Net)	36	34	38	51	40	32	14
Not too upset	11	11	11	13	9	14	5
Not upset at all	25	23	27	38	31	18	9
Don't know	4	5	3	1	6	4	4

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Upset (Net)	34	60	76	70	48	85
Very upset	15	27	47	44	14	61
Somewhat upset	19	34	28	26	34	23
Not upset (Net)	61	37	20	26	46	12
Not too upset	14	11	9	8	17	7
Not upset at all	47	25	11	18	29	6
Don't know	5	3	4	4	6	3

Q47. Overall, do you sometimes feel uncomfortable when you are around gay men or does that not happen to you? How about being around lesbian women? Does that make you feel uncomfortable sometimes, or does that not happen to you?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Comfortable (Net)	56	55	56	55	60	58	42
Uncomfortable (Net)	20	20	21	23	20	23	13
Uncomfortable with both	9	11	9	7	9	13	8
Uncomfortable with men	5	8	2	5	6	5	1
Uncomfortable with women	6	1	11	11	5	5	4
Never around (Volunteered)	20	21	19	15	15	17	43
Don't know	4	4	4	7	5	2	2

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Comfortable (Net)	65	57	49	52	62	48
Uncomfortable (Net)	20	15	26	23	11	23
Uncomfortable with both	6	8	13	13	2	16
Uncomfortable with men	7	3	4	3	7	1
Uncomfortable with women	6	4	9	7	3	6
Never around (Volunteered)	13	21	22	22	18	27
Don't know	2	7	3	3	9	2

Q48. Do you personally think that it is possible for two people of the same-sex to be in love with one another the way that a man and woman can be in love?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Yes	58	58	58	65	62	62	31
No	31	34	29	32	27	29	44
Don't know	11	8	13	3	11	9	25

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Yes	85	62	38	48	72	19
No	10	21	52	40	15	73
Don't know	5	17	10	12	13	8

Q49. In your opinion, what causes homosexuality? Is it something that people are born with... or is it something that develops because of the way people are brought up... or is it just the way that some people prefer to live?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Born with	32	29	35	29	29	37	32
Brought up	14	18	11	19	13	12	15
Prefer to live	35	33	36	42	37	26	36
Don't know	19	20	18	10	21	25	17

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Born with	51	32	20	24	44	8
Brought up	12	12	17	16	12	25
Prefer to live	22	34	45	40	24	52
Don't know	15	22	18	20	20	15

Q50. Do you think a person's homosexual orientation can be changed in most cases, in some cases, in just a few cases, or never?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Most cases	12	12	12	9	14	10	18
Some cases	25	26	24	30	28	22	19
A few cases	24	25	22	25	21	26	24
Never	28	26	30	28	28	29	24
Don't know	11	11	12	8	9	13	15

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	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Most cases	5	5	23	18	4	43
Some cases	23	25	26	25	23	22
A few cases	23	26	22	24	24	17
Never	41	28	19	22	34	11
Don't know	8	16	10	11	15	7

Q51. Are you a member of any organization such as a church, or religious group, or any other organization whose members or leadership take an official position about homosexuality, or are you not a member of such a group? (IF MEMBER) In general, does that church or religious group or organization support gay issues or do they oppose them?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Not a member (Net)	<u>63</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>61</u>
Member (Net)	<u>33</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>37</u>
Member of group that favors gay rights	3	3	2	4	2	2	3
Member of group that opposes gay rights	26	25	27	19	24	32	28
Member, but not sure of official position	5	4	6	6	3	5	6
Don't know	4	3	5	3	5	4	2

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Not a member (Net)	<u>75</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>37</u>
Member (Net)	<u>22</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>58</u>
Member of group that favors gay rights	4	1	3	3	3	3
Member of group that opposes gay rights	15	22	36	29	29	52
Member, but not sure of official position	3	6	6	5	7	4
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

Q52. Do you favor or oppose laws to protect gays against job discrimination? (IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE) Do you strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose) laws to protect gays against job discrimination?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Favor (Net)	<u>72</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>64</u>
Favor strongly	49	44	54	67	44	49	31
Favor somewhat	23	23	23	14	27	23	33
Oppose (Net)	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>25</u>
Oppose somewhat	7	8	7	7	7	8	7
Oppose strongly	10	12	8	6	12	8	18
Don't know	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Favor (Net)	<u>87</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>51</u>
Favor strongly	70	49	35	42	53	25
Favor somewhat	17	28	24	24	26	26
Oppose (Net)	<u>8</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>33</u>
Oppose somewhat	2	6	12	8	6	10
Oppose strongly	6	8	16	14	7	23
Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>16</u>

Q53. Do you favor or oppose laws to protect gays against housing discrimination? (IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE) Do you strongly (favor/oppose) or somewhat (favor/oppose) laws to protect gays against housing discrimination?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Favor (Net)	74	70	77	83	75	74	59
Favor strongly	50	47	53	68	51	49	26
Favor somewhat	24	23	24	15	24	25	33
Oppose (Net)	17	19	15	10	18	14	30
Oppose somewhat	8	8	8	4	7	7	14
Oppose strongly	9	11	7	6	11	7	16
Don't know	9	11	8	7	7	12	11

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Favor (Net)	91	78	62	68	82	52
Favor strongly	74	51	34	42	58	23
Favor somewhat	16	27	28	25	24	29
Oppose (Net)	7	16	25	21	11	34
Oppose somewhat	2	9	11	9	7	11
Oppose strongly	5	7	14	13	4	22
Don't know	2	6	13	11	7	14

Q54. Do you think gays should be protected under civil rights laws in the way racial minorities and women have been protected or should homosexuals not be given civil rights protection?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Should get protection	62	54	69	72	62	59	52
Should not get protection	28	36	21	25	29	28	35
Don't know	10	10	10	3	9	13	13

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Should get protection	82	71	43	55	71	39
Should not get protection	12	20	46	33	22	51
Don't know	6	9	11	12	7	10

Q55. As you may know, former President Clinton issued an executive order that allows gay men and lesbian women to remain in the armed services under the "Don't ask, don't tell" rule. Do you think the armed services should be able to discharge a soldier because he or she is gay or lesbian, or don't you think they should have that right?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Yes, discharge	21	32	11	21	23	21	19
No, don't discharge	70	60	80	74	71	69	66
Don't know	9	8	9	5	6	10	15

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Yes, discharge	6	15	34	24	17	43
No, don't discharge	88	76	57	67	75	48
Don't know	6	9	9	9	8	9

Q56. How accepting do you think your community is of gays who live there: very accepting, somewhat accepting, not too accepting, or not accepting at all?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Accepting (Net)	<u>62</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>44</u>
Very accepting	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>10</u>
Somewhat accepting	<u>44</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>33</u>
Not accepting (Net)	<u>25</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>27</u>
Not too accepting	<u>18</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>18</u>
Not accepting at all	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>
No gays in community (Volunteered)	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>
Don't know	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>20</u>

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Accepting (Net)	<u>67</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>55</u>
Very accepting	<u>23</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>8</u>
Somewhat accepting	<u>45</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>47</u>
Not accepting (Net)	<u>23</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>33</u>
Not too accepting	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>22</u>
Not accepting at all	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>
No gays in community (Volunteered)	-	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
Don't know	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>

Q57. Do you favor or oppose gay couples legally adopting children? (IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE) Do you strongly (favor/oppose) gay couples adopting children or only somewhat (favor/oppose) gay couples adopting children?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Favor (Net)	<u>40</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>22</u>
Favor strongly	<u>21</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>
Favor somewhat	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>9</u>
Oppose (Net)	<u>52</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>70</u>
Oppose somewhat	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>17</u>
Oppose strongly	<u>41</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>53</u>
Don't know	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Favor (Net)	<u>65</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>10</u>
Favor strongly	<u>43</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>3</u>
Favor somewhat	<u>22</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>7</u>
Oppose (Net)	<u>25</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>88</u>
Oppose somewhat	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>
Oppose strongly	<u>16</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>85</u>
Don't know	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>

(NEXT FIVE QUESTIONS ARE ROTATED)

Q58. If you had a child of elementary school age, would you object to having a gay person as your child's school teacher, or would that not bother you?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Object	<u>26</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>44</u>
Not bother	<u>68</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>50</u>
Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

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	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Object	8	23	40	34	17	59
Not bother	89	71	53	59	78	36
Don't know	3	6	7	7	5	5

Q59. If you had a child, would you permit or not permit your child to play at the home of a friend who lives with a gay parent?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Yes, permit	58	57	59	70	61	57	39
No, do not permit	30	31	29	20	28	31	48
Don't know	12	12	12	10	11	12	13

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Yes, permit	78	65	41	48	71	18
No, do not permit	14	25	45	39	16	67
Don't know	8	10	14	13	13	15

Q60. If you had a child, would you permit or not permit a gay person to baby-sit your child?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Yes, permit	45	44	47	56	53	42	22
No, do not permit	43	44	43	30	39	47	65
Don't know	12	12	10	14	8	11	13

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Yes, permit	72	51	25	34	59	10
No, do not permit	15	39	65	55	26	84
Don't know	13	10	10	11	15	6

Q61. If you had a child, would you permit or not permit your child to read a book that contains a story about a same-sex couple?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Yes, permit	45	43	46	55	50	39	31
No, do not permit	44	45	44	36	41	49	56
Don't know	11	12	10	9	9	12	13

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Yes, permit	72	50	25	34	53	8
No, do not permit	18	37	66	56	31	85
Don't know	10	13	9	10	16	7

Q62. Do you think that a gay person can be a good role model for a child, or do you not think so?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Good role model	61	59	63	74	67	59	39
Not a good role model	30	33	28	22	26	32	48
Don't know	9	8	9	4	7	9	13

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Good role model	83	64	47	49	79	29
Not a good role model	10	27	44	41	14	62
Don't know	7	9	9	10	7	9

Q63. Do you personally believe that same-sex relationships between consenting adults are morally wrong or is that not a moral issue?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Morally wrong	48	50	47	34	46	55	62
Not a moral issue	46	43	47	61	47	39	30
Don't know	6	7	6	5	7	6	8

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Morally wrong	22	43	69	64	29	93
Not a moral issue	70	50	27	30	61	6
Don't know	8	7	4	6	10	1

Q64. No matter if you think it is morally right or wrong, can you accept two men or two women living together like a married couple or can you not accept that kind of living arrangement?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Can accept	65	64	66	71	69	66	47
Can't accept	30	31	30	28	25	30	45
Don't know	5	5	4	1	6	4	8

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Can accept	87	71	48	52	82	23
Can't accept	10	24	47	42	14	72
Don't know	3	5	5	6	4	5

Q65. Do you think same-sex relationships are against God's will, or don't you feel this way?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Don't believe (Volunteered)	1	2	-	-	-	2	3
Against God's will	57	57	56	52	57	57	61
Not against God's will	33	33	33	46	30	31	23
Don't know	9	8	11	2	13	10	13

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Don't believe (Volunteered)	2	1	1	1	-	-
Against God's will	32	51	77	73	33	96
Not against God's will	55	38	14	19	49	2
Don't know	11	10	8	7	18	2

(ORDER OF NEXT SIX QUESTIONS ARE ROTATED)

Q66. "Homosexuality is wrong because people were put on this earth to reproduce." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? (IF AGREE OR DISAGREE) Do you (agree/disagree) strongly or only somewhat?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Agree (Net)	48	49	46	36	47	47	68
Agree strongly	35	36	33	25	32	36	52
Agree somewhat	13	13	13	11	16	11	15
Disagree (Net)	47	45	48	60	48	46	27
Disagree somewhat	19	19	19	25	21	17	12
Disagree strongly	27	26	29	35	26	29	16
Don't know	5	6	6	4	5	7	5

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	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Agree (Net)	<u>25</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>84</u>
Agree strongly	<u>19</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>71</u>
Agree somewhat	<u>6</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>
Disagree (Net)	<u>72</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>13</u>
Disagree somewhat	<u>23</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>6</u>
Disagree strongly	<u>49</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>7</u>
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>

Q67. "If gays are allowed to marry, the institution of marriage will be degraded." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? (IF AGREE OR DISAGREE) Do you (agree/disagree) strongly or only somewhat?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Agree (Net)	<u>55</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>67</u>
Agree strongly	<u>44</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>57</u>
Agree somewhat	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
Disagree (Net)	<u>41</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>26</u>
Disagree somewhat	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>
Disagree strongly	<u>27</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>18</u>
Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	-	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Agree (Net)	<u>28</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>84</u>
Agree strongly	<u>21</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>79</u>
Agree somewhat	<u>7</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>
Disagree (Net)	<u>69</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>14</u>
Disagree somewhat	<u>20</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>3</u>
Disagree strongly	<u>49</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>11</u>
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>

Q68. "If gays are allowed to marry, then it is only a matter of time before things like incest and polygamy are legalized". Do you agree or disagree with this statement? (IF AGREE OR DISAGREE) Do you (agree/disagree) strongly or only somewhat?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Agree (Net)	<u>37</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>46</u>
Agree strongly	<u>24</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>28</u>
Agree somewhat	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>18</u>
Disagree (Net)	<u>57</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>47</u>
Disagree somewhat	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>
Disagree strongly	<u>43</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>37</u>
Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Agree (Net)	<u>17</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>65</u>
Agree strongly	<u>13</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>49</u>
Agree somewhat	<u>5</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>
Disagree (Net)	<u>78</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>27</u>
Disagree somewhat	<u>7</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>
Disagree strongly	<u>70</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>19</u>
Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>

Q69. "Marriage between same-sex partners is a good thing for society because it strengthens family units." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? (IFAGREE OR DISAGREE) Do you (agree/disagree) strongly or only somewhat?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Agree (Net)	<u>25</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>15</u>
Agree strongly	13	11	14	22	11	9	8
Agree somewhat	12	11	14	14	15	12	7
Disagree (Net)	<u>67</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>80</u>
Disagree somewhat	15	13	18	11	18	17	14
Disagree strongly	52	57	46	45	45	56	66
Don't know	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Agree (Net)	<u>49</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>5</u>
Agree strongly	23	11	7	8	11	3
Agree somewhat	26	13	3	9	16	2
Disagree (Net)	<u>37</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>94</u>
Disagree somewhat	14	22	13	13	20	3
Disagree strongly	23	46	74	65	40	91
Don't know	<u>14</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>

Q70. "Homosexuality is determined by genetic predisposition and it is wrong to discriminate against someone's biological makeup." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? (IF AGREE OR DISAGREE) Do you (agree/disagree) strongly or only somewhat?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Agree (Net)	<u>48</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>40</u>
Agree strongly	30	29	31	37	28	30	22
Agree somewhat	18	16	20	16	18	20	18
Disagree (Net)	<u>40</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>42</u>
Disagree somewhat	12	11	12	11	10	11	15
Disagree strongly	28	33	24	30	30	27	27
Don't know	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>18</u>

	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Agree (Net)	<u>62</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>21</u>
Agree strongly	42	35	18	23	39	12
Agree somewhat	20	19	15	15	22	9
Disagree (Net)	<u>27</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>69</u>
Disagree somewhat	9	12	13	14	9	14
Disagree strongly	18	20	42	36	16	55
Don't know	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>

Q71. "As long as two people are in love and are committed to each other it doesn't matter if they are a same-sex couple or a heterosexual couple." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? (IF AGREE OR DISAGREE) Do you (agree/disagree) strongly or only somewhat?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Wom</u>	<u>18/29</u>	<u>30/44</u>	<u>45/64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Agree (Net)	<u>56</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>38</u>
Agree strongly	38	37	41	60	39	32	19
Agree somewhat	18	16	20	10	21	20	19
Disagree (Net)	<u>39</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>57</u>
Disagree somewhat	10	12	7	10	10	9	10
Disagree strongly	29	31	28	20	24	33	47
Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	-	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>

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	<u>Lib</u>	<u>Mod</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>NCC</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Fun</u>
Agree (Net)	<u>82</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>17</u>
Agree strongly	<u>67</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>13</u>
Agree somewhat	<u>15</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>3</u>
Disagree (Net)	<u>16</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>78</u>
Disagree somewhat	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>
Disagree strongly	<u>11</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>65</u>
Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

How the Poll Was Conducted

The Times Poll contacted 1,616 adults nationwide by telephone March 27 through 30, 2004. Telephone numbers were chosen from a list of all exchanges in the nation and random digit dialing techniques were used to allow listed and unlisted numbers to be contacted. The entire sample of adults was weighted slightly to conform with census figures for sex, race, age and education. The margin of sampling error for all adults is 3 percentage points in either direction. For certain subgroups the error margin may be somewhat higher. Poll results may also be affected by factors such as question wording and the order in which questions are presented.