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PRRI 2014 LGBT Issues & Trends Survey
November 12 – December 18, 2013
N=4,509 Adults (age 18+)

Q.1 Generally speaking, do you think changes in American culture and way of life are moving in the right direction or do you think things have gotten off on the wrong track?

26	Right Direction
65	Wrong Track
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.2 As I read a pair of statements, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right. **[ROTATE OPTIONS 1-2]**

2013	2011[1]	
54	60	What makes America great is that it is open to change and new ways of doing things
34	35	What makes America great is that it protects traditional values and ways of doing things
5	1	Neither (VOL.)
4	2	Both equally (VOL.)
2	1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.3 Since the 1950s, do you think American culture and way of life has mostly changed for the better, or has it mostly changed for the worse?

44	Mostly changed for the better
46	Mostly changed for the worse
7	Both/Neither (VOL.)
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

[1] Public Religion Research Institute; Millennials, Religion & Gay and Lesbian Issues Survey, July 2011.

Q.4 Thinking about some issues that are important to people, do you think that **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]** is a critical issue to you personally, one among many important issues or not that important compared to other issues?

a. Same-sex marriage

2013	2011[2]	
24	24	Critical issue
25	20	One among many
48	53	Not that important
3	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. HIV and AIDS

33	Critical issue
38	One among many
26	Not that important
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N= 2,252]:

c. Health care

57	Critical issue
31	One among many
10	Not that important
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Abortion

31	Critical issue
35	One among many
30	Not that important
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

[2] Public Religion Research Institute; Millennials, Religion & Gay and Lesbian Issues Survey, July 2011.

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,257]:

e. Jobs and unemployment

62	Critical issue
29	One among many
8	Not that important
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

f. Immigration

34	Critical issue
39	One among many
24	Not that important
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

NO Q5 AND Q6

ASK ALL:

On a different subject...

Q.7 Do you think abortion should be… **[READ IN ORDER]**

[FORM 1: LIST CATEGORIES IN ORDER 1-4 / FORM 2: LIST CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER 4-1]

20	Legal in all cases
32	Legal in most cases
27	Illegal in most cases, OR
14	Illegal in all cases
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.8 Now, I'd like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today. All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**?

a. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally

2013	2003[3]	1996[4]	
22	9	6	Strongly favor
31	23	21	Favor
21	24	24	Oppose
20	35	41	Strongly oppose
5	9	8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

b. Making the use of marijuana legal

20	Strongly favor
31	Favor
25	Oppose
19	Strongly oppose
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Allowing gay and lesbian people to adopt children

2013	2006[5]	1999[6]	
23	14	10	Strongly favor
35	32	28	Favor
20	22	27	Oppose
17	26	30	Strongly oppose
6	6	5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

[3] Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, News Interest Index/Homosexuality Study, October 2003. The Pew question asked respondents whether they strongly favored, favored, opposed or strongly opposed the following: "Allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally."

[4] Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, Religion & Politics Survey, June 1996. This survey also relied on a slightly different question wording (See above).

[5] Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, News Interest Index Survey, March 2006.

[6] Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, News Interest Index Survey, September 1999. The Pew question asked respondents whether they strongly favored, favored, opposed or strongly opposed the following: "Allowing gays and lesbians to adopt children."

d. Laws that would protect gay and lesbian people against job discrimination

2013	2011[7]	2010[8]	
33	30	29	Strongly favor
39	41	39	Favor
15	16	17	Oppose
8	11	10	Strongly oppose
5	3	5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

e. Making it more difficult to access pornography on the Internet

34	Strongly favor
22	Favor
20	Oppose
19	Strongly oppose
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N= 2,252]:

Q.9 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?

2013	2006[9]	
43	48	National level
52	46	State level
6	6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N= 2,257]:

Q.10 To the best of your knowledge, is it LEGAL or NOT LEGAL under FEDERAL LAW to fire or refuse to hire someone because they are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender?

15	Legal
75	Not Legal
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

[7] Public Religion Research Institute, Millennials, Religion & Gay and Lesbian Issues Survey, July 2011.

[8] Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, September 2010.

[9] Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life/Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, Religion & Public Life Survey, July 2006.

ASK ALL:

Q.11 Next, I'm going to read you a series of statements about personal behavior. Regardless of whether or not you think it should be legal, for each one, please tell me whether you PERSONALLY believe that it is morally acceptable or morally wrong. First... **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]**? **[READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY:** Is this morally acceptable, or morally wrong?**]**

a. Having an abortion

33	Morally acceptable
54	Morally wrong
11	Depends on the situation (VOL.)
*	Not a moral issue (VOL.)
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Sex between two adults of the same gender

2013	2012[10]	2011[11]	
43	42	41	Morally acceptable
51	52	55	Morally wrong
2	1	1	Depends on the situation (VOL.)
1	1	*	Not a moral issue (VOL.)
4	5	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N= 2,252]:

c. Viewing pornography

29	Morally acceptable
65	Morally wrong
2	Depends on the situation (VOL.)
1	Not a moral issue (VOL.)
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

[10] Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, September 2012.

[11] Public Religion Research Institute, Religion, Millennials, and Abortion Survey, April 2011.

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N= 2,257]:

d. Smoking marijuana

50	Morally acceptable
42	Morally wrong
4	Depends on the situation (VOL.)
2	Not a moral issue (VOL.)
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

Q.12 Now, as I read some statements on a few different topics, please tell to what extent you agree or disagree with each one. (First/Next), **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]**. **READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY**: Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree?

a. Religious groups are alienating young people by being too judgmental about gay and lesbian issues

2013	2011[12]	
25	23	Completely agree
33	31	Mostly agree
20	23	Mostly disagree
15	18	Completely disagree
8	6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Gay and lesbian couples can be as good parents as heterosexual couples

2013	2003[13]	
38	30	Completely agree
30	24	Mostly agree
13	11	Mostly disagree
15	26	Completely disagree
-	3	Mixed opinion (VOL.)
4	6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

[12] Public Religion Research Institute, Millennials, Religion & Gay and Lesbian Issues Survey, July 2011.

[13] Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life Survey, News Interest Index/Homosexuality Study, October 2003.

c. Gay marriage goes against my religious beliefs

2013	2003[14]	
34	50	Completely agree
17	12	Mostly agree
16	10	Mostly disagree
29	23	Completely disagree
5	4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

d. Bullying of gay and lesbian teenagers is a major problem in our schools

35	Completely agree
31	Mostly agree
14	Mostly disagree
9	Completely disagree
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

[14] Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, News Interest Index/Homosexuality Study, October 2003. The Pew question wording was slightly different asking respondents whether they completely agreed, somewhat agreed, somewhat disagreed or completely disagreed with the following statement: "Gay marriage would go against my religious beliefs."

Now a few different questions...

RELIG. What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS "nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc." **BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH:** And would you say that's atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?**]**

36	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
20	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
2	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
1	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
1	Jewish (Judaism)
1	Muslim (Islam)
1	Buddhist
*	Hindu
3	Atheist (do not believe in God)
4	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
2	Something else [SPECIFY]
16	Nothing in particular
13	Christian (VOL.)
*	Unitarian (Universalist) (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC, NOTHING IN PARTICULAR OR DK (RELIG=9,10,12,99), ASK [N=909]:

JEWID Do you consider yourself to be Jewish for any reason?

3	Yes
94	No
*	Half or part (VOL.)
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF SOMETHING ELSE OR DK/REF (RELIG = 11, 99) ASK [N=226]:

CHR. Do you think of yourself as a Christian or not?
IF R NAMED A NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN PREVIOUS QUESTION (e.g. Native American, Wiccan, Pagan, etc.), DO NOT READ (ENTER "NO" CODE 2)

60	Yes
35	No
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1-4, 13 OR CHR=1), ASK [N=3,415]:
BORN. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

49	Yes
46	No
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:
RELIG2 Thinking about when you were a child, in what religion were you raised, if any?

READ IF NECESSARY: Were you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

45	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
30	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
2	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
*	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
2	Jewish (Judaism)
1	Muslim (Islam)
1	Buddhist
*	Hindu
*	Atheist (do not believe in God)
*	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
1	Something else [SPECIFY]
7	Nothing in particular
11	Christian (VOL.)
*	Unitarian (Universalist) (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF RAISED AS A CHRISTIAN (RELIG2=1-4, 11, 13), ASK [N=4,015]:
BORN2 Would you describe the religion you were raised in as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian religion, or not?

45	Yes
45	No
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF CURRENTLY UNAFFILIATED BUT RAISED RELIGIOUS (RELIG=9,10,12 & RELIG2=1 8,11,13,14) ASK [N=666]:

Q.13 Thinking about the reasons you are no longer affiliated with your childhood religion, how much a factor, if at all, were negative religious teachings about or treatment of gay and lesbian people? Was it... **[READ IN ORDER]**

10	A very important factor
14	Somewhat important
17	Not too important, OR
54	Not at all important?
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

13	More than once a week
23	Once a week
14	Once or twice a month
19	A few times a year
16	Seldom
14	Never
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.14 Which of the following comes closest to how you think about the place of religion in your life? **[READ IN ORDER]**

28	Religion is the most important thing in my life, OR
43	Religion is one among many important things in my life, OR
14	Religion is not as important as other things in my life, OR
14	Religion is not important in my life?
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.15 Which comes closest to your view? **[READ IN ORDER]**

[HOLY BOOK: If Christian or no religion (RELIG=1-4, 9, 10, 12, 13 OR CHR=1), insert "the Bible"; **If Jewish (RELIG=5), insert** "the Torah"**; If Muslim (RELIG=6), insert,** "the Koran"**; If other non-Christian affiliations (RELIG=7,8,14 OR (RELIG=11 AND CHR=2,9)), insert** "the Holy Scripture"; **IF DK/REF IN RELIGION (RELIG=99 AND CHR=2,9), insert** "the Bible"**]**

IF BELIEVE HOLY BOOK IS WORD OF GOD (Q.15=1), ASK [N=2,879]:
Q.16 And would you say that **[READ IN ORDER]**

63	[Holy book] is the word of God, OR
32	*[Holy book] is to be taken literally, word for word, OR*
28	*Not everything in [Holy book] should be taken literally, word for word?*
3	*Other/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)*
30	[Holy book] is a book written by men and is not the word of God
3	Other (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:
Q.17 Thinking about different groups of people, do you think the following are mostly in favor of same-sex marriage or mostly opposed to same-sex marriage? First... **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN AS NECESSARY:** Are they mostly in favor of same-sex marriage or mostly opposed?**]**

a. Your family

34	Favor same-sex marriage
53	Oppose same-sex marriage
5	Split/Divided equally (VOL.)
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Your friends

41	Favor same-sex marriage
43	Oppose same-sex marriage
7	Split/Divided equally (VOL.)
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Americans overall

34	Favor same-sex marriage
49	Oppose same-sex marriage
9	Split/Divided equally (VOL.)
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF ATTEND AT LEAST FEW TIMES A YEAR (ATTEND=1-4), ASK [N=3,193]:

d. People at your church or place of worship

13	Favor same-sex marriage
73	Oppose same-sex marriage
3	Split/Divided equally (VOL.)
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

Q.18 Now thinking about other groups of people...
Please tell me whether you think the following groups are generally friendly or unfriendly toward gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. First... **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]**. Do you think **[INSERT] [IF ITEMS a,b,c,f,g:** is **/ IF ITEMS d,e,h:** are**]** very friendly, somewhat friendly, somewhat UNfriendly or very unfriendly toward gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people?

a. The Democratic Party

31	Very friendly
39	Somewhat friendly
9	Somewhat Unfriendly
5	Very Unfriendly
16	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. The Republican Party

5	Very friendly
23	Somewhat friendly
27	Somewhat Unfriendly
27	Very Unfriendly
18	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. The Catholic Church

7	Very friendly
20	Somewhat friendly
26	Somewhat Unfriendly
32	Very Unfriendly
15	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Evangelical Christian Churches

5	Very friendly
19	Somewhat friendly
22	Somewhat Unfriendly
29	Very Unfriendly
24	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N= 2,252]:
e. Non-evangelical Protestant Churches

6	Very friendly
27	Somewhat friendly
20	Somewhat Unfriendly
13	Very Unfriendly
34	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

f. The Jewish religion

5	Very friendly
20	Somewhat friendly
17	Somewhat Unfriendly
17	Very Unfriendly
41	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N= 2,257]:
g. The Mormon Church

3	Very friendly
10	Somewhat friendly
20	Somewhat Unfriendly
33	Very Unfriendly
33	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

h. African American Churches

6	Very friendly
25	Somewhat friendly
22	Somewhat Unfriendly
11	Very Unfriendly
35	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

Q.19 Just your best guess, what percent of Americans today would you say are... **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]**? And about what percent of Americans would you say are... **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**?

INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: If respondent says they are not sure prompt once with: "Even if you are not exactly sure just give your best guess."

a. Gay or lesbian

14	0-5
18	6-10
21	11-20
17	21-30
22	31+
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total
23	Average
20	Median

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N= 2,252]:

b. Jewish

12	0-5
17	6-10
23	11-20
17	21-30
17	31+
15	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total
22	Average
20	Median

c. Atheist

14	0-5
18	6-10
21	11-20
16	21-30
20	31+
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total
23	Average
20	Median

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N= 2,257]:

d. Muslim

20	0-5
21	6-10
23	11-20
14	21-30
10	31+
12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total
18	Average
15	Median

e. Hispanic

2	0-5
5	6-10
20	11-20
25	21-30
44	31+
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total
35	Average
30	Median

ASK ALL:

Q.20 In your view, is being gay or lesbian something a person is born with, or due to factors such as upbringing or environment?

2013	2003[15]	
44	38	Born with
36	44	Upbringing or environment
12	11	Both (VOL.)
2	2	Neither (VOL.)
7	5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

ASK ALL:

And thinking about American society...

Q.21 Just your impression, in the United States today, is there a lot of discrimination against **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]**, or not?

a. Gay and lesbian people

2013	2009[16]	
68	64	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
27	30	No, not a lot of discrimination
4	6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N= 2,252]:

b. Evangelical Christians

2013	2009	
29	27	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
58	56	No, not a lot of discrimination
13	17	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. Muslims

2013	2009	
65	58	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
27	29	No, not a lot of discrimination
8	13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

[15] Gallup Poll, May 2003.

[16] For this question, all 2009 figures are from Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life/Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, Religion & Public Life Survey, September 2009. The Pew question referred to "gays and lesbians" instead of gay and lesbian people.

d. Jews

2013	2009	
32	35	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
59	54	No, not a lot of discrimination
9	11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

e. Atheists, that is people who don't believe in God

2013	2009	
31	26	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
61	59	No, not a lot of discrimination
8	14	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N= 2,257]:

f. People with HIV or AIDS

53	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
37	No, not a lot of discrimination
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

g. Blacks

2013	2009	
52	49	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
44	46	No, not a lot of discrimination
3	5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

h. Women

2013	2009	
44	37	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
54	59	No, not a lot of discrimination
3	4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

i. Transgender people

71	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
19	No, not a lot of discrimination
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.22 In your community, how difficult do you think it is for someone to live openly as a gay or lesbian person? **[READ IN ORDER]**

2013	2011[17]	
11	15	Very difficult
30	36	Somewhat difficult
32	26	Not too difficult, OR
23	19	Not at all difficult?
1	*	Depends (VOL.)
3	4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.23 Do you have a close friend or family member who is gay or lesbian?

2013	1993[18]	
65	22	Yes
35	77	No
1	1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.24 Do you have a close friend or family member who is transgender?

9	Yes
89	No
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

[17] Public Religion Research Institute, Millennials, Religion & Gay and Lesbian Issues Survey, July 2011.

[18] CBS/New York Times Survey, February 1993.

ROTATE Q25 & Q26

Turning to a different subject...

Q.25 What do you think is the MOST urgent health problem facing THIS NATION today? **[READ; RANDOMIZE LIST IN SAME ORDER AS Q26] [RECORD UP TO TWO OPTIONS]**

1st Mention	2nd Mention[19]	Total Mentions	
36	20	39	Obesity
26	26	30	Cancer
8	16	11	Heart disease
9	19	11	Diabetes
10	8	11	Hunger and malnutrition
5	9	6	HIV/AIDS
2	1	2	Cost of health insurance/Access to health care (VOL.)
2	1	2	Other (VOL.)
1	0	1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	n/a	Total

And...

Q.26 What do you think is the MOST urgent health problem facing THE WORLD today? **[READ; RANDOMIZE LIST IN SAME ORDER AS Q25] [RECORD UP TO TWO OPTIONS]**

1st Mention	2nd Mention[20]	Total Mentions	
14	16	16	Obesity
22	23	25	Cancer
5	11	7	Heart disease
5	15	7	Diabetes
40	16	42	Hunger and malnutrition
9	18	11	HIV/AIDS
1	1	1	Cost of health insurance/Access to health care (VOL.)
2	1	2	Other (VOL.)
1	0	1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	n/a	Total

[19] Only 656 respondents mentioned both a first and second most important health problem facing the U.S.

[20] Only 591 respondents mentioned both a first and second most important health problem facing the world.

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N= 2,257]:

Q.27 Just your impression, do you think most people with HIV or AIDS in the U.S. today became infected because of irresponsible personal behavior or through no fault of their own?

65	Irresponsible personal behavior
25	No fault of their own
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N= 2,252]:

Q.28 Just your impression, do you think most people with HIV or AIDS in other countries in the developing world became infected because of irresponsible personal behavior or through no fault of their own?

41	Irresponsible personal behavior
48	No fault of their own
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

Q.29 Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree with the following statement: AIDS might be God's punishment for immoral sexual behavior?

2013	2003[21]	1992[22]	
5	11	17	Completely agree
9	14	19	Mostly agree
20	19	19	Mostly disagree
61	51	38	Completely disagree
4	6	7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

Now, for statistical purposes only...

GAYID Do you consider yourself to be heterosexual or straight, gay, lesbian or bisexual?

91	Heterosexual or straight
1	Gay
1	Lesbian
3	Bisexual
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

[21] Pew Research Center for the People & the Press Survey, August 2003.

[22] PSRA/Times Mirror, June 1992.

TGNDR And do you consider yourself to be transgender?

1	Yes
96	No
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute. The survey was made possible by a generous grant from the Ford Foundation. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) telephone interviews conducted between November 12, 2013 and December 18, 2013, by professional interviewers under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates. Interviews were conducted by telephone among a random sample of 4,509 adults 18 years of age or older in the entire United States (1,801 respondents were interviewed on a cell phone, including 977 without a landline phone). The selection of respondents within households was accomplished by randomly requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female currently living in the household.

Data collection is based on stratified, single-stage, random-digit-dialing (RDD) sample of landline telephone households and randomly generated cell phone numbers. The sample is designed to represent the total U.S. adult population inclusive of respondents from all 50 states, including Hawaii and Alaska. The landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International.

The weighting was accomplished in two stages. The first stage of weighting corrected for different probabilities of selection associated with the number of adults in each household and each respondent's telephone usage patterns.[23] In the second stage, sample demographics were balanced by form to match target population parameters for gender, age, education, race and Hispanic ethnicity, region (U.S. Census definitions), population density and telephone usage. The population density parameter was derived from Census 2010 data. The telephone usage parameter came from an analysis of the July-December 2012 National Health Interview Survey. All other weighting parameters were derived from an analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2011 American Community Survey.

The sample weighting was accomplished using Sample Balancing, a special iterative sample-weighting program that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights were trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results. The use of these weights in statistical analysis ensures that the demographic characteristics of the sample closely approximate the demographic characteristics of the target populations.

The margin of error is +/- 1.7 percentage points for the general sample at the 95% confidence level. The design effect for the survey is 1.4. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context, and order effects.

[23] Telephone usage refers to whether respondents have only a landline telephone, only a cell phone or both types.