

# Results of SurveyUSA News Poll #13984

Geography: California

Data Collected: 06/06/2008 - 06/07/2008

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## 1 Do you think same-sex couples should? Or should not? be allowed to marry in California?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age			Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology		
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.4%		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Modera	Liberal
Should	56%	55%	57%	63%	52%	51%	55%	53%	54%	64%	39%	67%	58%	24%	58%	79%
Should Not	41%	42%	40%	33%	45%	47%	42%	46%	43%	34%	57%	32%	37%	76%	39%	18%
Not Sure	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	1%	3%	2%	4%	1%	5%	0%	2%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	35%	40%	25%	51%	6%	28%	15%	26%	51%	16%	19%	41%	24%

## 2 What rights do you think same-sex couples should have for legal recognition of their unions?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age			Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology		
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.5%		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Modera	Liberal
No Right	27%	31%	23%	25%	27%	30%	23%	38%	35%	22%	35%	20%	27%	51%	18%	17%
Civil Unions	31%	29%	33%	22%	36%	35%	37%	26%	24%	26%	33%	30%	33%	32%	45%	18%
Marriage	39%	37%	42%	48%	35%	34%	39%	36%	34%	51%	30%	48%	38%	15%	36%	64%
Not Sure	3%	4%	2%	5%	2%	1%	2%	0%	7%	1%	3%	1%	2%	3%	1%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	35%	40%	25%	51%	6%	28%	15%	26%	51%	16%	19%	41%	24%

## 3 Do you support? Or do you oppose amending the state constitution to define marriage as being between one man and one woman?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age			Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology		
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.5%		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Modera	Liberal
Support	44%	46%	41%	36%	47%	48%	44%	50%	48%	31%	60%	35%	44%	70%	42%	27%
Oppose	38%	35%	42%	39%	39%	37%	40%	42%	31%	44%	29%	45%	42%	21%	41%	61%
Not Sure	18%	19%	17%	25%	14%	15%	15%	8%	21%	25%	10%	20%	15%	8%	17%	11%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	35%	40%	25%	51%	6%	28%	15%	26%	51%	16%	19%	41%	24%

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**4** Do you support? Or do you oppose? amending the United States constitution to define marriage as being between one man and one woman?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age			Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Moder	Liberal
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.5%																
Support	46%	49%	43%	42%	47%	49%	43%	52%	50%	44%	57%	37%	48%	69%	40%	29%
Oppose	45%	44%	47%	47%	44%	45%	46%	45%	40%	52%	36%	54%	45%	21%	51%	66%
Not Sure	9%	7%	11%	10%	10%	5%	10%	3%	10%	3%	8%	9%	8%	10%	9%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	35%	40%	25%	51%	6%	28%	15%	26%	51%	16%	19%	41%	24%

: KABC-TV Los Angeles, KFSN-TV Fresno, KGTV-TV San Diego, KPIX-TV San Francisco

**Statement of Methodology:** The following statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls:How this poll was conducted: This SurveyUSA poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. Within the report, you will find: the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted and the news organization(s) that paid for the research. The number of respondents who answered each question and the margin of sampling error for each question are provided. Where necessary, responses were weighted according to age, gender, ethnic origin, geographical area and number of adults and number of voice telephone lines in the household, so that the sample would reflect the actual demographic proportions in the population, using most recent U.S.Census estimates. In theory, with the stated sample size, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than theoretical calculations of sampling error. These include refusals to be interviewed, question wording and question order, weighting by demographic control data and the manner in which respondents are filtered (such as, determining who is a likely voter). It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these factors. Fieldwork for this survey was done by SurveyUSA of Verona, NJ.