



THE AP-GfK POLL

April, 2015

Conducted by GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications

A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)

Interview dates: April 23-April 27, 2015

Number of interviews, adults: 1,077

Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 3.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

Please refer to the exact sample number at the bottom of each table.

**Beginning in October, 2013, AP-GfK polls were conducted online using GfK's nationally representative KnowledgePanel. All prior trend conducted by telephone.
For more information, see <http://www.ap-gfcpoll.com>.*

Some questions held for future release.

CURX1. How important are each of the following issues to you personally?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED - Some items held for future release]

Gay rights [half sample]	4/23-27/15
Extremely/Very important	26
Extremely important	11
Very important	15
Moderately important	26
Slightly/Not at all important	47
Slightly important	15
Not at all important	32
Refused/Not Answered	1

Based on:

N=519

Religious liberties [half sample]	4/23-27/15
Extremely/Very important	50
Extremely important	25
Very important	25
Moderately important	21
Slightly/Not at all important	28
Slightly important	18
Not at all important	11
Refused/Not Answered	2

Based on:

N=558

CURY2/3/3a. Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling...

[RESPONDENTS SHOWN EACH ITEM ON A SEPARATE SCREEN]

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED - *Some items held for future release*]

Gay rights [half sample]	4/23-27/15
Total approve	48
Approve	26
Lean towards approving	22
Don't lean either way	2
Total disapprove	49
Lean towards disapproving	21
Disapprove	29
Refused/Not Answered	1

Based on:

N=519

Religious liberties [half sample]	4/23-27/15
Total approve	54
Approve	28
Lean towards approving	26
Don't lean either way	1
Total disapprove	44
Lean towards disapproving	17
Disapprove	27
Refused/Not Answered	1

Based on:

N=558

CUR25. Which party do you trust to do a better job of:

[GRID, RANDOMIZE ITEMS - *Some items held for future release*]

	4/23-27/15
Handling gay rights [half sample]	
The Democratic Party	31
The Republican Party	14
Both equally	20
Neither	34
Refused/Not Answered	1

Based on:

N=519

	4/23-27/15
Handling religious liberties [half sample]	
The Democratic Party	28
The Republican Party	21
Both equally	23
Neither	26
Refused/Not Answered	2

Based on:

N=558

Some questions held for future release.

NCC29/
NCC29A/
NCC29B.

[IF AK, AZ, , CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, ME, MD, MA, MN, MT, NV, NH, NM, NJ, NY, NC, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, UT, VT, VA, WA, WI, WV, WY: Do you.../ALL OTHERS: Would you...] favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose a law allowing same-sex couples to be legally married in your state?

[IF "FAVOR"] Would you say you favor a law allowing same-sex couples to be legally married in your state strongly or just somewhat?.

[IF "OPPOSE"] Would you say you oppose a law allowing same-sex couples to be legally married in your state strongly or just somewhat?

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Total Favor	40	35	39	39	37	39	40	35	39	34	34	38	36	40	42
Strongly favor	34	29	34	34	33	32	32	28	35	29	29	30	31	26	32
Somewhat favor	5	6	5	5	4	7	8	6	5	6	5	8	5	13	11
Neither favor nor oppose	28	31	26	25	22	28	27	27	25	27	31	31	29	15	10
Total Oppose	30	31	33	35	40	32	33	38	34	36	33	30	33	42	45
Somewhat oppose	5	5	6	6	7	5	5	5	6	5	5	5	3	7	6
Strongly oppose	25	26	28	30	33	27	28	33	28	31	29	25	29	35	39
Already legal in my state [VOL]	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1	1
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	2	1
Refused/Not answered	2	3	2	1	1	2	1	1	3	2	2	1	3	1	*

Based on: N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,060 N=1,367 N=1,227 N=1,007 N=1,000

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 NCC29A/
 NCC29B/
 NCC29C.

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[IF "OPPOSE"] Would you say you oppose a law allowing same-sex couples to be legally married in your state strongly or just somewhat?

[IF "NEITHER" or REFUSED] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward favoring or opposing a law allowing same-sex couples to be legally married in your state?

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Total Favor	48	44	46	46	44	48	49	44	46
Strongly favor	34	29	34	34	33	32	32	28	35
Somewhat favor	5	6	5	5	4	7	8	6	5
Lean toward favoring	9	9	7	8	7	9	9	9	7
Neither favor nor oppose	14	15	13	12	10	13	12	13	14
Total Oppose	36	39	40	41	45	38	39	44	39
Lean toward opposing	6	7	6	6	5	6	6	5	5
Somewhat oppose	5	5	6	6	7	5	5	5	6
Strongly oppose	25	26	28	30	33	27	28	33	28
Refused/Not answered	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	*	2

Based on:

N=1,077

N=1,045

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N=968

N=1,845

N=1,541

N=958

N=1,354

NCC33. As you may know, the Supreme Court will hear a case this year on whether state laws banning same-sex couples from marrying are constitutional. Do you think that the Supreme Court should or should not rule that same-sex marriage must be legal nationwide?

	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15
Should	50	48
Should not	48	48
Refused	3	4

Based on:

N=1,077 N=1,045

NCC34. In states where same-sex couples can be married legally, do you think that state and local officials and judges who issue marriage licenses but have religious objections to same-sex marriage should be required to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, or should they be exempt from issuing them?

	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15
Exempt from issuing them	48	50
Required to issue them	49	46
Refused	3	4

Based on:

N=1,077 N=1,045

NCC35. [HALF SAMPLE] In states where same-sex couples can be married legally, do you think that wedding-related businesses with religious objections should be allowed to refuse service to same-sex couples, or not?

	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15
Yes, they should be allowed to refuse service	52	57
No, they should not be allowed to refuse service	45	39
Refused	3	4

Based on:

N=524 N=1,045

NCC35b. [HALF SAMPLE] In states where same-sex couples can be married legally, do you think that businesses with religious objections should be allowed to refuse service to same-sex couples, or not?

	4/23-27/15
Yes, they should be allowed to refuse service	40
No, they should not be allowed to refuse service	57
Refused	3

Based on:

N=553

NCC36. In cases where there is a conflict, which do you think is more important for the government to do?

	4/23-27/15
Protect the rights of gays and lesbians	40
Protect religious liberties	56
Refused	4

Based on:

N=1,077

TP4. Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or are you not a supporter of the Tea Party movement?

	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13
Supporter	22	21	20	19	22	27	17	20	26	23	20	22	27	20	17	23	22
Not a supporter	74	75	76	78	75	71	79	77	72	74	77	73	67	76	78	62	64
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	12	13
Refused/Not Answered	5	5	4	3	2	2	4	3	2	4	4	6	6	4	5	3	1

Based on: N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,808 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,060 N=1,367 N=1,227 N=1,004 N=1,004

TP4a. [IF TP4=1] Do you support the tea party movement strongly or somewhat...

	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14
Strongly	28	35	36	36	35	38	31	31	34	35	28	31
Somewhat	71	65	63	64	65	62	68	67	65	64	71	67
Refused/Not Answered	1	1	1	*	*	-	1	1	1	1	1	2

Based on: Tea Party Supporter N=213 N=227 N=225 N=332 N=318 N=261 N=361 N=331 N=255 N=259 N=263 N=227

PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these?

	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13
Democrat	32	31	31	30	34	34	31	36	35	29	32	30	33	29	31	27	29
Independent	27	27	24	23	23	23	24	25	25	24	21	24	23	28	27	29	30
Republican	21	23	24	26	29	35	24	27	32	28	26	27	25	23	23	21	21
None of these	19	17	18	19	12	8	19	11	7	17	19	16	18	17	15	20	19
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1	*
Refused/Not Answered	2	3	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	1

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PID1/i. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these? IF "INDEPENDENT" OR "NONE," OR REFUSAL, ASK: Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
Total Democrat	44	42	41	41	44	42	43	47	45	40	43	41	44	42	44
Democrat	32	31	31	30	34	34	31	36	35	29	32	30	33	29	31
Independent – lean Democratic	9	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	9	8	9	8	9	8	10
None – lean Democratic	3	3	2	4	3	1	4	2	2	4	3	3	2	4	3
Total Republican	34	35	38	37	41	47	34	38	45	38	34	39	35	37	35
Republican	21	23	24	26	29	35	24	27	32	28	26	27	25	23	23
Independent – lean Republican	10	10	9	8	9	10	8	9	10	8	6	10	8	11	9
None – lean Republican	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	3
Independent – don't lean	8	10	8	7	7	6	8	8	7	8	7	6	5	10	9
None – don't lean	14	14	14	14	8	5	15	8	4	14	16	14	16	12	12
[VOL] Independent – lean other	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
[VOL] None – lean other	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Don't know	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Refused/Not answered	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,365 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,060 N=1,367 N=1,227

G11b. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a...?

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Liberal	21	19	20	21	21	20	20	20	19	16	22	18	20	20	18	22
Conservative	33	33	35	33	36	41	31	35	40	34	33	38	38	35	36	40
Moderate	43	45	40	42	42	39	45	43	40	45	42	40	38	42	41	30
Don't know	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	6
Refused/Not answered	3	3	5	3	2	1	4	2	1	4	4	4	5	4	5	2

Based on: N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,224 N=1,016 N=643 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,060 N=1,367 N=1,227 N=1,004

DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live?

Urban area	26
Suburban area	48
Rural area	25
Refused/Not Answered	2

Based on:

N=1,077

INS1. The next questions are about your personal health insurance. Please include health insurance obtained through employment or purchased directly as well as government programs like Medicare and Medicaid that provide medical care or help pay medical bills.

Are you currently covered by any kind of health insurance or some other kind of health care plan or not?

	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
Yes	88	87	86	86	82	85	83	82	83
No	9	10	11	12	15	12	16	16	14
Refused/Not answered	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	2	3

Based on:

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N=1,227

DM12. Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes, born-again/evangelical	29
No	67
Refused/Not Answered	4

Based on:

N=1,077

DM13. What is your religious preference?

Protestant	23
Catholic	24
Mormon	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Other religion	14
Don't belong to religious denomination	32
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

N=1,077

DM14. [IF "OTHER RELIGION" IN DM13] Do you consider yourself a Christian, or not?

Yes, a Christian	88
No, not a Christian	12
Refused/Not Answered	*

Based on:

N=146

PPEDUCAT. (4 category)

Less than high school	9
High school	33
Some college	29
Bachelor's degree or higher	29

Based on:

N=1,077

PPETHM

White, Non-Hispanic	66
Black, Non-Hispanic	11
Other, Non-Hispanic	5
Hispanic	15
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	3

Based on:

N=1,077

PPGENDER

Male	48
Female	52

Based on:

N=1,077

PPWORK

Working – as a paid employee	50
Working – self-employed	7
Not working – on temporary layoff from a job	1
Not working – looking for work	8
Not working – retired	18
Not working – disabled	5
Not working - other	11

Based on:

N=1,077

PPAGE

Age group:

18-29	22
30-49	34
50-64	26
65+	19

Based on:

N=1,077

DM20. And in which group does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall?
[READ LIST]

Under \$10,000	5
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	10
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	20
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	14
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	18
\$150,000 or more	8

Based on:

N=1,077

CENSUS REGION:

Northeast	18
Midwest	21
South	37
West	23

Based on:

N=1,077

AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted April 23 to April 27, 2015 by GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,077 general population adults age 18 or older.

The survey was conducted using the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®, a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. population. At inception participants were chosen scientifically by a random selection of telephone numbers and since 2009 through Address-based sampling using the post office's delivery sequence file. Persons in these households are then invited to join and participate in the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®. For those who agree to participate, but do not already have Internet access, GfK provides at no cost a laptop and ISP connection. People who already have computers and Internet services are permitted to participate using their own equipment. Panelists then receive unique log-in information for accessing surveys online, and then are sent emails throughout each month inviting them to participate in research.

The data were weighted to account for probabilities of selection, as well as age within sex, education, race, and phone type. The phone type targets came from the fall, 2012 MRI Consumer Survey. The other targets came from the March, 2012 Supplement of the Current Population Survey.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent. The cooperation rate for this poll was 48%.

Trend data are displayed for selected questions from previous AP-GfK Polls that were conducted using telephone interviews with nationally-representative probability samples of adults age 18 or older. Details about all AP-GfK Polls are available at <http://www.ap-gfkipoll.com>.