

**BOSTON GLOBE POLL**  
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**US OPINIONS ON GAY MARRIAGE**

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**The Boston Globe Poll  
Conducted by the UNH Survey Center  
May 2005**

**Technical Report**

**Field Period:** May 4 to May 9, 2005

**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (local time)

**Median Completion Time:** 7 minutes

**Sample Size:** 760 randomly selected U.S. adults (RDD)

**Sampling Error:** +/-3.6%

**Response Rate (AAPOR #4):** 26%

**The Boston Globe Poll**  
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**Questionnaire**

\* = DEFINED MISSING VALUE

Q:INTRO

"Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm calling for the Boston Globe Poll from the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. This month, the University is conducting a very short, confidential survey of Americans on social and political issues, and we'd really appreciate your help and cooperation. The survey will only take about 5 minutes."

1 CONTINUE  
\* 99 REFUSED

Q:BIR1

"In order to determine who to interview, could you tell me, of the adults aged 18 or older who currently live in your household -- including yourself -- who had the most recent birthday? I don't mean who is the youngest, but rather, who had the most recent birthday?"

1 INFORMANT  
2 SOMEONE ELSE -- ASK TO SPEAK TO THAT PERSON  
3 DON'T KNOW ALL BIRTHDAYS, ONLY SOME  
4 DON'T KNOW ANY BIRTHDAYS OTHER THAN OWN  
\* 99 REFUSED

IF (ANSWER = 1) SKIPTO SEX  
IF (ANSWER = 2) SKIPTO INT2  
IF (ANSWER = 4) SKIPTO SEX  
IF (ANSWER = 99) CTRLEND

Q:BIR2

"Of the ones that you do know, who had the most recent birthday?"

1 INFORMANT  
2 SOMEONE ELSE -- ASK TO SPEAK TO THAT PERSON  
3 PERSON NOT AVAILABLE  
\* 99 REFUSED

IF (ANSWER = 1) SKIPTO SEX  
IF (ANSWER = 2) SKIPTO INT2  
IF (ANSWER > 2) CTRLEND

Q:INT2

"Hello, this is \_\_\_\_\_ calling from the University of New Hampshire for the Boston Globe. We are conducting a very short, confidential survey of Americans' on social and political issues, and we'd really appreciate your help and cooperation. The survey will only last 5 minutes"

"You have been identified as the adult in your household who had the most recent birthday. Is this correct?"

1 YES  
2 APPOINTMENT  
\* 99 REFUSAL

Q:SEX

"Thank you very much for helping us with this important study. We really appreciate your help."

"Before we begin I want to assure you that all of your answers are strictly confidential. They will be combined with answers from other people from across the country. Your telephone number was randomly selected from all families in the U.S. This call may be monitored for quality assurance."

"Participation is voluntary. If you decide to participate, you may decline to answer any question or end the interview at any time."

IF ASKED: "This survey will take about 5 minutes to complete."

RECORD SEX OF RESPONDENT

1	MALE
2	FEMALE
* 99	NA

Q:Q1

"Let's begin with a general question. What is the most important problem facing the United States today?"

DO NOT READ RESPONSES

1	TERRORISM
2	CONFLICT IN IRAQ
3	ECONOMY / JOBS
4	HEALTH CARE
5	EDUCATION
6	SOCIAL SECURITY
7	GAY MARRIAGE
8	OTHER - SPECIFY
98	DK / NOT SURE - PROBE: "In general..."
* 99	NA / REFUSED

Q:Q2

"Let's turn to the issue of gay or same-sex marriage. Based on what you know, is there any state in the U.S. in which it is legal for gay and lesbian couples to get married?"

IF YES: "Which state is that?"

1	MASSACHUSETTS
2	VERMONT
3	CONNECTICUT
4	OTHER STATE - SPECIFY
5	NOT LEGAL IN ANY STATE
98	DK / NOT SURE
* 99	NA / REFUSED

Q:Q3

"As you may know, Massachusetts is the only state that has legalized gay marriage. If a gay or lesbian couple gets married in Massachusetts, should their marriage be recognized as legal in all 50 states?"

1 YES  
2 NO

98 DK / NOT SURE

\* 99 NA / REFUSED

Q:Q4

"Overall, do you approve or disapprove of gay and lesbian couples being allowed to get married?"

"Is that strongly or just somewhat?"

1 STRONGLY APPROVE  
2 APPROVE SOMEWHAT  
3 NEUTRAL - VOLUNTEERED  
4 DISAPPROVE SOMEWHAT  
5 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE

98 DK / NOT SURE

\* 99 NA / REFUSED

IF (ANSWER = 1)SKIPTO Q5A

IF (ANSWER = 2)SKIPTO Q5A

IF (ANSWER = 4)SKIPTO Q5D

IF (ANSWER = 5)SKIPTO Q5D

IF (ANSWER = 3)SKIPTO Q5U

IF (ANSWER = 98)SKIPTO Q5U

Q:Q5A

"What is the most important reason you approve of allowing gay and lesbian couples to get married?"

RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR SPECIFIC ANSWER.

Q:Q5D

"What is the most important reason you disapprove of allowing gay and lesbian couples to get married?"

RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR SPECIFIC ANSWER.

Q:Q5U

"Why would you say you are undecided about allowing gay and lesbian couples to get married?"

RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR SPECIFIC ANSWER.

Q:Q6

"There has been some debate about which branch of government should decide if gay marriages are legal. Some people argue that courts should decide whether gay marriage should be legal and other people argue that these decisions should be made by legislatures. Which best represents your view?"

ROTATE "Should the courts make decisions about legalizing gay marriage or should these decisions be left to legislatures?"

- 1 COURTS
- 2 LEGISLATURES
- 3 EITHER / DOESN'T MATTER WHICH / JUST DO IT
  
- 4 DEPENDS ON STATE - VOLUNTEERED
  
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

Q:Q7

"Would you favor or oppose an amendment to the US Constitution that would define marriage as being between a man and a woman, thus prohibiting marriages between gay or lesbian couples?"

"Is that strongly or just somewhat?"

- 1 STRONGLY FAVOR
- 2 SOMEWHAT FAVOR
- 3 NEUTRAL
- 4 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE
  
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

Q:Q8

"Would you favor or oppose legislation in YOUR state that would prohibit marriages between gay or lesbian couples?"

"Is that strongly or just somewhat?"

- 1 STRONGLY FAVOR
- 2 SOMEWHAT FAVOR
- 3 NEUTRAL
- 4 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE
  
- 98 DK / NOT SURE
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

Q:Q9

"What about civil unions between gay or lesbian couples that would give them some, but not all, of the legal rights of married couples ... should same sex couples be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry in your state?"

"Is that strongly or just somewhat?"

- 1 STRONGLY FAVOR
- 2 SOMEWHAT FAVOR
- 3 NEUTRAL
- 4 SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 5 STRONGLY OPPOSE

98 DK / NOT SURE

\* 99 NA / REFUSED

Q:Q10

"As you may know, Massachusetts is the only state that has legalized gay marriage. Do you think in the future that ALL states will legalize gay marriage ... that some additional states will legalize gay marriage ...or that no additional states will legalize gay marriage?"

- 1 ALL STATES WILL LEGALIZE GAY MARRIAGE
- 2 SOME MORE STATES WILL LEGALIZE GAY MARRIAGE
- 3 NO MORE STATES WILL LEGALIZE GAY MARRIAGE

98 DK / NOT SURE

\* 99 NA / REFUSED

Q:Q11

"Do you think gays or lesbians should be allowed to serve openly in the United States military?"

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

98 DK / NOT SURE

\* 99 NA / REFUSED

Q:Q12

"What about sexual relations between two adults of the same sex - do you think it is always wrong ... almost always wrong ... wrong only sometimes ... or not wrong at all?"

- 1 ALWAYS WRONG
- 2 ALMOST ALWAYS WRONG
- 3 WRONG ONLY SOMETIMES
- 4 NOT WRONG AT ALL

5 OTHER - SPECIFY

98 DK / NOT SURE

\* 99 NA / REFUSED

Q:D1

"Now, a few final questions . . ."

"Are you currently married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?"

- 1 MARRIED (COMMON LAW MARRIAGE & SPOUSE AWAY IN MILITARY)
- 2 WIDOWED
- 3 DIVORCED
- 4 SEPARATED
- 5 NEVER MARRIED (INCLUDING ANULLMENTS)
- 6 LIVING TOGETHER NOT MARRIED (VOLUNTEERED)

\* 99 NA / REFUSED

Q:D2

"What is the highest grade in school, or level of education that you've completed and got credit for ...

[READ RESPONSES]

- 1 Eighth grade or less,
- 2 Some high school,
- 3 High school graduate, (INCLUDES G.E.D.)
- 4 Technical school,
- 5 Some college,
- 6 College graduate,
- 7 Or postgraduate work?"

98 DK (DO NOT PROBE)

\* 99 NA / REFUSED

Q:D3

"Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or what?"

(IF REPUBLICAN): "Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?"

(IF DEMOCRAT): "Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?"

(IF INDEPENDENT, NO PREFERENCE, OR OTHER): "Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or to the Democratic party?"

- 1 STRONG DEMOCRAT
- 2 NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT
- 3 INDEPENDENT, BUT CLOSER TO DEMOCRATS
- 4 INDEPENDENT--CLOSER TO NEITHER
- 5 INDEPENDENT, BUT CLOSER TO REPUBLICANS
- 6 NOT VERY STRONG REPUBLICAN
- 7 STRONG REPUBLICAN
- 8 OTHER PARTY

\* 99 NA / REFUSED

Q:D4

"Do you consider yourself ...

- 1 Catholic,
- 2 Protestant,
- 3 other Christian,
- 4 Jewish,
- 5 Muslim,
- 6 some other religion, or
- 7 do you have no religious preference?"
  
- 98 DON'T KNOW / NOT SURE
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

Q:D5

"How often do you attend worship services? Would you say ...

READ RESPONSES

- 1 more than once a week,
- 2 once a week,
- 3 once or twice a month,
- 4 a few times a year,
- 5 seldom, or
- 6 never?"
  
- 98 DON'T KNOW / NOT SURE
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

Q:D6

"What is your current age?"

(RECORD EXACT NUMBER OF YEARS OLD -- E.G., 45)

- 96 NINETY-SIX YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
- \* 97 REFUSED
- \* 98 DK
- \* 99 NA

Q:D7

"Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity? Is it ...White ... African-American ... Hispanic ... Asian ... Native-American ... or some other?"

- 1 WHITE (CAUCASIAN)
- 2 BLACK (AFRICAN-AMERICAN)
- 3 HISPANIC
- 4 ASIAN
- 5 NATIVE AMERICAN
- 6 OTHER - SPECIFY
  
- 98 DON'T KNOW
- \* 99 NO ANSWER/REFUSED

Q:D8

"Including yourself, how many adults CURRENTLY live in your household?"

- 1 ONE
- 2 TWO
- 3 THREE
- 4 FOUR
- 5 FIVE
- 6 SIX
- 7 SEVEN OR MORE
  
- 98 DK
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

Q:D9

"Not counting business lines, extension phones, or cellular phones -- on how many different telephone NUMBERS can your household be reached?"

- 1 ONE
- 2 TWO
- 3 THREE
- 4 FOUR
- 5 FIVE
- 6 SIX
- 7 SEVEN OR MORE
  
- 98 DK
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

Q:D10

"Finally, would you be willing to be interviewed by a reporter to discuss your reactions to some of the topics we've been talking about?"

- 1 YES    ⚡ "Could I have just your first name in case a reporter wants to call you?"
- 2 NO / DK
  
- \* 99 NA / REFUSED

Q:END

"Thank you for your time and participation. Your input has been very valuable. Goodbye."

## Tabular Results

### Most Important Problem Facing US

"Let's begin with a general question. What is the most important problem facing the United States today?"

	<u>Iraq</u> 19%	<u>Econ./</u> <u>Jobs</u> 18%	<u>Terror-</u> <u>ism</u> 11%	<u>Health</u> <u>Care</u> 6%	<u>Moral</u> <u>Issues</u> 4%	<u>Soc.</u> <u>Security</u> 5%	<u>G.W.</u> <u>Bush</u> 4%	<u>Other</u> 29%
<b>NATIONWIDE</b>								
Male	14	18	13	4	3	7	6	31
Female	24	18	10	8	5	4	3	27
18 to 34	16	24	8	4	4	7	6	26
35 to 49	17	19	10	6	4	5	3	34
50 to 64	24	14	13	7	3	5	2	31
65 and over	19	20	12	7	7	4	7	23
White	19	18	11	7	5	6	4	29
African American	29	22	8	0	3	3	3	28
Hispanic	26	24	13	0	3	2	2	30
Other	11	16	16	0	0	0	0	35
High school or less	24	25	6	3	2	6	5	24
Some college	19	18	12	7	5	5	3	31
College graduate	18	15	10	9	7	7	3	29
Post-graduate	16	17	16	4	3	2	5	36
Democrat	23	19	7	6	1	5	8	29
Independent	17	24	9	8	5	6	2	26
Republican	13	17	16	6	7	5	0	33
Catholic	19	19	13	9	0	6	3	29
Protestant	22	16	12	7	6	7	4	26
Other	13	21	11	4	7	3	2	38
None	23	19	5	4	2	5	12	24
Attend Church 1/week or more	16	16	9	7	9	5	2	33
Attend 1-2 times/month	20	25	11	8	2	6	3	25
Attend few times a year	20	20	13	5	1	7	2	28
Never attend church	24	18	11	4	1	4	8	28
Married	20	18	12	7	5	4	4	29
Divorced/separated	20	19	11	4	5	4	2	32
Never married	16	21	5	5	0	11	6	29
Approve of Gay Marriage	23	17	8	8	1	6	7	29
Neutral/DK	21	20	11	2	2	10	4	24
Disapprove	16	18	13	6	8	3	2	30
Let Gays serve openly in Military	20	19	10	7	3	6	4	29
No	18	17	12	3	9	2	4	32
Same-sex sexual relations always wrong	19	20	12	4	9	3	2	28
Sometimes wrong	23	12	11	6	1	6	3	36
Never wrong	18	19	9	9	1	6	6	30
Northeast	19	22	9	9	4	5	4	28
South	20	16	13	3	5	7	3	31
Midwest	18	25	8	7	5	3	5	27
West	19	13	13	7	3	6	6	30
Kerry State in 2004	19	18	10	9	4	3	5	29
Bush State in 2004	19	19	11	3	5	7	3	30

### Which State Has Legalized Gay Marriage?

"Let's turn to the issue of gay or same-sex marriage. Based on what you know, is there any state in the U.S. in which it is legal for gay and lesbian couples to get married?" IF YES: "Which state is that?"

NATIONWIDE	<u>MA</u> 23%	<u>VT</u> 5%	<u>CA</u> 8%	<u>Other</u> 8%	<u>None</u> 21%	<u>DK</u> 34%	<u>(N=)</u> 756
Male	28	6	7	8	19	32	356
Female	19	3	10	8	24	35	400
18 to 34	19	5	13	4	25	33	166
35 to 49	20	5	9	12	27	28	203
50 to 64	29	4	7	10	15	37	234
65 and over	24	7	6	6	19	39	131
White	24	5	9	9	22	32	640
African American	23	4	5	7	17	44	52
Hispanic	6	0	1	13	29	50	27
Other	12	0	18	0	11	59	23
High school or less	12	2	11	4	21	51	198
Some college	16	4	11	8	25	34	230
College graduate	30	5	7	11	21	26	202
Post-graduate	43	9	2	10	17	19	119
Democrat	25	7	8	8	19	32	330
Independent	11	2	9	4	29	45	93
Republican	28	4	9	9	22	28	283
Catholic	24	7	7	8	21	33	167
Protestant	24	4	6	8	22	35	253
Other	23	3	12	9	22	32	210
None	22	6	7	10	21	34	104
Attend Church 1/week or more	20	4	10	9	22	35	300
Attend 1-2 times/month	24	5	8	7	22	33	118
Attend few times a year	24	7	5	8	24	32	126
Never attend church	27	4	8	9	19	33	199
Married	24	5	8	9	21	33	498
Divorced/separated	21	3	11	10	19	36	132
Never married	23	4	10	4	24	35	120
Approve of Gay Marriage	23	7	8	11	24	26	279
Neutral/DK	23	3	8	7	9	50	97
Disapprove	23	3	8	6	23	36	371
Let Gays serve openly in Military	25	5	8	8	22	31	584
No	20	2	10	5	20	42	130
Same-sex sexual relations always wrong	18	3	10	6	25	37	293
Sometimes wrong	38	3	12	8	9	29	71
Never wrong	22	7	8	9	23	30	255
Northeast	32	10	8	7	9	34	153
South	18	2	10	8	25	36	262
Midwest	19	6	6	9	29	32	169
West	27	3	8	10	19	32	171
Kerry State in 2004	25	7	8	9	20	32	362
Bush State in 2004	21	3	9	8	23	36	392

### Should Gay Marriages from MA Be Recognized in Other States?

"As you may know, Massachusetts is the only state that has legalized gay marriage. If a gay or lesbian couple gets married in Massachusetts, should their marriage be recognized as legal in all 50 states?"

<b>NATIONWIDE</b>	<b><u>Yes</u></b> <b>46%</b>	<b><u>No</u></b> <b>50%</b>	<b><u>DK</u></b> <b>4%</b>	<b><u>(N=)</u></b> <b>751</b>
Male	43	54	2	353
Female	48	46	6	398
18 to 34	59	40	1	166
35 to 49	46	48	5	202
50 to 64	45	51	4	231
65 and over	34	61	5	130
White	46	50	4	634
African American	46	52	2	52
Hispanic	53	43	4	27
Other	38	55	7	23
High school or less	41	55	3	196
Some college	47	48	5	230
College graduate	46	49	4	199
Post-graduate	51	46	3	118
Democrat	63	33	4	328
Independent	46	49	5	93
Republican	27	69	4	279
Catholic	55	40	5	167
Protestant	34	62	4	249
Other	43	55	2	209
None	71	23	6	104
Attend Church 1/week or more	30	67	3	298
Attend 1-2 times/month	53	44	3	117
Attend few times a year	60	36	5	125
Never attend church	58	36	6	198
Married	43	53	5	494
Divorced/separated	42	53	5	130
Never married	65	35	0	120
Approve of Gay Marriage	90	8	2	278
Neutral/DK	60	26	14	92
Disapprove	9	88	3	370
Let Gays serve openly in Military	54	41	4	582
No	13	84	3	129
Same-sex sexual relations always wrong	10	86	4	293
Sometimes wrong	44	52	4	70
Never wrong	80	16	4	254
Northeast	58	36	6	151
South	34	64	3	260
Midwest	46	49	5	167
West	52	43	5	173
Kerry State in 2004	56	39	5	357
Bush State in 2004	36	60	3	391

### Overall Attitude re Gay Marriage

"Overall, do you approve or disapprove of gay and lesbian couples being allowed to get married?" "Is that strongly or just somewhat?"

NATIONWIDE	<u>Strongly Approve</u> 25%	<u>Approve Somewhat</u> 12%	<u>Neutral</u> 11%	<u>Disapprove Somewhat</u> 8%	<u>Strongly Disapprove</u> 42%	<u>Don't Know</u> 2%	<u>(N=)</u> 748
Male	22	12	14	9	42	2	352
Female	28	12	9	7	42	2	397
18 to 34	32	14	12	10	29	3	164
35 to 49	24	16	13	8	38	1	200
50 to 64	27	10	12	7	44	1	233
65 and over	18	8	8	9	55	2	131
White	26	13	11	8	41	2	635
African American	17	7	12	14	47	3	52
Hispanic	30	14	17	9	26	4	25
Other	21	5	23	5	38	9	23
High school or less	18	11	12	8	46	4	197
Some college	27	12	10	5	44	1	230
College graduate	23	14	11	10	40	2	198
Post-graduate	37	10	13	9	29	1	116
Democrat	39	14	12	7	24	3	327
Independent	26	8	15	7	42	2	90
Republican	9	12	9	10	60	0	281
Catholic	32	14	15	8	29	2	166
Protestant	17	8	12	8	54	1	253
Other	23	12	7	11	46	2	207
None	43	20	13	3	16	5	102
Attend Church 1/week or more	14	7	8	5	63	2	299
Attend 1-2 times/month	31	13	6	18	31	1	117
Attend few times a year	37	13	15	9	24	1	124
Never attend church	32	18	16	7	24	3	195
Married	23	12	12	7	45	2	492
Divorced/separated	23	12	10	9	44	2	132
Never married	38	14	11	13	22	3	118
Let Gays serve openly in Military	31	14	12	9	32	2	576
No	5	5	6	4	78	3	132
Same-sex sexual relations always wrong	2	2	4	6	84	2	292
Sometimes wrong	14	21	18	23	24	0	71
Never wrong	54	21	11	3	9	2	253
Northeast	34	13	14	10	26	3	152
South	14	12	7	7	57	2	259
Midwest	27	10	14	12	36	2	167
West	33	14	11	4	37	2	171
Kerry State in 2004	34	13	12	8	30	2	360
Bush State in 2004	17	11	10	8	52	2	385

### Why Favor Gay Marriage?

	<u>It's Their Choice</u> 41%	<u>Equal Rights</u> 27%	<u>Not My Business</u> 15%	<u>Same As Straight</u> 11%	<u>Have Gay Aquaint.</u> 6%	<u>(N=)</u> 275
<b>NATIONWIDE</b>						
Male	36	29	18	10	8	116
Female	45	26	13	11	5	159
18 to 34	44	25	19	3	9	76
35 to 49	44	20	15	14	6	79
50 to 64	35	36	11	12	5	85
65 and over	38	27	13	19	3	32
White	41	28	13	12	6	243
African American	54	13	29	0	4	12
Hispanic	24	14	50	7	4	11
Other	34	43	0	0	23	6
High school or less	50	18	17	9	5	58
Some college	50	19	16	6	9	89
College graduate	27	33	17	17	6	73
Post-graduate	35	42	7	13	4	54
Democrat	38	30	17	9	5	175
Independent	32	28	14	20	5	29
Republican	57	16	8	11	8	58
Catholic	47	21	16	8	8	75
Protestant	35	23	17	16	9	65
Other	34	37	12	14	3	69
None	47	29	14	5	5	64
Attend Church 1/week or more	36	28	12	20	4	63
Attend 1-2 times/month	41	22	17	11	9	51
Attend few times a year	38	26	22	4	10	63
Never attend church	46	30	11	9	4	98
Married	45	28	14	8	4	170
Divorced/separated	44	18	14	18	6	44
Never married	27	32	17	12	13	60
Let Gays serve openly in Military	40	27	14	11	7	258
No	57	18	25	0	0	13
Same-sex sexual relations always wrong	23	16	45	16	0	10
Sometimes wrong	35	28	29	8	0	25
Never wrong	41	27	13	11	9	190
Northeast	45	31	14	6	5	71
South	38	25	17	13	8	66
Midwest	35	19	17	20	8	59
West	45	32	13	6	5	78
Kerry State in 2004	40	31	16	8	4	167
Bush State in 2004	42	21	13	15	9	107

### Why Oppose Gay Marriage?

NATIONWIDE	<u>Religious Or Moral Reasons</u> 62%	<u>Marriage is Between Men&amp;Wom.</u> 27%	<u>Hurts Family</u> 9%	<u>Legal Issues</u> 3%	<u>(N=)</u> 365
Male	58	24	14	4	173
Female	65	29	5	1	192
18 to 34	70	20	8	2	62
35 to 49	69	23	4	4	89
50 to 64	60	26	13	1	117
65 and over	50	35	11	3	82
White	61	27	9	3	308
African American	69	15	15	0	31
Hispanic	74	26	0	0	9
Other	58	42	0	0	9
High school or less	67	25	8	0	105
Some college	68	28	3	2	113
College graduate	55	26	15	4	98
Post-graduate	53	27	15	4	43
Democrat	63	29	8	1	102
Independent	65	33	2	0	44
Republican	60	24	12	4	194
Catholic	49	39	9	4	62
Protestant	62	29	8	1	154
Other	70	19	10	1	115
None	44	20	21	15	19
Attend Church 1/week or more	70	21	8	1	201
Attend 1-2 times/month	53	38	5	4	56
Attend few times a year	49	31	14	5	42
Never attend church	51	32	13	5	58
Married	61	28	8	3	253
Divorced/separated	64	21	15	1	71
Never married	65	28	6	1	37
Let Gays serve openly in Military	62	26	9	3	231
No	64	26	9	1	105
Same-sex sexual relations always wrong	69	24	6	1	259
Sometimes wrong	61	19	13	7	32
Never wrong	29	48	16	7	31
Northeast	55	22	21	3	50
South	64	27	5	4	167
Midwest	55	32	10	2	80
West	68	23	7	1	68
Kerry State in 2004	60	24	12	3	133
Bush State in 2004	63	28	7	2	230

### Why Undecided About Gay Marriage?

	<b>It's Their Choice</b> <b>83%</b>	<b>Personally Don't Like</b> <b>10%</b>	<b>Other</b> <b>8%</b>	<b>(N=)</b> <b>90</b>
<b>NATIONWIDE</b>				
Male	87	10	3	54
Female	76	10	14	36
18 to 34	87	13	0	24
35 to 49	92	3	5	24
50 to 64	84	2	15	28
65 and over	63	24	13	13
White	84	7	9	74
African American	72	28	0	7
Hispanic	100	0	0	4
Other	63	37	0	5
High school or less	83	14	4	29
Some college	72	12	16	23
College graduate	91	0	9	24
Post-graduate	85	15	0	15
Democrat	83	12	5	45
Independent	88	8	4	13
Republican	88	0	12	25
Catholic	88	0	12	27
Protestant	82	10	8	29
Other	84	16	0	14
None	80	20	0	19
Attend Church 1/week or more	69	20	11	27
Attend 1-2 times/month	91	9	0	9
Attend few times a year	100	0	0	19
Never attend church	83	8	9	34
Married	86	8	6	60
Divorced/separated	73	8	19	15
Never married	80	17	4	16
Let Gays serve openly in Military	89	5	6	73
No	59	31	10	10
Same-sex sexual relations always wrong	79	10	11	14
Sometimes wrong	86	14	0	13
Never wrong	89	6	5	30
Northeast	87	7	7	25
South	74	19	7	21
Midwest	87	0	13	24
West	82	15	3	20
Kerry State in 2004	85	8	7	51
Bush State in 2004	79	12	9	39

### Who Should Decide Gay Marriage?

"There has been some debate about which branch of government should decide if gay marriages are legal. Some people argue that courts should decide whether gay marriage should be legal and other people argue that these decisions should be made by legislatures. Which best represents your view?" ROTATE "Should the courts make decisions about legalizing gay marriage or should these decisions be left to legislatures?"

	<u>Courts</u> 29%	<u>Legis- lature</u> 52%	<u>Either- Do It</u> 6%	<u>Depends on St.</u> 2%	<u>Don't Know</u> 11%	<u>(N=)</u> 715
<b>NATIONWIDE</b>						
Male	26	58	6	3	7	338
Female	32	47	6	1	14	377
18 to 34	32	52	3	3	10	160
35 to 49	27	57	8	1	8	188
50 to 64	28	49	7	2	14	216
65 and over	32	51	5	3	9	129
White	29	53	6	3	10	606
African American	30	43	14	0	13	49
Hispanic	31	52	8	0	9	23
Other	37	46	0	0	17	23
High school or less	27	43	8	3	19	183
Some college	29	55	6	1	8	213
College graduate	32	56	6	1	5	195
Post-graduate	28	55	3	4	9	116
Democrat	40	39	7	4	11	307
Independent	20	56	6	2	17	85
Republican	21	68	4	1	6	272
Catholic	24	56	6	4	9	157
Protestant	26	55	5	1	13	236
Other	33	53	6	2	6	199
None	37	39	7	3	14	102
Attend Church 1/week or more	26	60	3	1	10	283
Attend 1-2 times/month	35	49	5	4	8	114
Attend few times a year	33	49	5	3	11	117
Never attend church	28	45	12	3	12	188
Married	27	55	6	2	10	472
Divorced/separated	32	45	8	3	11	124
Never married	37	45	4	3	11	111
Approve of Gay Marriage	39	41	6	4	10	268
Neutral/DK	35	44	7	2	12	92
Disapprove	21	62	6	1	11	346
Let Gays serve openly in Military	29	52	6	3	10	553
No	28	54	7	1	10	123
Same-sex sexual relations always wrong	23	59	5	1	12	270
Sometimes wrong	24	64	1	2	8	71
Never wrong	36	45	5	4	10	241
Northeast	30	50	4	4	12	145
South	27	54	5	2	11	243
Midwest	28	52	8	1	10	163
West	32	51	7	2	9	164
Kerry State in 2004	30	50	7	3	10	343
Bush State in 2004	28	54	5	2	11	369

### Favor/Oppose US Constitutional Amendment Banning Gay Marriage

"Would you favor or oppose an amendment to the US Constitution that would define marriage as being between a man and a woman, thus prohibiting marriages between gay or lesbian couples?" "Is that strongly or just somewhat?"

	<b>Strongly Favor 38%</b>	<b>Somewhat Favor 7%</b>	<b>Neutral 5%</b>	<b>Somewhat Oppose 11%</b>	<b>Strongly Oppose 36%</b>	<b>Don't Know 5%</b>	<b>(N=) 752</b>
<b>NATIONWIDE</b>							
Male	37	10	5	9	36	3	352
Female	39	5	4	13	36	4	400
18 to 34	30	9	7	12	38	5	165
35 to 49	39	7	5	15	30	5	202
50 to 64	38	6	3	10	42	1	234
65 and over	46	7	4	6	34	4	129
White	37	7	4	11	38	2	634
African American	46	4	6	13	27	5	53
Hispanic	46	7	8	17	14	8	27
Other	30	8	6	6	27	24	23
High school or less	44	6	6	9	29	6	197
Some college	40	7	6	11	32	2	228
College graduate	35	9	3	12	39	1	200
Post-graduate	28	5	1	14	49	4	119
Democrat	26	5	4	10	52	3	329
Independent	35	6	7	14	34	4	92
Republican	54	10	3	12	18	3	281
Catholic	34	5	3	15	38	5	167
Protestant	49	8	4	9	29	2	253
Other	38	7	7	9	35	3	209
None	14	8	4	16	54	4	102
Attend Church 1/week or more	55	4	4	7	24	6	298
Attend 1-2 times/month	38	8	1	14	39	0	118
Attend few times a year	23	9	8	12	46	2	124
Never attend church	21	9	5	16	46	3	198
Married	43	5	5	11	33	3	495
Divorced/separated	36	7	4	11	39	2	132
Never married	20	13	4	13	43	7	118
Approve of Gay Marriage	5	5	2	14	71	3	279
Neutral/DK	11	9	21	23	22	13	96
Disapprove	70	8	2	6	13	1	369
Let Gays serve openly in Military	31	7	5	13	41	3	582
No	66	7	4	4	18	2	130
Same-sex sexual relations always wrong	72	6	3	4	12	3	292
Sometimes wrong	29	16	6	19	30	0	70
Never wrong	10	6	4	16	63	2	254
Northeast	25	5	4	15	47	4	152
South	52	7	5	9	24	4	259
Midwest	34	7	7	11	38	3	169
West	33	9	3	12	42	2	172
Kerry State in 2004	27	7	5	13	45	3	361
Bush State in 2004	48	7	4	9	27	4	389

### Favor/Oppose State Law Banning Gay Marriage

"Would you favor or oppose legislation in YOUR state that would prohibit marriages between gay or lesbian couples?" "Is that strongly or just somewhat?"

	<u>Strongly</u> <u>Favor</u> 39%	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>Favor</u> 7%	<u>Neutral</u> 7%	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>Oppose</u> 10%	<u>Strongly</u> <u>Oppose</u> 36%	<u>Don't</u> <u>Know</u> 2%	<u>(N=)</u> 747
<b>NATIONWIDE</b>							
Male	39	9	8	10	32	2	352
Female	38	5	6	10	39	2	395
18 to 34	30	10	8	14	35	3	166
35 to 49	36	9	11	12	29	2	200
50 to 64	41	4	5	9	41	0	232
65 and over	47	4	5	5	37	2	129
White	38	7	6	10	37	2	631
African American	44	4	12	14	23	3	53
Hispanic	49	0	9	15	20	8	27
Other	34	0	16	0	41	9	23
High school or less	40	4	10	9	33	4	196
Some college	43	8	6	8	33	2	230
College graduate	37	6	5	16	35	1	197
Post-graduate	30	10	7	5	45	3	117
Democrat	23	3	7	12	52	4	329
Independent	39	8	13	10	31	0	92
Republican	57	10	6	9	17	0	279
Catholic	32	4	7	15	39	2	167
Protestant	50	7	6	5	30	2	249
Other	41	7	9	11	32	1	208
None	14	10	5	14	53	5	104
Attend Church 1/week or more	57	4	5	8	25	2	294
Attend 1-2 times/month	37	7	5	12	39	0	118
Attend few times a year	23	9	10	11	45	3	124
Never attend church	22	8	10	12	44	4	198
Married	44	5	8	8	32	2	491
Divorced/separated	34	7	7	11	40	1	132
Never married	19	14	4	16	44	3	118
Approve of Gay Marriage	6	4	3	17	68	1	276
Neutral/DK	9	9	32	19	21	10	97
Disapprove	71	7	3	3	16	1	365
Let Gays serve openly in Military	32	7	7	11	41	2	580
No	67	6	4	5	17	2	128
Same-sex sexual relations always wrong	72	5	5	3	14	2	289
Sometimes wrong	27	19	5	17	32	0	71
Never wrong	13	5	5	17	59	1	254
Northeast	25	7	8	12	44	4	151
South	52	5	6	9	25	3	256
Midwest	34	7	13	11	35	1	168
West	35	9	2	9	44	0	172
Kerry State in 2004	30	8	7	11	43	2	358
Bush State in 2004	47	6	7	9	29	2	387

### Favor/Oppose Civil Unions

"What about civil unions between gay or lesbian couples that would give them some, but not all, of the legal rights of married couples ... should same sex couples be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry in your state?" "Is that strongly or just somewhat?"

	<b>Strongly Favor 28%</b>	<b>Somewhat Favor 18%</b>	<b>Neutral 7%</b>	<b>Somewhat Oppose 8%</b>	<b>Strongly Oppose 33%</b>	<b>Don't Know 7%</b>	<b>(N=) 724</b>
<b>NATIONWIDE</b>							
Male	31	17	9	8	32	4	342
Female	25	18	5	7	35	9	382
18 to 34	27	19	5	11	33	6	158
35 to 49	30	20	8	7	28	7	195
50 to 64	32	14	7	6	34	7	221
65 and over	21	20	7	7	39	6	130
White	29	18	7	7	34	5	613
African American	21	16	12	6	30	15	51
Hispanic	20	18	7	17	24	14	27
Other	35	5	0	12	34	13	21
High school or less	24	17	6	8	38	8	192
Some college	26	17	8	7	34	8	224
College graduate	30	20	7	7	32	4	193
Post-graduate	36	17	5	8	27	6	108
Democrat	33	16	7	10	27	8	311
Independent	19	23	14	7	32	5	89
Republican	27	19	4	5	38	6	277
Catholic	36	18	7	6	27	7	162
Protestant	24	17	8	8	36	7	244
Other	26	17	4	8	37	7	202
None	30	18	9	11	28	3	96
Attend Church 1/week or more	16	14	5	8	49	8	290
Attend 1-2 times/month	40	19	6	7	19	10	113
Attend few times a year	31	21	11	7	24	6	119
Never attend church	37	20	8	8	24	3	191
Married	29	18	7	6	34	6	476
Divorced/separated	22	18	10	7	35	9	128
Never married	30	18	3	14	29	6	114
Approve of Gay Marriage	38	15	7	11	25	3	259
Neutral/DK	29	30	14	7	7	13	93
Disapprove	19	16	5	5	47	8	364
Let Gays serve openly in Military	32	18	7	9	27	7	560
No	10	15	5	3	60	6	125
Same-sex sexual relations always wrong	12	17	5	5	54	8	286
Sometimes wrong	40	26	11	7	12	5	67
Never wrong	39	16	6	9	24	5	242
Northeast	29	22	9	6	28	7	147
South	24	17	8	7	41	3	250
Midwest	31	16	7	6	27	12	167
West	30	16	4	11	33	6	160
Kerry State in 2004	30	17	7	8	29	8	345
Bush State in 2004	26	18	7	6	38	6	377

### Will Other States Legalize Gay Marriage?

"As you may know, Massachusetts is the only state that has legalized gay marriage. Do you think in the future that ALL states will legalize gay marriage ... that some additional states will legalize gay marriage ... or that no additional states will legalize gay marriage?"

	<u>All States</u> <u>Will</u> <u>12%</u>	<u>Some States</u> <u>Will</u> <u>64%</u>	<u>No More</u> <u>Will</u> <u>17%</u>	<u>Don't</u> <u>Know</u> <u>8%</u>	<u>(N=)</u> <u>747</u>
<b>NATIONWIDE</b>					
Male	12	61	18	9	347
Female	11	67	16	7	399
18 to 34	14	71	9	6	164
35 to 49	14	69	13	5	201
50 to 64	11	61	19	8	233
65 and over	8	56	24	13	130
White	11	65	17	7	634
African American	18	57	19	6	53
Hispanic	20	56	18	6	27
Other	5	67	3	25	22
High school or less	12	54	23	11	196
Some college	15	65	13	6	229
College graduate	7	69	16	7	198
Post-graduate	13	70	12	5	119
Democrat	13	68	13	6	327
Independent	15	59	15	11	91
Republican	8	63	22	7	282
Catholic	16	63	17	3	166
Protestant	8	64	18	9	249
Other	7	68	16	8	210
None	22	57	10	10	104
Attend Church 1/week or more	7	65	19	9	298
Attend 1-2 times/month	7	64	23	6	118
Attend few times a year	19	67	10	4	125
Never attend church	16	62	13	8	197
Married	11	64	18	8	491
Divorced/separated	12	64	17	7	132
Never married	14	66	12	9	119
Approve of Gay Marriage	21	70	5	4	278
Neutral/DK	16	66	8	9	95
Disapprove	4	59	28	10	364
Let Gays serve openly in Military	13	69	13	5	581
No	6	47	34	13	128
Same-sex sexual relations always wrong	5	58	27	10	290
Sometimes wrong	6	75	16	2	71
Never wrong	20	70	6	4	255
Northeast	13	74	10	4	150
South	10	62	18	9	258
Midwest	12	58	22	8	166
West	12	64	16	8	172
Kerry State in 2004	13	66	14	7	355
Bush State in 2004	10	62	20	8	388

## Gays in Military

"Do you think gays or lesbians should be allowed to serve openly in the United States military?"

NATIONWIDE	<u>Yes</u> 79%	<u>No</u> 18%	<u>DK</u> 4%	<u>(N=)</u> 745
Male	76	20	4	351
Female	81	15	4	395
18 to 34	82	15	3	166
35 to 49	82	14	4	198
50 to 64	79	18	2	232
65 and over	69	24	6	129
White	81	16	4	629
African American	64	31	5	53
Hispanic	80	20	0	27
Other	58	34	9	23
High school or less	72	24	4	193
Some college	80	17	3	230
College graduate	78	17	5	198
Post-graduate	89	10	1	118
Democrat	87	10	3	328
Independent	80	14	6	91
Republican	71	26	3	278
Catholic	88	11	1	165
Protestant	71	23	6	250
Other	79	17	4	207
None	84	13	3	104
Attend Church 1/week or more	71	24	4	296
Attend 1-2 times/month	83	13	3	118
Attend few times a year	85	12	2	124
Never attend church	83	13	4	195
Married	80	18	3	491
Divorced/separated	73	22	5	130
Never married	82	13	5	119
Approve of Gay Marriage	94	5	1	277
Neutral/DK	82	12	6	96
Disapprove	65	30	5	363
Same-sex sexual relations always wrong	60	34	6	290
Sometimes wrong	88	12	0	70
Never wrong	93	5	1	255
Northeast	83	12	5	151
South	73	23	4	258
Midwest	81	14	5	165
West	81	18	1	172
Kerry State in 2004	83	14	3	356
Bush State in 2004	74	21	5	386

### Attitude Toward Same-Sex Sexual Relations

"What about sexual relations between two adults of the same sex - do you think it is always wrong ... almost always wrong ... wrong only sometimes ... or not wrong at all?"

	<u>Always Wrong</u> 41%	<u>Almost Always</u> 2%	<u>Only Sometimes</u> 8%	<u>Not Wrong At All</u> 35%	<u>Other</u> 11%	<u>Don't Know</u> 4%	<u>(N=)</u> 727
<b>NATIONWIDE</b>							
Male	39	2	11	34	10	4	347
Female	42	2	5	36	11	4	380
18 to 34	34	4	12	43	4	3	159
35 to 49	37	2	6	37	12	5	194
50 to 64	41	1	7	37	13	1	224
65 and over	50	2	8	20	12	8	132
White	38	2	8	38	10	3	619
African American	58	0	11	17	10	4	50
Hispanic	34	0	10	23	11	21	25
Other	54	3	5	11	16	11	22
High school or less	47	3	6	26	10	8	189
Some college	42	1	6	39	8	4	227
College graduate	40	3	9	37	10	2	194
Post-graduate	25	2	13	40	19	2	112
Democrat	28	1	8	45	13	5	315
Independent	46	1	7	31	11	4	92
Republican	52	3	8	27	8	2	273
Catholic	23	3	7	47	12	8	159
Protestant	52	2	10	23	10	3	247
Other	48	1	8	31	10	1	205
None	17	2	5	59	12	5	99
Attend Church 1/week or more	63	2	5	18	6	5	296
Attend 1-2 times/month	24	3	16	42	12	4	112
Attend few times a year	26	2	11	49	9	2	117
Never attend church	23	1	6	50	17	3	193
Married	42	2	7	33	12	4	480
Divorced/separated	47	1	9	30	10	3	127
Never married	26	4	9	52	5	4	116
Approve of Gay Marriage	4	0	9	72	11	3	263
Neutral/DK	19	4	10	34	23	9	92
Disapprove	73	3	6	9	6	3	362
Let Gays serve openly in Military	31	2	9	42	12	4	563
No	76	1	6	11	3	3	129
Northeast	27	2	10	46	10	5	151
South	54	2	7	23	9	4	255
Midwest	39	2	7	36	13	3	157
West	33	2	8	42	10	4	164
Kerry State in 2004	29	2	10	45	11	4	346
Bush State in 2004	51	2	6	27	10	4	378