



**PRRI 2013 Ohio Values Survey  
August 8 -15, 2013  
N=1,001 (883 Registered Voters)**

Q.1 Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

<u>All</u> <u>Ohioans</u>	<u>Ohio</u> <u>Voters</u>	
24	25	Right direction
63	62	Wrong track
8	9	Mixed (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

And thinking about the state of Ohio...

Q.2 Do you think things in Ohio are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

<u>All</u> <u>Ohioans</u>	<u>Ohio</u> <u>Voters</u>	
39	39	Right direction
48	48	Wrong track
9	9	Mixed (VOL.)
<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Thinking about the 2012 presidential election...

Q.3 A lot of people have been telling us they didn't get a chance to vote in this election. How about you... did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

<u>All</u> <u>Ohioans</u>	<u>Ohio</u> <u>Voters</u>	
76	88	Yes, Voted
22	12	No, Did not vote
1	*	Not eligible to vote (VOL.)
*	<u>0</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

**IF VOTED (Q3=1), ASK [N=828]:**

Q.4 Did you happen to vote for **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**, **[INSERT]**, or some other candidate?

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
47	47	Barack Obama, the Democrat
36	36	Mitt Romney, the Republican
5	5	Some other candidate Independent/Third Party candidate
1	1	Did not vote (VOL.)
<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

ASK ALL:

Q.5 Thinking about some issues in Ohio today, do you think that **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** is a critical issue facing Ohio, one among many important issues, or not that important compared to other issues? What about **[INSERT; NEXT]**?

**REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** Is this a critical issue facing Ohio, one among many important issues, or not that important compared to other issues?

a. Same-sex marriage

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
25	24	Critical issue
22	23	One among many
49	49	Not that important
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Immigration

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
30	30	Critical issue
35	36	One among many
31	30	Not that important
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. Jobs and Unemployment

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
69	68	Critical issue
25	27	One among many
3	3	Not that important
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=482]:**

d. The cost of education

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
55	55	Critical issue
35	35	One among many
8	8	Not that important
<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=519]:**

e. The cost of health care

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
64	66	Critical issue
29	28	One among many
5	5	Not that important
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject...

Q.6 Which of the following statements comes closest to your own view [**READ IN ORDER**]?

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
42	41	Same-sex couples should be allowed to legally marry
21	23	Same-sex couples should be allowed to have civil unions, but not legally marry,
30	30	There should be no legal recognition of a same-sex couple's relationship
<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

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

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
18	16	Legal in all cases
31	31	Legal in most cases
28	30	Illegal in most cases
16	15	Illegal in all cases
<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Turning to a different issue...

Q.8 Which statement comes closest to your view about how the immigration system should deal with immigrants who are currently living in the U.S. illegally? The immigration system should... **(FORM 1 READ 1-3 IN ORDER, FORM 2 READ 1-3 REVERSE ORDER)**

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
60	61	Allow them a way to become citizens provided they meet certain requirements
12	12	Allow them to become permanent legal residents, but not citizens
25	23	Identify and deport them
1	2	None of these (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

## NO QUESTION 9

### ASK ALL:

Q.10 Now, we would like to get your views on some other issues that are being discussed in the country today. All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**? What about **[INSERT NEXT]**?

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

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
30	30	Strongly favor
38	38	Favor
16	16	Oppose
8	9	Strongly oppose
<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
22	23	Strongly favor
25	24	Favor
22	23	Oppose
24	24	Strongly oppose
<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. Allowing immigrants who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children to gain legal resident status if they join the military or go to college

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
18	19	Strongly favor
42	40	Favor
22	24	Oppose
12	11	Strongly oppose
<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

e. A law in your state TAKING AWAY some collective bargaining rights of most public employee unions, including state teachers unions.

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
9	9	Strongly favor
20	19	Favor
29	28	Oppose
32	34	Strongly oppose
<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.11 How certain are you that your position on same-sex marriage is the right one? Are you...

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
58	57	Absolutely certain
24	25	Fairly certain
7	6	Not too certain
6	6	Not at all certain
<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

On a different topic, thinking ahead to the 2014 elections....

Q.12 If the 2014 Congressional elections were being held today, would you vote for the **[INSERT AND ROTATE]** or the **[INSERT]** in your election district?

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
35	36	Democratic candidate
29	30	Republican candidate
5	5	Independent/Third Party candidate (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Will not vote (VOL.)
28	27	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

And thinking again about the 2014 elections and possible issues on the ballot...

Q.13 If you had to vote on the following ballot issue today, would you favor or oppose amending Ohio's Constitution to allow same-sex couples to legally marry?

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
46	45	Favor
50	51	Oppose
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)
100	100	Total

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=519]:**

Q.14 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?

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
11	11	Legal
79	80	Not Legal
<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)
100	100	Total

Q.15 For each of the following items, to the best of your knowledge, please tell me whether you think it is currently LEGAL or NOT LEGAL in the state of Ohio. In Ohio, do you think it is currently, LEGAL or NOT LEGAL to [INSERT; RANDOMIZE Q14F1b & Q14F1c]? And in Ohio is it legal or not legal to [INSERT NEXT]?

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=482]:**

a. Fire or refuse to hire someone because they are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
10	10	Legal
83	84	Not Legal
<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)
100	100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

b. Refuse to rent an apartment or house to someone because they are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
12	12	Legal
80	81	Not Legal
<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)
100	100	Total

c. Refuse to provide someone with a business service, such as not serving them in a restaurant, because they are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender

All <u>Ohioans</u>	Ohio <u>Voters</u>	
16	15	Legal
77	78	Not Legal
<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL)
100	100	Total

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

# Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute. Results of the survey were based on telephone interviews conducted between August 8, 2013 and August 15, 2013, by professional interviewers under the supervision of Princeton Survey Research Associates. Interviews were conducted by telephone among a random sample of 1,001 adults 18 years of age or older currently living in the state of Ohio (401 respondents were interviewed on a cell phone). The landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International and the final sample was weighted to ensure proper representativeness. The survey was made possible through generous funding from the Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund.

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. In the second stage, sample demographics were balanced to match target population parameters for gender, age, education, race and Hispanic ethnicity, density of the population<sup>1</sup>, and telephone usage.<sup>2</sup> The telephone usage parameter is based on projections from the most recent account in the CDC's National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). All other weighting parameters were drawn from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2011 American Community Survey (ACS).

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 for the entire sample is +/- 3.7 percentage points at the 95% confidence interval. The margin of error for the registered voter subsample is +/- 3.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence interval. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context, and order effects.

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<sup>1</sup> Ohio population density is based on county-level population density (i.e., total population divided by total land area in square miles). County is based on self-reported zip code, and counties are divided into density quintiles where 1=lowest density and 5=highest density.

<sup>2</sup> Telephone usage refers to whether respondents have only a landline telephone, only a cell phone or both types.