

### PRRI June 2015 Survey N = 1,009 (505 Landline, 504 Cell phone) June 3 – June 7, 2015

Q.1 As you may know, the Supreme Court will decide a case this year on whether state laws banning same-sex couples from marrying are constitutional.

Regardless of how you personally feel about the issue, do you think the Supreme Court will or will not make same-sex marriage legal nationwide?

65 Yes, will
25 No, will not
10 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100 Total

Q.2 In general, do you think laws about same-sex marriage should be decided at the national level or is it something that each state should decide for itself?

June	Feb.	March	June	Oct.	
<u>2015</u>	$2014^{1}$	2013	<u>2012</u>	<u>2010</u>	
41	43	43	49	51	National level
51	52	48	43	45	State level
4	-	4	5	2	Neither/Both (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	100	100	Total

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This survey relied on a slightly different question wording. The February 2014 question asked: "Do you think the question of whether gay marriage should be legal is something that should be decided at the national level, or is it something that each state should decide for itself?"

- Q.3 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 FIRST STATEMENT]? 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

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

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

<u>June 2015</u>	<u>May 2015</u>	
40	35	Strongly favor
29	36	Favor
13	15	Oppose
12	9	Strongly oppose
<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. 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>June 2015</u>	May 2015	
16	14	Strongly favor
18	18	Favor
28	30	Oppose
32	32	Strongly oppose
<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

And thinking about American society...

- Q.4 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

<u>June 2015</u>	<u>Feb. 2014</u>	
62	68	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
32	27	No, not a lot of discrimination
<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Transgender people

<u>June 2015</u>	<u>Feb. 2014</u>	
62	71	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
27	19	No, not a lot of discrimination
<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

- Q.5 Now thinking about the people that you know...Please tell me whether you have a close friend or family member who is [INSERT; RANDOMIZE]? And do you have a close friend or family member who is [INSERT]?

  [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]
- a. Gay or lesbian

	Nov. 2011	Feb. 2014	<u>June 2015</u>
Yes	58	65	65
No	39	35	34
Don't know/Refused (VOL	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	100	100	100

#### b. Transgender

<u>June 2015</u>	Feb. 2014	Nov. 2011	
11	9	11	Yes
85	89	86	No
<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

#### c. Bisexual

35	Yes
58	No
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

# **Survey Methodology**

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) RDD telephone interviews conducted between June 3, 2015, and June 7, 2015, by professional interviewers under the direction of SSRS. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 1,009 adults 18 years of age or older living in the United States (504 respondents were interviewed on a cell phone). 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.

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.<sup>2</sup> 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 January-September 2014 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 +/- 3.7 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. The design effect for the survey is 1.4. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context and order effects.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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)

Total Sample  Total Sample  Male Female  464 Female  545  Republican Independent Democrat  315  White, non-Hispanic Hispanic  116 Hispanic  123  18-29  171 30-49  235 50-64 65+  316  White Evangelical Protestant White Mainline Protestant White Mainline Protestant Total Sample  Public  1,009  64  65  88  88  88  89  171  187  White Evangelical Protestant White Mainline Protestant Total Sample  187  White Mainline Protestant Total Sample  187  187  187  187  187  187  188  188  189  189	(All figures are unweight	,
Total Sample       1,009         Male       464         Female       545         Republican       256         Independent       369         Democrat       315         White, non-Hispanic       668         Black, non-Hispanic       116         Hispanic       123         18-29       171         30-49       235         50-64       281         65+       316         White Evangelical Protestant       187         White Mainline Protestant       152         Minority Protestant       151         Catholic       209         White Catholic       118         Religiously Unaffiliated       197		General
Male       464         Female       545         Republican       256         Independent       369         Democrat       315         White, non-Hispanic       668         Black, non-Hispanic       116         Hispanic       123         18-29       171         30-49       235         50-64       281         65+       316         White Evangelical Protestant       187         White Mainline Protestant       152         Minority Protestant       151         Catholic       209         White Catholic       118         Religiously Unaffiliated       197	- 10 I	·
Female       545         Republican       256         Independent       369         Democrat       315         White, non-Hispanic       668         Black, non-Hispanic       116         Hispanic       123         18-29       171         30-49       235         50-64       281         65+       316         White Evangelical Protestant       187         White Mainline Protestant       152         Minority Protestant       151         Catholic       209         White Catholic       118         Religiously Unaffiliated       197	Total Sample	1,009
Female       545         Republican       256         Independent       369         Democrat       315         White, non-Hispanic       668         Black, non-Hispanic       116         Hispanic       123         18-29       171         30-49       235         50-64       281         65+       316         White Evangelical Protestant       187         White Mainline Protestant       152         Minority Protestant       151         Catholic       209         White Catholic       118         Religiously Unaffiliated       197		4.6.4
Republican Independent Democrat  White, non-Hispanic Black, non-Hispanic Hispanic  116 Hispanic  123  18-29 171 30-49 235 50-64 65+ 316  White Evangelical Protestant White Mainline Protestant White Mainline Protestant Isz Minority Protestant Catholic White Catholic Religiously Unaffiliated  197		
Independent       369         Democrat       315         White, non-Hispanic       668         Black, non-Hispanic       116         Hispanic       123         18-29       171         30-49       235         50-64       281         65+       316         White Evangelical Protestant       187         White Mainline Protestant       152         Minority Protestant       151         Catholic       209         White Catholic       118         Religiously Unaffiliated       197	Female	545
Independent       369         Democrat       315         White, non-Hispanic       668         Black, non-Hispanic       116         Hispanic       123         18-29       171         30-49       235         50-64       281         65+       316         White Evangelical Protestant       187         White Mainline Protestant       152         Minority Protestant       151         Catholic       209         White Catholic       118         Religiously Unaffiliated       197	Rapublican	256
Democrat       315         White, non-Hispanic       668         Black, non-Hispanic       116         Hispanic       123         18-29       171         30-49       235         50-64       281         65+       316         White Evangelical Protestant       187         White Mainline Protestant       152         Minority Protestant       151         Catholic       209         White Catholic       118         Religiously Unaffiliated       197	=	
White, non-Hispanic       668         Black, non-Hispanic       116         Hispanic       123         18-29       171         30-49       235         50-64       281         65+       316         White Evangelical Protestant       187         White Mainline Protestant       152         Minority Protestant       151         Catholic       209         White Catholic       118         Religiously Unaffiliated       197	•	
Black, non-Hispanic       116         Hispanic       123         18-29       171         30-49       235         50-64       281         65+       316         White Evangelical Protestant       187         White Mainline Protestant       152         Minority Protestant       151         Catholic       209         White Catholic       118         Religiously Unaffiliated       197	Democrat	315
Black, non-Hispanic       116         Hispanic       123         18-29       171         30-49       235         50-64       281         65+       316         White Evangelical Protestant       187         White Mainline Protestant       152         Minority Protestant       151         Catholic       209         White Catholic       118         Religiously Unaffiliated       197	White non-Hispanic	668
Hispanic       123         18-29       171         30-49       235         50-64       281         65+       316         White Evangelical Protestant       187         White Mainline Protestant       152         Minority Protestant       151         Catholic       209         White Catholic       118         Religiously Unaffiliated       197	<u>-</u>	
18-29       171         30-49       235         50-64       281         65+       316         White Evangelical Protestant       187         White Mainline Protestant       152         Minority Protestant       151         Catholic       209         White Catholic       118         Religiously Unaffiliated       197	*	
30-49 235 50-64 281 65+ 316  White Evangelical Protestant 187 White Mainline Protestant 152 Minority Protestant 151 Catholic 209 White Catholic 118 Religiously Unaffiliated 197	mspanic	123
50-64 281 65+ 316  White Evangelical Protestant 187 White Mainline Protestant 152 Minority Protestant 151 Catholic 209 White Catholic 118 Religiously Unaffiliated 197	18-29	171
65+ 316  White Evangelical Protestant 187 White Mainline Protestant 152 Minority Protestant 151 Catholic 209 White Catholic 118 Religiously Unaffiliated 197	30-49	235
65+ 316  White Evangelical Protestant 187 White Mainline Protestant 152 Minority Protestant 151 Catholic 209 White Catholic 118 Religiously Unaffiliated 197	50-64	281
White Evangelical Protestant White Mainline Protestant 152 Minority Protestant 151 Catholic 209 White Catholic Religiously Unaffiliated 197	65+	316
White Mainline Protestant 152 Minority Protestant 151 Catholic 209 White Catholic 118 Religiously Unaffiliated 197		313
Minority Protestant 151 Catholic 209 White Catholic 118 Religiously Unaffiliated 197	White Evangelical Protestant	187
Catholic 209 White Catholic 118 Religiously Unaffiliated 197	White Mainline Protestant	152
Catholic 209 White Catholic 118 Religiously Unaffiliated 197	Minority Protestant	151
Religiously Unaffiliated 197		209
Religiously Unaffiliated 197	White Catholic	118
	Religiously Unaffiliated	197
Favor same-sex marriage 542		
	Favor same-sex marriage	542
Oppose same-sex marriage 372	Oppose same-sex marriage	372