

Results of SurveyUSA News Poll #14909

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1 What should happen to gay couples who were legally married in California before the law changed? Should their marriage remain legal? Should their marriage be immediately annulled? Or, do you not know enough to say?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age			Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-4.4 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Central	Greater	Inland	Bay Are
Remain Legal	59%	58%	59%	55%	64%	55%	59%	53%	54%	69%	44%	70%	58%	30%	70%	73%	53%	58%	60%	63%
Immediately Annulled	34%	39%	30%	39%	29%	34%	34%	42%	37%	24%	48%	23%	37%	62%	23%	23%	38%	35%	32%	31%
Do Not Know Enough	6%	2%	11%	5%	6%	8%	6%	4%	9%	2%	7%	6%	3%	6%	6%	4%	7%	7%	7%	3%
Not Sure	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	3%	1%	1%	0%	6%	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	35%	40%	25%	51%	6%	28%	15%	31%	45%	23%	29%	41%	23%	15%	46%	19%	20%

2 Will the recent rallies held by "No on Prop 8" protesters ultimately help their cause? Hurt their cause? Or will it not make a difference one way or the other?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age			Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-4.5 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Central	Greater	Inland	Bay Are
Help	28%	31%	26%	29%	30%	24%	28%	31%	28%	30%	15%	37%	30%	14%	32%	45%	16%	32%	24%	33%
Hurt	28%	27%	28%	22%	28%	35%	33%	25%	21%	25%	45%	18%	25%	50%	22%	15%	39%	24%	24%	31%
No Difference	37%	38%	36%	45%	33%	34%	33%	43%	45%	37%	34%	38%	38%	34%	40%	33%	38%	39%	39%	32%
Not Sure	6%	4%	9%	4%	9%	7%	6%	1%	7%	8%	6%	6%	6%	2%	6%	6%	6%	5%	14%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	35%	40%	25%	51%	6%	28%	15%	31%	45%	23%	29%	41%	23%	15%	46%	19%	20%

3 Did you vote for Proposition 8? Did you vote against Proposition 8? Or did you not vote?

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Credibility Interval: +/-4.5 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Central	Greater	Inland	Bay Are
For	40%	42%	37%	38%	37%	45%	43%	38%	38%	31%	61%	29%	30%	64%	37%	24%	47%	38%	48%	29%
Against	46%	45%	47%	43%	50%	44%	42%	57%	49%	52%	30%	59%	44%	29%	46%	63%	37%	50%	38%	52%
Did Not Vote	12%	10%	14%	15%	12%	8%	11%	2%	12%	17%	8%	9%	22%	6%	15%	9%	12%	11%	13%	12%
Not Sure	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	3%	1%	0%	1%	3%	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%	1%	1%	7%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	35%	40%	25%	51%	6%	28%	15%	31%	45%	23%	29%	41%	23%	15%	46%	19%	20%

4 Have the protesters changed your opinion on Prop 8?

198 Who Voted For Prop 8	All	Gender		Age			Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Region			
Credibility Interval: +/-4.3 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Central	Greater	Inland	Bay Are
Yes	8%	8%	9%	9%	7%	9%	5%	13%	5%	29%	5%	12%	13%	4%	15%	6%	6%	11%	4%	10%
No	90%	92%	88%	91%	90%	89%	94%	87%	91%	67%	95%	87%	79%	94%	85%	87%	94%	88%	91%	88%
Not Sure	2%	1%	3%	0%	3%	2%	1%	0%	3%	4%	0%	1%	8%	2%	0%	7%	0%	1%	5%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Who Voted For Prop	100%	53%	47%	34%	37%	29%	56%	6%	27%	11%	48%	33%	17%	46%	38%	13%	18%	44%	23%	15%

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Statement of Methodology: About the Poll: This poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. The pollster's report includes the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted, the number of respondents who answered each question and the theoretical margin of sampling error for each question. Where necessary, respondents were weighted using the most recent US Census estimates for age, gender, ethnic origin and region, to align the sample to the population. In theory, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents with home telephones been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than sampling error. These include: the difficulty of interviewing respondents who do not have a home telephone; the refusal by some with home telephones to be interviewed; the order in which questions are asked; the wording of questions; the way and extent to which data are weighted; and the manner in which specialized populations, such as likely voters, are determined. It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these and other factors. Research methodology, questionnaire design and fieldwork for this survey were completed by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ. This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.