

PRRI March 2013 Survey
March 6-10, 2013
N = 1,028

ASK ALL:

Now a few different questions...

Q.1 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; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose?

a. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally

23	Strongly favor
27	Favor
18	Oppose
21	Strongly oppose
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Requiring the federal government to recognize marriages between gay and lesbian couples that were performed in states where they are legal

22	Strongly favor
28	Favor
18	Oppose
20	Strongly oppose
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to adopt children

24	Strongly favor
32	Favor
18	Oppose
19	Strongly oppose
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.2 Compared to your views five years ago, are your current views about the legality of same-sex marriage generally more supportive, more opposed, or have they not changed?

20	More supportive
8	More opposed
68	Have not changed
<u>3</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.3 How certain are you that your position on same-sex marriage is the right one?
Are you...

55	Absolutely certain
24	Fairly certain
7	Not too certain
7	Not at all certain
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.4 Now please tell me whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with the following statements. First... **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**. Next... **[INSERT]**

REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with this statement?

a. Gay and lesbian relationships should be accepted by society

36	Completely agree
31	Mostly agree
10	Mostly disagree
16	Completely disagree
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

- b. Gay and lesbian people should be eligible for ordination as clergy with no special requirements (**INTERVIEWER:** If definition of ordination is requested: “Ordination means being officially recognized as a clergy member by their church.”)

25	Completely agree
25	Mostly agree
13	Mostly disagree
25	Completely disagree
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

- c. Women should be eligible for ordination as clergy with no special requirements (**INTERVIEWER:** If definition of ordination is requested: “Ordination means being officially recognized as a clergy member by their church.”)

41	Completely agree
30	Mostly agree
10	Mostly disagree
10	Completely disagree
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

- Q.5 Do you think laws about same-sex marriage should be decided at the national level or something that each state should decide for itself?

43	National level
48	State level
4	Neither/Both (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

- Q.6 Do you personally believe that sex between two adults of the same gender is a sin, or not?

44	Yes
46	No
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.7 Do you think a gay or lesbian person's sexual orientation can be changed or cannot be changed?

32	Can be changed
53	Cannot be changed
<u>15</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

On a different subject...

ASK FORM 1 ONLY (N=499)¹:

Q.8 Now I'm going to read you three things that bother or worry some people. After I read all three items, please just tell me HOW MANY of them would bother you. Do not tell me which ones, just how many. **[READ; RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS]**
How many, if any, of these things bother you?

- 1—An America where gay and lesbian marriages are accepted
- 2—An America where there are more foreign cars than American made cars on the road
- 3—An America where religious groups have a lot of influence on public policy

1.39 Mean number of selected statements

ASK FORM 2 ONLY (N=497)¹:

Q.9 Now I'm going to read you four things that bother or worry some people. After I read all four items, please just tell me HOW MANY of them would bother you. Do not tell me which ones, just how many. **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**. How many, if any, of these things bother you?

- 1—An America where gay and lesbian marriages are accepted
- 2—An America where there are more foreign cars than American made cars on the road
- 3—An America where religious groups have a lot of influence on public policy
- 4—An America where most people are not white

1.62 Mean number of selected statements

Note: Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding

¹ Reported results excludes "don't know" responses and refusals.

Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) RDD telephone interviews conducted between March 6, 2013 and March 10, 2013 by professional interviewers under the direction of Social Science Research Solutions (SSRS). Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 1,028 adults 18 years of age or older in the entire United States (415 respondents were interviewed on a cell phone).

The final sample was weighted to five different parameters—age, sex, geographic region, education and telephone usage²—to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the total adult population.

The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.1 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context and order effects.

² Telephone usage refers to whether respondents have only a landline telephone, only a cell phone or both types and the frequency with which they use each type.