

## GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

### GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: VALUES AND BELIEFS

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 3-6, 2012 with a random sample of –1,024—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –534—national adults in Form A and –490—national adults in Form B, the maximum margins of sampling error are  $\pm 5$  percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2011 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

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16. Do you think gay or lesbian relations between consenting adults should or should not be legal?

	<u>Should be legal</u>	<u>Should not be legal</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 May 3-6	63	31	6
2011 Dec 15-18	62	33	5
2011 May 5-8	64	32	4
2010 May 3-6	58	36	6
2009 May 7-10	56	40	4
2008 May 8-11 ^	55	40	5
2007 May 10-13	59	37	4
2006 May 8-11 †	56	40	4
2005 Aug 22-25	49	44	7
2005 May 2-5	52	43	5
2004 May 2-4	52	43	5
2004 Jan 9-11	46	49	5
2003 Jul 25-27	48	46	6
2003 Jul 18-20	50	44	6
2003 May 19-21	59	37	4
2003 May 5-7	60	35	5
2002 May 6-9	52	43	5
2001 May 10-14	54	42	4
1999 Feb 8-9	50	43	7
1996 Nov 21-24	44	47	9
1992 Jun 4-8	48	44	8
1989 Oct 12-15	47	36	17
1988 Jul 1-7	35	57	11
1987 Mar 14-18	33	55	12
1986 Sep 13-17	33	54	13
1986 Jul 11-14	32	57	11
1985 Nov 11-18	44	47	9
1982 Jun 25-28	45	39	16
1977 Jun 17-20	43	43	14

^ 1977-2008 wording: Do you think homosexual relations between consenting adults should or should not be legal?

† Asked of a half sample

17. In your view, is being gay or lesbian – [ROTATED: something a person is born with, (or) due to factors such as upbringing and environment]?

	<u>Born with</u>	<u>Upbringing/ environment</u>	<u>Both (vol.)</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 May 3-6	40	35	11	4	10
2011 May 5-8	40	42	6	3	9
2010 May 3-6	36	37	12	3	12
2009 May 7-10	35	42	12	2	9
2008 May 8-11 ^	41	38	9	2	9
2007 May 10-13	42	35	11	2	9
2006 May 8-11 †	42	37	11	2	8
2005 May 2-5	38	44	10	2	6
2004 May 2-4	37	41	11	3	8
2003 May 5-7	38	44	11	2	5
2002 May 6-9	40	36	12	4	8
2001 May 10-14	40	39	9	3	9
1999 Feb 8-9	34	44	13	1	8
1996 Nov 21-24	31	40	13	3	13
1989 Oct 12-15	19	48	12	2	19
1982 Jun 25-28	17	52	13	2	16
1977 Jun 17-20	13	56	14	3	15

^ 1977-2008 wording: In your view, is homosexuality – [ROTATED: something a person is born with, (or) is homosexuality] due to factors such as upbringing and environment]?

† Asked of a half sample

18. Next, I'm going to read you a list of issues. Regardless of whether or not you think it should be legal, for each one, please tell me whether you personally believe that in general it is morally acceptable or morally wrong. How about -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

**P. Gay or Lesbian Relations**

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 May 3-6	54	42	1	1	3
2011 May 5-8	56	39	1	1	3
2010 May 3-6	52	43	1	*	4
2009 May 7-10	49	47	1	1	3
2008 May 8-11 †	48	48	1	1	2
2007 May 10-13 †	47	49	2	*	2
2006 May 8-11 †	44	51	1	1	2
2005 May 2-5 ^	45	51	1	--	3
2004 May 2-4 ‡	42	54	1	1	2
2003 May 5-7 ‡	44	52	2	*	2
2002 May 6-9 ‡	38	55	2	1	4
2001 May 10-14 ‡	40	53	3	1	3

^ Asked of a half sample.

† WORDING: Homosexual relations

‡ WORDING: Homosexual behavior