

The logo for the CNN | ORC POLL. It features the CNN logo in a stylized, outlined font on the left, followed by a vertical bar and the letters ORC in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, the word POLL is written in large, bold, white capital letters on a black rectangular background.

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Interviews with 1,011 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on December 18-21, 2014. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample includes 660 interviews among landline respondents and 351 interviews among cell phone respondents.

23. 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?

	Dec. 18-21 <u>2014</u>	June 11-13 <u>2013</u>	March 15-17 <u>2013</u>	May 29-31 <u>2012</u>	
Should be recognized as valid	60%	55%	53%	54%	
Should not be recognized as valid	38%	44%	44%	42%	
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	3%	
	Sept. 9-11 <u>2011</u>	Apr. 9-10 <u>2011</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 19-21 <u>2008</u>	June 26-29 <u>2008</u>
Should be recognized as valid	53%	51%	44%	44%	44%
Should not be recognized as valid	46%	47%	54%	55%	53%
No opinion	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%

FOR COMPARISON			
<i>Do you think marriages between homosexuals should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?</i>			
	Should be <u>recognized as valid</u>	Should not be <u>recognized as valid</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
<u>CNN/ORC TRENDS</u>			
October 12-14, 2007	40%	56%	3%
August 6-8, 2007	40%	57%	3%
<u>CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS</u>			
April 29-May 1, 2005	39%	56%	5%
March 18-20, 2005*	28%	68%	4%
July 19-21, 2004*	32%	62%	6%
March 5-7, 2004	33%	61%	6%
Feb. 16-17, 2004	32%	64%	4%
Feb. 6-8, 2004*	36%	59%	5%
Dec. 15-16, 2003	31%	65%	4%
October 24-26, 2003	35%	61%	4%
June 27-29, 2003	39%	55%	6%
Jan. 13-16, 2000	34%	62%	4%
*Asked of half sample			

(QUESTIONS 23 AND 24 COMBINED)

23. 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?

24. (IF YES) Do you think gays and lesbians do or do not have a constitutional right to get married and have their marriage recognized by law as valid?

	Dec. 18-21 <u>2014</u>	Dec. 19-21 <u>2008</u>
Valid with a constitutional right	57%	39%
Valid with no constitutional right	3%	5%
Should not be recognized as valid (from Q.23)	38%	55%
No opinion	2%	1%

METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,011 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, and telephone usage. Among the entire sample, 28% described themselves as Democrats, 22% described themselves as Republicans, and 50% described themselves as Independents or members of another party

Crosstabs on the following pages only include results for subgroups with enough unweighted cases to produce a sampling error of +/- 8.5 percentage points or less. Some subgroups represent too small a share of the national population to produce crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. Interviews were conducted among these subgroups, but results for groups with a sampling error larger than +/-8.5 percentage points are not displayed and instead are denoted with "N/A".

Question 23

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			
Should	60%	56%	65%	58%	65%			
Should not	38%	42%	34%	40%	32%			
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5			

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Should	60%	79%	57%	55%	44%	69%	51%
Should not	38%	21%	42%	42%	53%	30%	46%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%	4%	4%	1%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	60%	60%	63%	51%	67%	61%	67%	42%
Should not	38%	39%	34%	47%	30%	37%	31%	55%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Should	60%	70%	64%	39%	82%	67%	40%
Should not	38%	26%	35%	59%	17%	31%	58%
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	60%	73%	52%	51%	70%	61%	67%	42%
Should not	38%	25%	44%	48%	28%	37%	31%	55%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 23/24

Q23. 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?

Q24. Do you think gays and lesbians do or do not have a constitutional right to get married and have their marriage recognized by law as valid?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Valid with rights	57%	51%	62%	54%	63%
Valid with no rights	3%	5%	2%	4%	2%
Should not be recognized	38%	42%	34%	40%	32%
No Opinion	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Valid with rights	57%	76%	51%	52%	41%	65%	47%
Valid with no rights	3%	3%	6%	2%	3%	4%	2%
Should not be recognized	38%	21%	42%	42%	53%	30%	46%
No Opinion	2%	1%	1%	5%	4%	1%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Valid with rights	57%	57%	59%	49%	63%	57%	63%	40%
Valid with no rights	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	4%	2%
Should not be recognized	38%	39%	34%	47%	30%	37%	31%	55%
No Opinion	2%	1%	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

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Valid with rights	57%	68%	59%	36%	81%	63%	34%
Valid with no rights	3%	2%	4%	3%	1%	3%	5%
Should not be recognized	38%	26%	35%	59%	17%	31%	58%
No Opinion	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

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Valid with rights	57%	70%	50%	46%	66%	57%	63%	40%
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No Opinion	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%
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