

Results of SurveyUSA News Poll #20402



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Percentages

1 Should same-sex couples be able to share in the legal benefits of marriage, such as the right to inherit property and the right to make medical decisions for one another? Or should the legal benefits of marriage be restricted only to couples consisting of a man and a woman?

| 500 Adults | All | Gender | | Age | | | | <50 / 50+ | | Race | | | | Cell Phone / Lan | | Party Affiliation | | |
|---|------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----------|------|-------|-------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| Credibility Interval: +/-4.2 pct points | | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | 18-49 | 50+ | White | Black | Hispani | Asian / | Cell Ph | Landlin | Republi | Democr | Indepen |
| Same-sex Couples | 67% | 66% | 68% | 78% | 62% | 61% | 65% | 71% | 62% | 69% | 46% | 66% | 73% | 78% | 61% | 59% | 72% | 64% |
| Man And a Woman | 30% | 32% | 28% | 20% | 36% | 35% | 33% | 27% | 35% | 29% | 52% | 32% | 22% | 19% | 36% | 37% | 26% | 33% |
| Not Sure | 3% | 1% | 4% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 1% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 1% | 3% | 5% | 3% | 2% | 4% | 2% | 3% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Composition of Adults | 100% | 49% | 51% | 33% | 26% | 26% | 15% | 59% | 41% | 44% | 6% | 33% | 17% | 36% | 64% | 25% | 50% | 22% |

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| Credibility Interval: +/-4.2 pct points | | Conser | Modera | Liberal | Central | Greater | Inland | Bay Are |
| Same-sex Couples | 67% | 46% | 74% | 89% | 57% | 69% | 61% | 78% |
| Man And a Woman | 30% | 50% | 23% | 11% | 39% | 28% | 37% | 21% |
| Not Sure | 3% | 3% | 4% | 0% | 5% | 3% | 2% | 1% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Composition of Adults | 100% | 27% | 39% | 25% | 18% | 42% | 19% | 22% |

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| 500 Adults | All | Gender | | Age | | | | <50 / 50+ | | Race | | | | Cell Phone / Lan | | Party Affiliation | | |
|---|------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----------|------|-------|-------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| Credibility Interval: +/-3.2 pct points | | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | 18-49 | 50+ | White | Black | Hispani | Asian / | Cell Ph | Landlin | Republi | Democr | Indepen |
| Yes | 85% | 84% | 86% | 82% | 89% | 89% | 78% | 85% | 85% | 89% | 94% | 78% | 85% | 84% | 86% | 86% | 88% | 82% |
| No | 11% | 12% | 10% | 14% | 8% | 7% | 18% | 11% | 11% | 9% | 3% | 16% | 10% | 12% | 11% | 7% | 11% | 13% |
| Not Sure | 4% | 4% | 4% | 4% | 2% | 4% | 5% | 3% | 4% | 2% | 3% | 6% | 5% | 4% | 4% | 7% | 2% | 6% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
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| | | Conser | Moder | Liberal | Central | Greater | Inland | Bay Are |
| Yes | 85% | 81% | 88% | 83% | 86% | 84% | 89% | 82% |
| No | 11% | 12% | 10% | 14% | 12% | 9% | 11% | 15% |
| Not Sure | 4% | 8% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 6% | 1% | 3% |
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3 Proposition 8 was found unconstitutional by a federal district court in 2010. That ruling was upheld by a federal appeals court in 2012. Now the case has reached the Supreme Court of the United States. How should the Supreme Court rule? Should it uphold the appeals court ruling, which would end Proposition 8? Should it overturn the appeals court ruling, which would leave Proposition 8 in effect? Or do you not know enough to say?

| 500 Adults Credibility Interval: +/-4.5 pct points | All | Gender | | Age | | | | <50 / 50+ | | Race | | | | Cell Phone / Lan | | Party Affiliation | | |
|---|------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----------|------|-------|-------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| | | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | 18-49 | 50+ | White | Black | Hispani | Asian / | Cell Ph | Landlin | Republi | Democr | Indepen |
| Uphold The Appeals Court | 52% | 52% | 52% | 64% | 49% | 46% | 37% | 58% | 43% | 53% | 53% | 52% | 46% | 63% | 46% | 54% | 54% | 45% |
| Overturn The Appeals Court | 32% | 36% | 28% | 26% | 32% | 37% | 37% | 28% | 37% | 37% | 23% | 28% | 28% | 25% | 36% | 36% | 31% | 32% |
| Do Not Know | 17% | 13% | 20% | 10% | 19% | 17% | 27% | 14% | 21% | 10% | 24% | 19% | 26% | 13% | 19% | 11% | 16% | 23% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
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| Uphold The Appeals Court | 52% | 34% | 55% | 76% | 40% | 55% | 50% | 57% |
| Overturn The Appeals Court | 32% | 51% | 27% | 14% | 47% | 31% | 32% | 20% |
| Do Not Know | 17% | 15% | 18% | 11% | 13% | 14% | 18% | 23% |
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| 500 Adults Credibility Interval: +/-3.7 pct points | All | Gender | | Age | | | | <50 / 50+ | | Race | | | | Cell Phone / Lan | | Party Affiliation | | |
|---|------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----------|------|-------|-------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| | | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | 18-49 | 50+ | White | Black | Hispani | Asian / | Cell Ph | Landlin | Republi | Democr | Indepen |
| Remained The Same | 79% | 75% | 82% | 77% | 81% | 84% | 69% | 79% | 78% | 82% | 78% | 74% | 80% | 78% | 79% | 80% | 81% | 76% |
| Changed | 17% | 22% | 13% | 21% | 15% | 14% | 19% | 18% | 16% | 17% | 11% | 22% | 11% | 19% | 17% | 17% | 16% | 21% |
| Not Sure | 4% | 2% | 5% | 2% | 4% | 2% | 12% | 3% | 6% | 1% | 11% | 4% | 9% | 3% | 4% | 3% | 4% | 3% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
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| Remained The Same | 79% | 78% | 73% | 86% | 86% | 75% | 84% | 76% |
| Changed | 17% | 17% | 25% | 11% | 12% | 20% | 14% | 20% |
| Not Sure | 4% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 5% | 3% | 4% |
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5 How long ago did your opinion change?

| 87 Whose Opinions Have Changed Credibility Interval: +/-10.7 pct points | All | Gender | | Age | | | | <50 / 50+ | | Race | | | | Cell Phone / Lan | | Party Affiliation | | |
|--|------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----------|------|-------|-------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| | | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | 18-49 | 50+ | White | Black | Hispani | Asian / | Cell Ph | Landlin | Republi | Democr | Indepen |
| Past Six Months | 7% | 6% | 7% | 5% | 6% | 7% | 12% | 5% | 9% | 12% | ** | 2% | 5% | 9% | 5% | 7% | 6% | 2% |
| Past Year | 40% | 42% | 37% | 34% | 42% | 38% | 56% | 37% | 46% | 31% | ** | 47% | 36% | 33% | 45% | 43% | 45% | 36% |
| More Than One Year Ago | 48% | 44% | 55% | 54% | 52% | 52% | 25% | 53% | 41% | 51% | ** | 46% | 59% | 55% | 44% | 38% | 49% | 54% |
| Not Sure | 5% | 7% | 1% | 8% | 0% | 3% | 6% | 5% | 4% | 6% | ** | 5% | 0% | 3% | 6% | 12% | 0% | 7% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
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** Too few respondents of this type were interviewed for this data to be meaningful.

: KABC-TV Los Angeles, KFSN-TV Fresno, KGTV-TV San Diego, KPIX-TV San Francisco

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.