

PRRI August 2016 Survey
Total = 2,014 (808 Landline, 1,206 Cell phone)
August 10 - 16, 2016

Turning to a different subject...

REGIST Are you registered to vote at your present address or not?

76	Yes
23	No
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF CURRENTLY REGISTERED TO VOTE (REGIST=1), ASK [N=1,630]:

Q.1 If the 2016 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were [INSERT; RANDOMIZE] and [INSERT], for whom would you vote?

IF DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (Q1=9), ASK [N=242]:

Q.2 As of today, do you lean more toward [INSERT; RANDOMIZE] or [INSERT]?

48	Hillary Clinton, the Democrat
45	<i>Clinton</i>
3	<i>Leans Clinton</i>
35	Donald Trump, the Republican
33	<i>Trump</i>
2	<i>Leans Trump</i>
2	Gary Johnson (VOL.)
*	Jill Stein (VOL.)
5	Some other candidate (VOL.)
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

Regardless of who you plan on supporting in the election...

Q.3 Would you say that [INSERT; RANDOMIZE] shares your values, or not? And would you say that [INSERT] shares your values, or not?

a. Hillary Clinton

41	Yes, shares my values
53	No, does not share my values
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Donald Trump

27	Yes, shares my values
66	No, does not share my values
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Again, regardless of who you plan to support in this election...

Q.4 Would you definitely vote for, vote for but with reservations, or definitely not vote for a candidate who opposes same-sex marriage?

20	Definitely vote for
22	Vote for with reservations
44	Definitely not vote for
<u>15</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.5 Do you think **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** is very friendly, somewhat friendly, somewhat UNfriendly or very unfriendly toward gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people? And what about... **[INSERT NEXT]**?

a. The Democratic Party

Aug. <u>2016</u>	Dec. <u>2013</u>	
38	31	Very friendly
35	39	Somewhat friendly
7	9	Somewhat unfriendly
6	5	Very unfriendly
<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. The Republican Party

Aug. <u>2016</u>	Dec. <u>2013</u>	
7	5	Very friendly
26	23	Somewhat friendly
25	27	Somewhat unfriendly
26	27	Very unfriendly
<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. The Catholic Church

<u>Aug.</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Dec.</u> <u>2013</u>	
10	7	Very friendly
25	20	Somewhat friendly
25	26	Somewhat unfriendly
24	32	Very unfriendly
<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,029]:

d. Evangelical Christian Churches

<u>Aug.</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Dec.</u> <u>2013</u>	
9	5	Very friendly
21	19	Somewhat friendly
23	22	Somewhat unfriendly
27	29	Very unfriendly
<u>21</u>	<u>24</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=985]:

e. Non-evangelical Protestant Churches

<u>Aug.</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Dec.</u> <u>2013</u>	
9	6	Very friendly
25	27	Somewhat friendly
22	20	Somewhat unfriendly
18	13	Very unfriendly
<u>27</u>	<u>34</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

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?]

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

IF NOTHING IN PARTICULAR (RELIG=12), ASK [N=301]:

SECULAR In general would you describe yourself more as a religious person or as a secular person, that is someone who is NOT religious?

15	Religious
75	Secular, not religious
5	Spiritual, not religious (VOL.)
1	OTHER [SPECIFY—VOL.]
<u>4</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF PROTESTANT OR CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1,13), ASK [N=927]:

BORN Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

55	Yes
41	No
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	Total

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?

10	More than once a week
23	Once a week
12	Once or twice a month
19	A few times a year
18	Seldom
18	Never
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	Total

IF ATTEND AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH (ATTEND<4), ASK [N=938]:

Thinking about your place of worship...

Q.6 Does the clergy at your place of worship ever speak out about **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[INSERT]**? Does the clergy at your place of worship ever speak out about this, or not?

a. The issue of homosexuality

Aug. <u>2016</u>	May <u>2011</u>	Sept. <u>2010</u>	
42	51	41	Yes
56	47	57	No
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

b. The issue of abortion

Aug. <u>2016</u>	July <u>2011</u>	May <u>2011</u>	
42	64	54	Yes
56	34	44	No
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

c. The 2016 presidential election

22	Yes
76	No
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF HEARD ABOUT 'HOMOSEXUALITY' (Q6a=1), ASK [N=363]:

Q.7 When your clergy has spoken about the issue of homosexuality do they say it is morally acceptable, morally wrong or do they not take a position on the issue?

Aug. <u>2016</u>	May <u>2011</u>	
13	5	Morally acceptable
60	77	Morally wrong
24	16	Don't take a position
<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

ASK ALL:

Q.8 Overall, do you think that messages about homosexuality coming from America's places of worship are generally about accepting homosexuality, generally about discouraging homosexuality or do you think most places of worship do not talk about the issue?

Aug. <u>2016</u>	July <u>2011</u>	
9	6	Accepting homosexuality
33	37	Discouraging homosexuality
46	51	Do not talk about the issue
<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.9 Now, please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree with the following statement... Gay marriage goes against my religious beliefs.

Aug. <u>2016</u>	Aug. <u>2015</u>	Dec. <u>2013</u>	
27	26	34	Completely agree
14	15	17	Mostly agree
16	21	16	Mostly disagree
38	32	29	Completely disagree
<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

Q.10 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?

<u>Aug.</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2011</u>	
26	20	19	More supportive
6	8	9	More opposed
66	68	71	Have not changed
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

Q.11 In America today, do you think it is more socially acceptable to be in favor of same sex marriage or to oppose same-sex marriage?

<u>Aug.</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2011</u>	
65	51	Favor same-sex marriage
23	43	Oppose same-sex marriage
2	1	Neither (VOL.)
1	1	Both (VOL.)
<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.12 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?

<u>Aug.</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Dec.</u> <u>2013</u>	
14	15	Legal
80	75	Not legal
<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.13 Now, we would like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today. Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose **[INSERT RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[INSERT NEXT; RANDOMIZE]**? **[READ AS NECESSARY: Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose this?]**

a. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)</u>
Aug. 2016	31	31	15	15	8=100
July 2016	28	28	21	13	10=100
June 2016	25	30	20	15	10=100
Late May 2016	25	30	17	19	8=100
Early May 2016	32	30	18	18	2=100
Dec. 2015	22	30	19	19	10=100
Nov. 2015	32	24	17	20	8=100
Late Oct. 2015	27	28	19	19	6=100
Early Oct. 2015	31	29	17	22	1=100
Sept. 2015	28	27	16	21	7=100
Late Aug. 2015	26	29	15	20	9=100
Early Aug. 2015	28	25	16	23	8=100
July 2015	24	28	16	24	8=100
June 2015	27	28	18	19	9=100
May 2015	26	27	20	19	9=100
Dec. 2014	25	32	18	18	7=100
Nov. 2014	25	29	20	19	7=100
Oct. 2014	24	32	18	17	9=100
Sept. 2014	22	33	18	19	8=100
Late Aug. 2014	24	25	20	22	9=100
Early Aug. 2014	28	28	17	20	7=100
July 2014	24	29	18	20	10=100
June 2014	25	28	14	26	7=100
May 2014	26	24	19	21	10=100
April 2014	27	27	18	22	5=100
Dec. 2013	22	31	21	20	5=100
Oct. 2013	25	27	19	25	4=100
June 2013	22	30	21	20	7=100
May 2013	24	28	22	21	5=100
March 2013	23	27	18	21	10=100
Feb. 2013	25	27	19	23	7=100
Sept. 2012	24	25	18	27	7=100
Aug. 2012	24	25	17	28	6=100
June 2012	25	24	18	26	7=100
March 2012	22	30	19	25	5=100
Oct. 2011	24	24	20	26	6=100

Aug. 2011	19	29	21	25	6=100
July 2011	18	29	21	26	6=100

b. Allowing a small business owner in your state to refuse to provide products or services to gay or lesbian people, if doing so violates their religious beliefs

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</u>
Aug. 2016	14	16	28	35	7=100
July 2016	9	22	29	31	8=100
June 2016	13	17	29	31	9=100
May 2016	13	21	28	32	6=100
Dec. 2015	15	21	32	26	7=100
Nov. 2015	15	20	23	36	7=100
Oct. 2015	14	20	27	32	6=100
Sept. 2015	17	18	28	32	5=100
Late Aug. 2015	14	21	29	28	8=100
Early Aug. 2015	17	21	28	28	5=100
July 2015	17	19	27	28	7=100
June 2015	16	18	28	32	5=100
May 2015	14	18	30	32	5=100

c. Laws that require transgender individuals to use bathrooms that correspond to their sex at birth rather than their current gender identity

15	Strongly favor
20	Favor
23	Oppose
30	Strongly oppose
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	Total

d. Laws that would protect gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people against discrimination in jobs, public accommodations, and housing

	Strongly <u>favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Strongly <u>oppose</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Aug. 2016	38	34	13	10	5=100
Dec. 2015	32	37	16	10	5=100
Nov. 2015	39	33	12	11	6=100
Oct. 2015	34	35	15	11	4=100
Sept. 2015	37	34	15	10	4=100
Late Aug. 2015	37	33	15	9	6=100
Early Aug. 2015	35	36	13	11	5=100
July 2015	34	34	14	11	6=100
June 2015	40	29	13	12	6=100
May 2015	35	36	15	9	5=100

Q.14 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 IN ORDER (1-3), FORM 2 READ REVERSE ORDER (3-1)]**

	Allow them a way to become citizens provided they meet certain requirements	Allow them to become permanent legal residents, but not citizens	Identify and deport them	None of these (VOL.)	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
Aug. 2016	64	14	18	1	3=100
July 2016	61	13	21	1	3=100
June 2016	64	14	17	1	4=100
Late May 2016	62	16	18	1	3=100
Early May 2016	61	17	21	-	1=100
Dec. 2015	63	15	18	2	2=100
Nov. 2015	64	14	16	1	5=100
Oct. 2015	66	13	19	1	2=100
Sept. 2015	63	12	21	1	3=100
Late Aug. 2015	63	16	19	1	2=100
Early Aug. 2015	60	16	19	2	3=100
July 2015	64	14	17	2	3=100
Late June 2015	64	15	16	1	4=100
Early June 2015	61	17	18	2	3=100
May 2015	60	14	21	1	3=100
Feb. 2015	59	19	18	1	3=100
Dec. 2014	65	18	15	1	1=100
Late Nov. 2014	58	19	20	1	2=100
Early Nov. 2014	59	16	22	1	3=100
Oct. 2014	60	17	20	1	2=100
Sept. 2014	57	17	23	1	2=100
Aug. 2014	57	19	21	1	2=100
Late July 2014	58	17	22	1	2=100
Early July 2014	58	18	19	2	4=100
June 2014	61	16	20	1	2=100
May 2014	64	16	17	1	2=100
April 2014	61	16	20	1	2=100
Nov. 2013	63	14	18	1	4=100
Aug. 2013	63	12	19	1	4=100
Feb. 2013	63	14	21	1	1=100

ASK ALL:

And thinking about American society...

Q.15 Just your impression, in the United States today, is there a lot of discrimination against **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]**, or not? And is there a lot of discrimination against **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**, or not?

a. Gay and lesbian people

	Yes, there is a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	No, not a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Aug. 2016	61	35	4=100
July 2016	59	35	6=100
June 2016	60	37	2=100
Oct. 2015	68	31	2=100
June 2015	62	32	7=100
Dec. 2013	68	27	4=100

b. Immigrants

	Yes, there is a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	No, not a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Aug. 2016	66	31	3=100
July 2016	60	34	6=100
June 2016	68	28	4=100

c. Blacks

	Yes, there is a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	No, not a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Aug. 2016	60	37	3=100
July 2016	55	40	5=100
June 2016	57	40	3=100
Oct. 2015	63	36	1=100
Dec. 2013	52	44	3=100

d. Transgender people

	Yes, there is a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	No, not a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Aug. 2016	65	26	8=100
July 2016	61	30	9=100
June 2016	66	29	5=100
June 2015	62	27	11=100
Dec. 2013	71	19	9=100

Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute. The survey was made possible by generous grants from The Arcus Foundation and The Ford Foundation. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) RDD telephone interviews conducted between August 10, 2016, and August 16, 2016, by professional interviewers under the direction of SSRS. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 2,014 adults 18 years of age or older living in the United States (1,206 respondents were interviewed on a cell phone, and 1,630 respondents were registered voters). 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 and includes respondents from all 50 states, including Hawaii and Alaska. The landline and cell phone samples are provided by Marketing Systems Group.

The weighting is accomplished in two separate stages. The first stage of weighting corrects for different probabilities of selection associated with the number of adults in each household and each respondent's telephone usage patterns.¹ In the second stage, sample demographics are balanced 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 2015 National Health Interview Survey. All other weighting parameters are derived from an analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's May 2015 Current Population Survey.

The sample weighting is accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting (IFP) process 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 survey is +/- 2.6 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. The design effect for the survey is 1.4. The margin of error for registered voters is +/- 2.9 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.

¹ Telephone usage refers to whether respondents have only a landline telephone, only a cell phone, or both types.

Appendix

**Table 1. Demographic, Political, Religious,
and Issue Subgroup Sample Sizes**
(All figures are unweighted)

	<u>General Public</u>
Total Sample	2,014
Male	977
Female	1,037
Republican	446
Independent	778
Democrat	649
Registered voters	1,630
White, non-Hispanic	1,378
Black, non-Hispanic	211
Hispanic	238
Age 18-29	320
30-49	513
50-64	585
65+	592
White evangelical Protestant	359
White mainline Protestant	323
Black Protestant	141
Other non-white Protestant	102
Catholic	418
<i>White Catholic</i>	<i>259</i>
<i>Non-white Catholic</i>	<i>154</i>
Non-Christian religion	110
Religiously unaffiliated	437