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1 Should same-sex couples be able to share in the legal benefits of marriage, such as the right to inherit property and the right to make medical decisions for one another? Or should the legal benefits of marriage be restricted only to couples consisting of a man and a woman?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Cell Phone / Lan		Party Affiliation			Ideology			Evangelical		Religion					
Credibility Interval: +/-4.2 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian /	Cell Ph	Landlin	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Yes	No	Protest	Catholi	Other C	Jewish	Someth	None
Same-sex Couples	68%	65%	70%	74%	72%	57%	66%	73%	60%	69%	50%	75%	57%	78%	63%	52%	73%	68%	47%	73%	78%	47%	74%	52%	73%	55%	**	81%	73%
Man And a Woman	27%	30%	24%	22%	19%	40%	29%	21%	36%	30%	48%	16%	33%	18%	31%	44%	22%	24%	48%	21%	17%	48%	20%	48%	21%	42%	**	12%	13%
Not Sure	5%	5%	6%	4%	9%	4%	6%	6%	4%	2%	2%	9%	9%	4%	6%	4%	5%	8%	5%	5%	4%	5%	6%	0%	5%	3%	**	7%	14%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	33%	26%	26%	15%	59%	41%	44%	6%	33%	17%	31%	69%	22%	46%	27%	25%	40%	26%	25%	69%	17%	33%	20%	5%	10%	16%

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Credibility Interval: +/-4.2 pct points		Central	Greater	Inland	Bay Are
Same-sex Couples	68%	66%	71%	64%	66%
Man And a Woman	27%	30%	26%	28%	25%
Not Sure	5%	4%	3%	7%	9%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	20%	40%	18%	22%

2 Are you familiar with Proposition 8, which Californians passed into law in 2008, which defines marriage in California as being between one man and one woman?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Cell Phone / Lan		Party Affiliation			Ideology			Evangelical		Religion					
Credibility Interval: +/-2.7 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian /	Cell Ph	Landlin	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Yes	No	Protest	Catholi	Other C	Jewish	Someth	None
Yes	90%	91%	88%	93%	85%	88%	94%	90%	90%	90%	87%	93%	84%	93%	88%	92%	89%	92%	94%	89%	92%	91%	90%	94%	89%	89%	**	82%	89%
No	6%	5%	6%	2%	9%	8%	5%	5%	7%	7%	1%	5%	7%	2%	7%	8%	6%	3%	4%	6%	6%	5%	6%	3%	6%	3%	**	13%	6%
Not Sure	5%	4%	5%	5%	6%	4%	2%	5%	3%	4%	13%	2%	9%	5%	5%	1%	5%	5%	2%	5%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	8%	**	4%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	33%	26%	26%	15%	59%	41%	44%	6%	33%	17%	31%	69%	22%	46%	27%	25%	40%	26%	25%	69%	17%	33%	20%	5%	10%	16%

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Credibility Interval: +/-2.7 pct points		Central	Greater	Inland	Bay Are
Yes	90%	83%	92%	88%	92%
No	6%	9%	6%	5%	4%
Not Sure	5%	8%	2%	7%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Cell Phone / Lan		Party Affiliation			Ideology			Evangelical		Religion					
Credibility Interval: +/-4.5 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian /	Cell Ph	Landlin	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Yes	No	Protest	Catholi	Other C	Jewish	Someth	None
Uphold The Appeals Court	48%	50%	47%	60%	53%	35%	36%	57%	35%	50%	32%	57%	30%	70%	38%	36%	54%	51%	31%	51%	63%	37%	53%	38%	49%	41%	**	51%	60%
Overturn The Appeals Court	35%	36%	34%	27%	29%	47%	44%	28%	46%	35%	41%	26%	52%	20%	42%	53%	31%	29%	58%	30%	22%	49%	31%	52%	35%	37%	**	23%	29%
Do Not Know	17%	14%	19%	13%	17%	19%	20%	15%	19%	15%	27%	16%	18%	10%	19%	12%	15%	20%	11%	19%	15%	14%	16%	10%	17%	23%	**	26%	11%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	33%	26%	26%	15%	59%	41%	44%	6%	33%	17%	31%	69%	22%	46%	27%	25%	40%	26%	25%	69%	17%	33%	20%	5%	10%	16%

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Credibility Interval: +/-4.5 pct points		Central	Greater	Inland	Bay Are
Uphold The Appeals Court	48%	42%	55%	38%	49%
Overturn The Appeals Court	35%	38%	33%	40%	34%
Do Not Know	17%	21%	12%	22%	17%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	20%	40%	18%	22%

4 Over the past couple of years, has your opinion on same-sex marriage remained the same? Or has it changed?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Cell Phone / Lan		Party Affiliation			Ideology			Evangelical		Religion					
Credibility Interval: +/-3.5 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian /	Cell Ph	Landlin	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Yes	No	Protest	Catholi	Other C	Jewish	Someth	None
Remained The Same	81%	83%	79%	81%	78%	86%	77%	80%	83%	82%	69%	84%	79%	81%	81%	81%	82%	81%	84%	74%	90%	79%	82%	75%	81%	82%	**	84%	87%
Changed	14%	13%	16%	17%	15%	8%	16%	16%	11%	14%	22%	13%	13%	14%	14%	13%	14%	16%	9%	21%	9%	13%	15%	18%	15%	12%	**	15%	11%
Not Sure	5%	4%	5%	1%	7%	5%	7%	4%	6%	4%	9%	3%	8%	4%	5%	5%	4%	3%	7%	5%	1%	8%	3%	7%	5%	6%	**	1%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	33%	26%	26%	15%	59%	41%	44%	6%	33%	17%	31%	69%	22%	46%	27%	25%	40%	26%	25%	69%	17%	33%	20%	5%	10%	16%

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Changed	14%	18%	13%	15%	13%
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72 Whose Opinions Have Changed	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Cell Phone / Lan		Party Affiliation			Ideology			Evangelical		Religion					
Credibility Interval: +/-11.7 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian /	Cell Ph	Landlin	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Yes	No	Protest	Catholi	Other C	Jewish	Someth	None
Past Six Months	13%	29%	0%	23%	10%	0%	6%	17%	3%	2%	27%	22%	17%	14%	12%	0%	20%	11%	4%	16%	0%	11%	13%	5%	21%	13%	0%	0%	23%
Past Year	24%	22%	25%	34%	16%	4%	30%	26%	18%	32%	51%	11%	11%	43%	15%	29%	22%	15%	24%	22%	40%	31%	23%	21%	19%	26%	38%	48%	9%
More Than One Year Ago	56%	41%	67%	44%	64%	83%	45%	52%	63%	55%	22%	58%	72%	43%	61%	61%	47%	70%	58%	58%	51%	35%	60%	68%	57%	39%	35%	52%	69%
Not Sure	8%	8%	8%	0%	10%	14%	19%	4%	16%	12%	0%	9%	0%	0%	12%	10%	11%	4%	13%	5%	8%	23%	4%	6%	3%	22%	28%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Whose Opinions Hav	100%	43%	57%	40%	27%	15%	17%	67%	33%	44%	9%	31%	15%	32%	68%	21%	46%	30%	15%	60%	17%	22%	73%	21%	33%	17%	8%	10%	12%

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Past Year	24%	6%	26%	11%	55%
More Than One Year Ago	56%	76%	49%	51%	43%
Not Sure	8%	7%	18%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Whose Opinions Hav	100%	26%	35%	19%	20%

** Too few respondents of this type were interviewed for this data to be meaningful.

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

Statement of Methodology: About the Poll: This 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. The pollster's report includes the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted, the number of respondents who answered each question and the theoretical margin of sampling error for each question. Where necessary, respondents were weighted using the most recent US Census estimates for age, gender, ethnic origin and region, to align the sample to the population. In theory, 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 with home telephones been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than sampling error. These include: the difficulty of interviewing respondents who do not have a home telephone; the refusal by some with home telephones to be interviewed; the order in which questions are asked; the wording of questions; the way and extent to which data are weighted; and the manner in which specialized populations, such as likely voters, are determined. It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these and other factors. Research methodology, questionnaire design and fieldwork for this survey were completed by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ. This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.