

# National Registered Voters – Religious Exemptions

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## Q1-4. Cell Usage

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Cell Phone Only .....	16%
Mostly Cell .....	35%
Both Equally .....	17%
Mostly Landline .....	16%
Landline Only .....	14%
[VOL] Don't Know .....	3%

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Q8. From what you know, do you think it is currently legal or illegal for a business owner in your state to refuse to provide products or services to individuals because they are gay or lesbian?

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Legal .....	16%
Illegal .....	56%
[VOL] Depends .....	7%
[VOL] Don't Know .....	21%

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Q9. Do you think that a business owner in your state SHOULD BE allowed to refuse to provide products or services to individuals because they are gay or lesbian? [SPLIT A]

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Yes .....	15%
No .....	69%
[VOL] Depends .....	9%
[VOL] Don't Know .....	7%

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Q10. Do you think that a small business owner in your state SHOULD BE allowed to refuse to provide products or services to individuals because they are gay or lesbian? [SPLIT B]

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Yes .....	16%
No .....	68%
[VOL] Depends .....	6%
[VOL] Don't Know .....	9%

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\*\* Due to rounding, “totals” of the individual components may differ by +/- 1.

\*\*\*Questions 6 and 7 appear in the demographics section.

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Q11. On the question of allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally, do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry?

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Strongly favor .....	26%
Somewhat favor .....	27%
<b>Total favor .....</b>	<b>53%</b>
Somewhat oppose .....	13%
Strongly oppose .....	27%
<b>Total oppose .....</b>	<b>40%</b>
[VOL] Don't Know .....	7%

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Q12. Some people have proposed creating new laws that will allow businesses and organizations the right to deny services to gays and lesbians if it violates their religious beliefs. What about you, do you favor or oppose creating new laws that will allow businesses and organizations to deny services to gay and lesbian couples?

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Strongly favor .....	13%
Somewhat favor .....	12%
<b>Total favor .....</b>	<b>25%</b>
Somewhat oppose .....	14%
Strongly oppose .....	52%
<b>Total Oppose .....</b>	<b>67%</b>
[VOL] Don't Know .....	8%

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Q13. Some people have proposed creating new laws that will allow small businesses and organizations the right to deny wedding-related services for gays and lesbians if it violates their religious beliefs. What about you, do you favor or oppose creating new laws that will allow small businesses and organizations to deny wedding-related services to gay and lesbian couples?

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Strongly favor .....	15%
Somewhat favor .....	16%
<b>Total favor .....</b>	<b>31%</b>
Somewhat oppose .....	15%
Strongly oppose .....	49%
<b>Total oppose .....</b>	<b>64%</b>
[VOL] Don't Know .....	6%

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Q14. Do you think gay couples who want to get married are trying to change the institution of marriage or join it?

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Change the institution .....	27%
Join the institution .....	58%
[VOL] Don't Know .....	15%

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Q15. I'm going to read you some of the different types of businesses and organizations. After I read each one, please tell me whether you think they SHOULD or SHOULD NOT be able to do the following.

	<u>Should, Strongly</u>	<u>Should, Not Strongly</u>	<u>Total Should</u>	<u>Should Not, Not Strongly</u>	<u>Should Not, Strongly</u>	<u>Total Should</u>	<u>Total Not</u>	<u>[VOL] Depends</u>	<u>[VOL] Don't Know</u>
A. A church or clergy member refusing to perform a marriage ceremony for a gay or lesbian couple	47%	14%	<b>61%</b>	8%	20%	<b>28%</b>	5%	6%	
B. A florist refusing to sell flowers to a gay or lesbian person [SPLIT A]	16%	15%	<b>31%</b>	12%	51%	<b>63%</b>	3%	4%	
C. A florist refusing to sell flowers for a gay or lesbian couple's wedding [SPLIT B]	21%	15%	<b>36%</b>	13%	45%	<b>59%</b>	3%	3%	
D. A restaurant owner refusing to cater a gay couple's wedding [SPLIT A]	17%	18%	<b>35%</b>	9%	47%	<b>56%</b>	5%	4%	
E. A restaurant owner refusing to cater a gay person's birthday party [SPLIT B]	19%	14%	<b>33%</b>	14%	46%	<b>60%</b>	3%	4%	
F. A company refusing to provide healthcare benefits to the spouse of a legally married gay employee [SPLIT A]	16%	7%	<b>23%</b>	20%	49%	<b>69%</b>	3%	5%	
G. A religious charity refusing to provide healthcare benefits to the spouse of a legally married gay employee [SPLIT B]	26%	11%	<b>37%</b>	13%	39%	<b>52%</b>	2%	8%	
H. An accountant refusing to file taxes for a gay person [SPLIT A]	17%	12%	<b>28%</b>	10%	50%	<b>60%</b>	4%	8%	
I. An accountant refusing to file a joint tax return for a legally married gay couple [SPLIT B]	16%	13%	<b>28%</b>	15%	47%	<b>62%</b>	2%	8%	
J. A county clerk refusing to issue a marriage license to a gay or lesbian couple in a state where marriage is legal for gay couples.	16%	8%	<b>23%</b>	12%	59%	<b>71%</b>	1%	4%	
K. A doctor refusing to deliver a baby for a married lesbian couple [SPLIT A]	16%	9%	<b>25%</b>	8%	58%	<b>66%</b>	3%	6%	
L. A doctor refusing to treat a gay patient [SPLIT B]	15%	7%	<b>22%</b>	10%	60%	<b>69%</b>	4%	4%	

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Q15. (CONT'D) I'm going to read you some of the different types of businesses and organizations. After I read each one, please tell me whether you think they SHOULD or SHOULD NOT be able to do the following.

	<u>Should,</u> <u>Strongly</u>	<u>Should,</u> <u>Not Strongly</u>	<u>Total Should</u> <b>38%</b>	<u>Should Not, Not Strongly</u>	<u>Should Not, Strongly</u>	<u>Total Should</u> <b>54%</b>	<u>[VOL] [VOL]</u>	<u>[VOL] Don't Know</u>
M. A photographer refusing to take photos at a gay or lesbian couple's wedding	21%	17%		13%	41%		4%	4%
N. A federal employee refusing to review an immigration application for the spouse of a gay American citizen	16%	7%	<b>23%</b>	12%	56%	<b>69%</b>	2%	7%
O. A waiter refusing to work at a gay couple's wedding after the caterer has agreed to do so	19%	17%	<b>36%</b>	14%	41%	<b>55%</b>	4%	5%

Q16. Now I am going to read you a series of statement pairs. After you hear both statements, please tell me which statement comes closer to your own view even if neither is exactly right.

	<u>First Statement</u> 54%	<u>Second Statement</u> 24%	<u>[VOL] Both</u> 11%	<u>[VOL] Neither</u> 5%	<u>[VOL] Don't Know</u> 5%
A. Denying gay couples services is discrimination and should not be tolerated.					
<b>OR</b>					
It is a business's right to deny services to any person or group for any reason.					
B. It is wrong to deny marriage-related services to gay couples that are offered to other couples, as long as the gay couples are following the laws in their state and are able to pay.	52%	26%	7%	6%	8%
<b>OR</b>					
It is wrong to deny services to gay people for most things, but wedding-related services are different and people should be allowed to refuse for religious reasons.					
C. It is okay to be uncomfortable with gay couples getting married, but in states where it is legal, people need to accept that it's the law of the land.	55%	25%	10%	2%	9%
<b>OR</b>					
People should not be forced to compromise their religious values and provide services for gay weddings regardless of what the laws are in their state.					

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D. Small businesses and individuals should have to follow the same laws everyone else does and do not have special rights to discriminate. 60% 23% 8% 3% 6%

**OR**

Small businesses should be allowed to make decisions on who they serve based on what is best for themselves and their employees.

E. Our country was founded on the principle of freedom, meaning that all people have the freedom to patronize businesses that are open to the public. 48% 26% 16% 3% 7%

**OR**

Our country was founded on the principle of religious freedom, meaning that no one should be forced to compromise their religious values.

Q17. I'm going to read you a list of things some people say worry them personally about this issue. After each, please tell me whether it is one of the things that worries you a great deal, some, not too much or not at all. If you are not sure, please say so and we will move on.

	<u>A</u> <u>great</u> <u>deal</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>too</u> <u>much</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>at all</u>	<u>[VOL]</u> <u>Don't</u> <u>Know</u>
	20%	29%	24%	21% 7%

A. Policy makers will create laws that are too broad, allowing businesses and organizations to deny services to gays and lesbians.

B. If we allow businesses to deny services to gay and lesbian couples, it will invade individuals' right to privacy.

30% 28% 17% 18% 7%

C. We cannot trust Congress to create new laws that strike the right balance, particularly on a sensitive issue like this one.

28% 23% 19% 19% 10%

D. Allowing some people to deny services to gays and lesbians creates a slippery slope that could result in denying other groups of people basic rights.

34% 28% 16% 15% 6%

E. Gay and lesbian couples are trying to redefine marriage for the rest of us.

20% 16% 19% 36% 9%

Q18. After hearing this information let me ask you again. From what you know, do you favor or oppose creating new laws that will allow small businesses and organizations to deny wedding-related services to gay and lesbian couples?

Strongly favor .....	14%
Somewhat favor .....	16%
<b>Total favor .....</b>	<b>31%</b>
Somewhat oppose .....	16%
Strongly oppose .....	46%
<b>Total oppose .....</b>	<b>61%</b>
[VOL] Don't Know .....	8%

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Q19. Now, I am going to list several reasons people have given for why it is wrong to create special laws allowing businesses and organizations to deny services to gay and lesbian couples. After each, please tell me whether you think it is a very convincing reason, somewhat convincing, not too convincing, or not at all convincing reason to OPPOSE creating these laws. If you are not sure about a particular item, please say so and we will move on.

	<u>Very</u> <u>convincing</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>convincing</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>convincing</u>	<u>Not too</u> <u>convincing</u>	<u>Not at all</u> <u>convincing</u>	<u>Total not</u> <u>convincing</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>sure</u>
A. Businesses and individuals are not allowed to deny services to people for any other reason - a Christian florist is not allowed to refuse to provide flowers for a Jewish wedding - so there is no reason that gay and lesbian couples should be treated any differently.	44%	27%	<b>72%</b>	12%	11%	<b>23%</b>	5%
B. We teach our children to follow the Golden Rule - to treat others as we ourselves would want to be treated, and it's wrong to make laws that go against that principle.	48%	25%	<b>73%</b>	13%	9%	<b>22%</b>	5%
C. America was founded on the principle of freedom – including the freedom to go where you want to go without fear of discrimination. Freedom means freedom for everyone, and it is wrong to treat people differently because of who they are.	49%	24%	<b>73%</b>	13%	7%	<b>20%</b>	6%
D. Creating laws that allow businesses and individuals to treat some groups differently is potentially dangerous and creates a slippery slope. [SPLIT A]	45%	22%	<b>67%</b>	12%	14%	<b>26%</b>	7%
E. Fifty years ago, businesses were allowed to refuse to serve people based on their skin color and as a nation, we decided that was wrong. Treating gay people differently based on who they are or who they love is discrimination. [SPLIT B]	48%	21%	<b>68%</b>	12%	13%	<b>25%</b>	7%

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	<u>Very convincing</u>	<u>S'what convincing</u>	<u>Total convincing</u>	<u>Not too convincing</u>	<u>Not at all convincing</u>	<u>Total not convincing</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
F. This unfairly singles out gay couples - business owners don't ask other couples to share personal information to make sure their marriage does not violate their religious values.	41%	24%	<b>64%</b>	16%	13%	<b>28%</b>	7%
G. This is a very difficult issue, and it is okay to feel conflicted about it. No one has to change their personal beliefs just because the laws are changing, but people do have to follow laws that respect the rights of all people. [SPLIT A]	56%	21%	<b>77%</b>	12%	6%	<b>18%</b>	5%
H. No one has to change their personal beliefs just because the laws are changing, but people do have to follow laws that respect the rights of all people. [SPLIT B]	47%	27%	<b>73%</b>	9%	8%	<b>17%</b>	10%
I. Free enterprise is a founding principle of our country and our economy. If an individual has the ability to pay for a service and is not violating the law, they should not be turned away. [SPLIT A]	48%	24%	<b>72%</b>	8%	8%	<b>16%</b>	12%
J. The only way to create laws that allow businesses to deny services to gay people is by requiring that customers disclose their sexual orientation when they do business, which violates an individual's right to privacy. [SPLIT B]	45%	20%	<b>65%</b>	11%	14%	<b>25%</b>	10%
K. A wedding is a time to celebrate, and make a promise of commitment in front of family and friends. Couples should not have to worry about being judged or criticized by a business owner while planning their wedding.	42%	25%	<b>67%</b>	12%	10%	<b>22%</b>	10%

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	<u>Very convincing</u>	<u>S'what convincing</u>	<u>Total convincing</u>	<u>Not too convincing</u>	<u>Not at all convincing</u>	<u>Total not convincing</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
L. Our laws already strike the right balance when it comes to religious liberty and small businesses, and we should not change that.	40%	27%	<b>67%</b>	9%	13%	<b>22%</b>	10%
M. Small business owners are in the business of making cakes, not judgments, and they should not turn people away because of who they are.	42%	22%	<b>64%</b>	16%	12%	<b>28%</b>	8%

Q20. After hearing this information let me ask you again. From what you know, do you favor or oppose creating new laws that will allow small businesses and organizations to deny wedding-related services to gay and lesbian couples?

Strongly favor .....	14%
Somewhat favor .....	11%
<b>Total favor .....</b>	<b>25%</b>
Somewhat oppose .....	17%
Strongly oppose .....	50%
<b>Total oppose .....</b>	<b>66%</b>
[VOL] Don't Know .....	9%

Q21. Now that you've heard more information, I am going to read you two statements. Please tell me which statement comes closer to your own view.

It is wrong to deny wedding-related services to gay couples as long as they are following the laws in their state and are able to pay. .... 54%

It is wrong to deny services to gay people for most things, but wedding-related services are different and people should be allowed to refuse for religious reasons. .... 15%

[VOL] Both ..... 6%

[VOL] Neither ..... 13%

[VOL] Don't Know ..... 13%

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Q22. In a few words or sentences, please tell me why you believe that marriage is different when it comes to providing services for gay and lesbian couples. [ASKED ONLY IF CHOSE THE SECOND STATEMENT IN Q25; N=156]

Marriage for gay couples violates people's religious beliefs .....	53%
Marriage is meant for a man and a woman .....	16%
Businesses should have the right to refuse anyone .....	7%
Being gay is wrong .....	11%
Marriage isn't different .....	3%
Other .....	7%
Don't Know/Refused .....	3%

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Q23. And which of the following statements comes closest to your own view?

Businesses that provide services like food or flowers for a gay couple's wedding are telling the world that they support marriage for gay couples. .... 10%

Providing wedding services like food or flowers does not imply one's support for marriage for gay couples, it simply says that one is fulfilling a contract for services. .... 57%

[VOL] Both ..... 11%

[VOL] Neither ..... 11%

[VOL] Don't Know ..... 11%

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## QUESTIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES

### Q24. Sex

Male .....	46%
Female .....	54%

### Q25. Age

18-34 .....	25%
35-49 .....	25%
50-64 .....	27%
65+ .....	21%
[VOL] Refused .....	2%

### Q26. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, or an Independent?

Democrat .....	25%
Indep/Lean Democrat .....	11%
Republican .....	27%
Indep/Lean Republican .....	10%
Independent .....	20%
[VOL] Other/ Don't Know/ Refused .....	7%

### Q27. Are you married, single, living with a partner in a civil union or domestic partnership, living with a partner outside a legally recognized relationship, separated, divorced, or widowed?

Married .....	59%
Single .....	20%
Living with partner, civil union or domestic partnership .....	3%
Living with a partner, NO civil union or domestic partnership .....	1%
Separated/ Divorced .....	8%
Widowed .....	6%
[VOL] Don't Know/ Refused .....	2%

### Q28. For statistical reasons only, do you consider yourself to be heterosexual or straight, gay, lesbian or homosexual, or bisexual?

Heterosexual/ Straight .....	93%
Gay/ Lesbian/ Homosexual .....	5%
Bisexual .....	1%
[VOL] Other .....	0%
[VOL] Don't Know/ Refused .....	1%

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Q29. Do you know any gay or lesbian couples who have had marriage or commitment ceremonies?

Yes .....	35%
No .....	64%
[VOL] Don't Know .....	2%

Q30. What is the last year of schooling you have completed?

High school or less .....	19%
Some college or technical school .....	38%
Four year college graduate .....	29%
Post-graduate college degree .....	13%
[VOL] Don't Know/ Refused .....	1%

Q31. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, do you consider yourself non-Hispanic white, non-Hispanic African American, of Hispanic or Latino origin, Asian, or of another race?

White .....	78%
African American .....	9%
Hispanic .....	8%
Asian .....	2%
Other .....	1%
[VOL] Don't Know/ Refused .....	1%

Q32. Do you generally consider yourself liberal, moderate or conservative?

Liberal .....	22%
Moderate .....	43%
Conservative .....	30%
[VOL] Don't Know/ Refused .....	5%

Q6. What is your religion -- Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, another Christian religion, another religion, or do you not have a religious affiliation?

Protestant (ex: Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran) .....	51%
Catholic .....	24%
Jewish .....	2%
Muslim/ Islam .....	1%
[VOL] Mormon .....	2%
Other Christian .....	1%
[VOL] Other religion (non-Christian) .....	2%
[VOL] Not affiliated/ Nothing in particular/ Atheist/ Agnostic .....	13%
[VOL] Don't Know/ Refused .....	4%

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Q7. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or Evangelical Christian, or not? [ASKED ONLY IF PROTESTANT/CATHOLIC/MORMON/OTHER CHRISTIAN/DK IN Q6, N=835]

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Yes .....	17%
No .....	77%
[VOL] Don't Know .....	6%

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Q33. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services, more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, hardly ever, or never?

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Twice a week or more .....	5%
Every week .....	38%
Once or twice a month .....	18%
Several times a year .....	14%
Hardly ever .....	10%
Never .....	11%
[VOL] Don't Know/ Refused .....	4%

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Q34. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

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Several times a day .....	25%
Once a day .....	25%
A few times a week .....	14%
Once a week .....	4%
A few times a month .....	7%
Seldom .....	10%
Never .....	8%
[VOL] Refused .....	8%

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Q35. Region

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Central .....	25%
Eastern .....	32%
Southern .....	25%
Western .....	19%

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