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Interviews with 1,009 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on May 29-31, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 895 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points).

The sample includes 756 interviews among landline respondents and 253 interviews among cell phone respondents.

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22. Do you think marriages between gay and lesbian couples should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?

	May 29-31 <u>2012</u>	Sept. 9-11 <u>2011</u>	Apr. 9-10 <u>2011</u>
Should be recognized as valid	54%	53%	51%
Should not be recognized as valid	42%	46%	47%
No opinion	3%	1%	2%

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 19-21 <u>2008</u>	June 26-29 <u>2008</u>
Should be recognized as valid	44%	44%	44%
Should not be recognized as valid	54%	55%	53%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%

22. Do you think marriages between gay and lesbian couples should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?

23. Do you feel strongly about this or not strongly about this?

	May 29-31 <u>2012</u>
Should be recognized/ feel strongly	39%
Should be recognized/ not strongly	15%
Should not be recognized/ not strongly	9%
Should not be recognized/ feel strongly	34%
No opinion	4%

24. Do you happen to have a family member or close friend who is gay or lesbian?

	May 29-31 <u>2012</u>	Nov. 11-14 <u>2010</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007</u>
Yes	60%	49%	49%	45%
No	40%	50%	51%	55%
No opinion	*	2%	*	*

CNN/TIME TREND

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
1998 Oct. 14-15	41	57	2
1994 June 15-16	32	66	2

25. Do you think someone who is homosexual can change their sexual orientation if they choose to do so, or don't you think so?

	May 29-31 <u>2012</u>	June 22-24 <u>2007*</u>
Yes	34%	36%
No	58%	56%
No opinion	8%	8%

*Asked of a half sample.

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	Jan 10-11 <u>2001</u>	Oct. 14-15 <u>1998</u>
Yes	42%	51%
No	45%	36%
No opinion	13%	13%

Question 22

Do you think marriages between gay and lesbian couples should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg to vote
Should	54%	52%	56%	52%	59%	53%
Should not	42%	43%	42%	44%	39%	44%
No opinion	3%	5%	2%	4%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-3.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Should	54%	73%	55%	46%	34%	65%	41%
Should not	42%	24%	43%	50%	62%	32%	55%
No opinion	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Should	54%	55%	56%	47%	60%
Should not	42%	42%	39%	50%	37%
No opinion	3%	3%	5%	4%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should	54%	70%	60%	23%	83%	61%	27%
Should not	42%	28%	37%	72%	16%	35%	69%
No opinion	3%	2%	4%	5%	1%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	54%	63%	50%	44%	65%	58%	57%	40%
Should not	42%	32%	47%	52%	32%	39%	39%	56%
No opinion	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Should	54%	28%	54%	75%
Should not	42%	67%	42%	23%
No opinion	3%	4%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 22/23

Q22. Do you think marriages between gay and lesbian couples should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?

Q23. Do you feel strongly about this or not strongly about this?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg to vote	
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Be Legal/feel strongly	39%	34%	43%	36%	44%	38%	
Be Legal/not strongly	15%	18%	13%	16%	15%	14%	
Not legal/feel strongly	34%	33%	34%	35%	31%	35%	
Not legal/not strongly	9%	10%	7%	9%	8%	9%	
No opinion	4%	5%	2%	4%	3%	4%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-3.5	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
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Be Legal/feel strongly	39%	55%	36%	33%	22%	46%	29%
Be Legal/not strongly	15%	18%	18%	13%	12%	18%	12%
Not legal/feel strongly	34%	18%	37%	38%	51%	26%	43%
Not legal/not strongly	9%	6%	6%	12%	10%	6%	11%
No opinion	4%	4%	2%	4%	4%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
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Be Legal/feel strongly	39%	41%	38%	31%	44%
Be Legal/not strongly	15%	14%	19%	16%	15%
Not legal/feel strongly	34%	34%	30%	39%	30%
Not legal/not strongly	9%	8%	9%	11%	7%
No opinion	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
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Be Legal/feel strongly	39%	57%	40%	12%	68%	42%	15%
Be Legal/not strongly	15%	13%	20%	12%	15%	19%	13%
Not legal/feel strongly	34%	22%	29%	58%	11%	27%	57%
Not legal/not strongly	9%	6%	7%	14%	5%	8%	11%
No opinion	4%	2%	4%	5%	2%	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
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Be Legal/feel strongly	39%	47%	37%	30%	46%	43%	39%	29%
Be Legal/not strongly	15%	16%	13%	14%	20%	15%	18%	11%
Not legal/feel strongly	34%	25%	34%	44%	25%	32%	31%	47%
Not legal/not strongly	9%	8%	13%	8%	7%	7%	8%	8%
No opinion	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
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Be Legal/feel strongly	39%	16%	36%	61%
Be Legal/not strongly	15%	13%	18%	13%
Not legal/feel strongly	34%	56%	32%	20%
Not legal/not strongly	9%	12%	10%	3%
No opinion	4%	4%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 24

Do you happen to have a family member or close friend who is gay or lesbian?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg to vote	
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Yes	60%	54%	65%	57%	66%	60%	
No	40%	45%	35%	42%	33%	39%	
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-3.5	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
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Yes	60%	70%	61%	60%	41%	66%	53%
No	40%	30%	39%	40%	59%	34%	47%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
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Yes	60%	60%	62%	54%	65%
No	40%	40%	38%	46%	35%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
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Yes	60%	63%	59%	57%	65%	63%	54%
No	40%	37%	40%	43%	35%	37%	46%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
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Yes	60%	61%	51%	60%	66%	64%	61%	56%
No	40%	38%	48%	40%	34%	36%	39%	44%
No opinion	*	*	1%	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
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Yes	60%	54%	65%	58%
No	40%	46%	34%	42%
No opinion	*	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 25

Do you think someone who is homosexual can change their sexual orientation if they choose to do so, or don't you think so?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg to vote	
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Yes	34%	38%	31%	29%	46%	34%	
No	58%	55%	61%	64%	45%	57%	
No opinion	8%	8%	8%	7%	9%	9%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-3.5	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
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Yes	34%	42%	29%	32%	32%	37%	32%
No	58%	52%	64%	59%	59%	57%	59%
No opinion	8%	6%	6%	10%	10%	6%	10%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
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Yes	34%	40%	25%	41%	29%
No	58%	54%	67%	52%	63%
No opinion	8%	6%	8%	7%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
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Yes	34%	30%	34%	40%	27%	30%	44%
No	58%	63%	60%	48%	69%	65%	44%
No opinion	8%	7%	6%	12%	4%	5%	12%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
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Yes	34%	24%	27%	46%	34%	36%	32%	39%
No	58%	69%	64%	47%	57%	54%	62%	53%
No opinion	8%	7%	9%	7%	9%	10%	7%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
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Yes	34%	44%	38%	19%
No	58%	44%	55%	76%
No opinion	8%	12%	7%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%