

PRRI August 2011 Survey
August 11-14, 2011
N=1,006

Q.1 All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally?

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| 27 | Strongly favor |
| 20 | Favor |
| 14 | Oppose |
| 32 | Strongly oppose |
| <u>7</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

IF OPPOSE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE OR DK (Q1=3,4,9), ASK [N=527]:

Q.2 Please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree, or completely disagree with the following statement.

If the law only provided for civil marriages like you get at city hall for gay couples, I would support allowing them to have a civil marriage.

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| 7 | Completely agree |
| 15 | Mostly agree |
| 15 | Mostly disagree |
| 56 | Completely disagree |
| <u>8</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

ASK ALL:

Q.3 Now, thinking about what have been called 'hate crimes'--those crimes committed because the criminal hates the group of people to which the victim belongs...

Congress recently expanded federal hate crime laws to include crimes committed on the basis of the victim's gender, sexual orientation or gender identity. Do you favor or oppose expanding the federal hate crime laws in this way?

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| 74 | Favor |
| 22 | Oppose |
| <u>4</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

Q.4 How familiar are you with the term transgender? Do you know what this term means, have you heard of it but are not sure what it means, or have you never heard of the term transgender before?

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| 70 | Know what the term means |
| 24 | Heard of it but not sure what it means |
| 5 | Never heard of the term before |
| <u>1</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

READ TO FORM 1 ONLY:

The term 'transgender' applies to people who live out their gender in a way that does not match the sex listed on their original birth certificate, or who physically change their sex.

ASK ALL:

Q.5 As I read a few statements about transgender people, please tell me whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with each one. The first statement is [INSERT]. Next . . . [INSERT NEXT]. [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

a. Transgender people deserve the same rights and protections as other Americans

| <u>Combined</u> | <u>Form 1</u> | <u>Form 2</u> | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 67 | 66 | 68 | Completely agree |
| 22 | 23 | 22 | Mostly agree |
| 4 | 4 | 5 | Mostly disagree |
| 3 | 4 | 3 | Completely disagree |
| <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>3</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

b. Legal protections that apply to gay and lesbian people should also apply to transgender people

| <u>Combined</u> | <u>Form 1</u> | <u>Form 2</u> | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 49 | 49 | 48 | Completely agree |
| 32 | 32 | 33 | Mostly agree |
| 7 | 7 | 6 | Mostly disagree |
| 6 | 6 | 6 | Completely disagree |
| <u>6</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>6</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

c. Congress should pass laws to protect transgender people from job discrimination

| <u>Combined</u> | <u>Form 1</u> | <u>Form 2</u> | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 48 | 48 | 47 | Completely agree |
| 27 | 26 | 29 | Mostly agree |
| 7 | 8 | 5 | Mostly disagree |
| 14 | 13 | 14 | Completely disagree |
| <u>5</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>4</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
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d. I feel I am well informed about transgender persons and issues

| <u>Combined</u> | <u>Form 1</u> | <u>Form 2</u> | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 30 | 30 | 29 | Completely agree |
| 37 | 36 | 38 | Mostly agree |
| 18 | 19 | 17 | Mostly disagree |
| 12 | 11 | 13 | Completely disagree |
| <u>4</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>3</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | 100 | 100 | Total |

Q.6 Now thinking about the people that you know...Please tell me whether you have a close friend or family member who is **[INSERT]**? And do you have a close friend or family member who is **[INSERT]**? **[ROTATE ITEMS]**

a. Gay or lesbian

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| 58 | Yes |
| 39 | No |
| <u>2</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

b. Transgender

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| 11 | Yes |
| 86 | No |
| <u>3</u> | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 | Total |

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

Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute. Results of the survey were based on RDD telephone interviews conducted between August 11, 2011 and August 14, 2011 by professional interviewers under the direction of Opinion Research Corporation. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 1,006 adults 18 years of age or older living in private households in the continental United States.

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

The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.0 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.