



PRS National Survey
Fielding: July 10 – 13, 2016
Registered Voters; 70% Landline, 30% Cell
N=1,014; MOE ± 3.08%

1. Thinking about the direction of the country...would you say things are headed in the right direction, or are we on the wrong track? Is that strongly or somewhat?

Right direction	23%
Wrong track	70%
Right direction strongly	8%
Right direction somewhat	15
Wrong track somewhat	17
Wrong track strongly	54
Unsure/Refused [DNR]	7

2. Thinking now about issues facing the country. Which of the following are you the most concerned about?

Jobs and the economy	32%
Federal spending and the national debt	15
National security and terrorism	31
Illegal immigration	7
Social issues like abortion and gay marriage	9
None of these [DNR]	5
Unsure/Refused [DNR]	2

3. Do you support or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally? And is that strongly or somewhat?

Support	58%
Oppose	32%
Support strongly	42%
Support somewhat	16
Oppose somewhat	9
Oppose strongly	23
Unsure/Refused [DNR]	10

Now, I am going to read you some RECENT CHANGES to federal law concerning gays and lesbians. Please tell me if you support or oppose each of these new policies. And is that strongly or somewhat? **ROTATE:**

	Support	Oppose	Support		Oppose		Unsure/ Ref
			Strongly	Smwht	Strongly	Smwht	[DNR]
4. Hospital patients now have the right to designate anyone – including their same sex partner – to make medical decisions on their behalf should they become incapacitated	90%	8%	71	19	5	3	3
5. Today, couples in same sex marriages have access to the same spousal employee benefits as straight couples, including health, retirement benefits, and sick and funeral leave for their spouses	77%	19%	58	19	13	7	4
6. Employees can take time off under the Family and Medical Leave Act to care for a same-sex partner’s child, even where the partner does not have a legal or biological relationship to the child	69%	25%	45	24	15	11	6
7A. The U.S. government prohibits government contractors and subcontractors from discriminating against a job applicant or an employee based on whether they are gay or transgender [SPLIT SAMPLE]	76%	20%	60	16	14	6	4
7B. In 2014 President Obama signed an Executive Order that prohibits government contractors and subcontractors from discrimination against a job applicant or an employee based on whether they are gay or transgender [SPLIT SAMPLE]	80%	17%	58	22	11	6	4

[SPLIT SAMPLE]

8A. Six years ago, Congress passed legislation that allows gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military. Do you support or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military?

Support	77%
Oppose	19%
Support strongly	58%
Support somewhat	19
Oppose somewhat	5
Oppose strongly	14
Unsure/Refused [DNR]	4

8B. Just recently, the Pentagon ordered that transgender Americans can serve openly in the military. Do you support or oppose allowing transgender Americans to serve openly in the military?

Support	65%
Oppose	30%
Support strongly	45%
Support somewhat	21
Oppose somewhat	8
Oppose strongly	22
Unsure/Refused [DNR]	5

9. To the best of your knowledge, is it legal or illegal under federal law to fire, refuse to hire, or deny housing to someone because they are gay or transgender?

Legal	12%
Illegal	80
Unsure/Refused [DNR]	8

10. Currently, our federal nondiscrimination law does not protect gay or transgender Americans in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodations. Learning this, would you favor or oppose updating federal law to protect gay and transgender Americans in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodations? And is that strongly or somewhat?

Favor	75%
Oppose	20%
Favor strongly	53%
Favor somewhat	21
Oppose somewhat	9
Oppose strongly	11
Unsure/Refused [DNR]	5

Please listen to the following and indicate if you agree or disagree with each message. And is that strongly or somewhat? [ROTATE Q20-24]

			Agree		Disagree		Unsure/ Ref
	Agree	Disagree	Strongly	Smwht	Strongly	Smwht	[DNR]
11. Protecting people from discrimination, including those who identify as gay or transgender, is about following the Golden Rule and treating others as we want to be treated	90%	8%	76	14	4	3	3
12. People can figure out which bathroom to use without asking the government for permission. This was not a problem until politicians decided they needed to fix something that wasn't broken	74%	19%	61	13	13	7	7
13. My faith or the faith of others may not condone a certain lifestyle, but religion should not be an excuse for discrimination	82%	14%	68	14	10	4	4
14. Everyone has a right to earn a living - including gay and transgender Americans - and workers should be judged on performance, nothing more, nothing less	95%	4%	86	9	2	2	1
15. Common sense is being lost in this debate about discrimination. We need to find a middle ground that respects people's deeply held religious beliefs while ensuring gay and transgender Americans can earn a living, and have fair access to housing and public places.	84%	11%	61	23	6	5	5

16. Thinking again about our federal nondiscrimination law that does not protect gay or transgender Americans in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodations... After all that we've discussed, would you favor or oppose updating federal law to protect gay and transgender Americans in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodations? And is that strongly or somewhat?

Favor	76%
Oppose	20%
Favor strongly	60%
Favor somewhat	17
Oppose somewhat	6
Oppose strongly	13
Unsure/Refused [DNR]	4

17. Thinking about it this way... Would you be more likely or less likely to support updating federal law to protect gay and transgender Americans in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodations if this law included an exemption for religious institutions? And is that strongly or somewhat?

More likely	52%
Less likely	37%
More likely strongly	29%
More likely somewhat	23
Less likely somewhat	16
Less likely strongly	21
Unsure/Refused [DNR]	11

18. Would you be more likely, or less likely to vote for a candidate who supports updating federal nondiscrimination laws to protect gay and transgender Americans in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodations? And is that strongly or somewhat?

More likely	64%
Less likely	25%
More likely, strongly	44%
More likely, somewhat	20
Less likely, somewhat	10
Less likely, strongly	16
No difference [DNR]	5
Unsure/Refused [DNR]	6

19. Earlier this year, the Departments of Education and Justice released guidance to all schools with a focus on ensuring transgender and non-transgender students are treated fairly and have a safe learning environment free from discrimination. These recommendations allow students access to the restrooms that match their gender identity, to protect the privacy of a student's transgender status and to immediately address the harassment of any student.

[ROTATE]

(Some people say) All students, including those who are transgender, have the right to a safe learning environment. These recommendations are about protecting everyone from discrimination, harassment and ensuring every student's privacy is respected

(Other people say) This is just another example of federal overreach, and schools should be permitted to set their own rules for dealing with discrimination issues faced by all students, including those who are transgender

Which statement do you agree with more?

All students have the right to a safe learning environment	59%
Another example of federal overreach	33
Unsure/Refused [DNR]	8

We have just a few final questions...

20.	What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
	Less than high school	4%
	High school graduate	17
	Technical or some college	27
	College graduate	34
	Graduate or professional school	18
	Unsure/Refused [DNR]	1
21.	When thinking about government and politics, do you think of yourself as...	
	Conservative	54%
	Moderate	8%
	Liberal	36%
	Very conservative	17%
	Somewhat conservative	37
	Moderate [DNR]	8
	Somewhat liberal	24
	Very liberal	12
	Unsure/Refused [DNR]	3
22.	What is your current marital status? Are you...	
	Single	17%
	Married	64
	Separated	2
	Divorced	9
	Widowed	8
	Unsure/Refused [DNR]	1
23.	Do you have children under the age of 18 living at home?	
	Yes	26%
	No	74
	Unsure/Refused [DNR]	1

24.	What church do you belong to, or what is your religious background?	
	Catholic	24%
	Protestant, such as Methodist, Baptist or Presbyterian	31
	Episcopalian	1
	Evangelical	2
	Jewish	3
	Islam/Muslim	1
	Other Christian	15
	Other	10
	Atheist/None	10
	Unsure/Refused [DNR]	4
25.	Do you consider yourself born again or evangelical?	
	Yes	38%
	No	56
	Unsure/Refused [DNR]	7
16.	Which of the following describes your race or ethnicity?	
	Caucasian or White	79%
	African American or Black	11
	Hispanic, Spanish or Mexican American	5
	Asian or Pacific Islander	1
	Native American or American Indian	1
	Other [DNR]	2
	Refused [DNR]	1
INC.	And finally, what would you say your total family income is before taxes?	
	Under \$30,000	14%
	\$30,000-\$49,999	17
	\$50,000-\$79,999	20
	\$80,000-\$99,999	10
	\$100,000 or more	23
	Unsure/Refused [DNR]	17

AGE. What is your age, please?

18-34	14%
35-44	10
45-54	19
55-64	27
65 and older	30
Refused [DNR]	

PTY. Do you think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat or Independent?

Republican	31%
Democrat	35
Independent	31
Something else [DNR]	4
Don't know/Refused [DNR]	
