

PRRI Religion & Politics Tracking Poll
May 15-19, 2013
N = 1,000

On another topic...

Q.1 In order to make up for past discrimination, do you favor or oppose programs which make special efforts to help blacks and other minorities get ahead?

68	Favor
24	Oppose
2	Other –Specify (VOL.)
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Thinking specifically about college admissions...

Q.2 Do you think blacks and other minorities should receive preference in college admissions to make up for past inequalities, or not?

29	Yes, should
64	No, should not
1	Other –Specify (VOL.)
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.3 Do you think you were helped or hurt in the college admissions process because of your race or ethnicity, or do you think it did not make a difference?

6	Helped
7	Hurt
80	No difference
4	Did not attend/apply to college (VOL.)
*	Other –Specify (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

And...

Q.4 All in all, do you think you have been helped or hurt in your job or career because of your race or ethnicity, or do you think it has not made a difference?

7	Helped
11	Hurt
80	No difference
*	Have never had a job (VOL.)
*	Other –Specify (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.5 When the Supreme Court decides an important constitutional case, should it only consider the legal issues, or should it also consider what the majority of the public thinks about that subject?

47	Consider only legal issues
45	Consider what public thinks
3	Depends (VOL.)
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.6 In general, how much do you think the Supreme Court justices are influenced by their own **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** when making their decisions? And how much do you think Supreme Court justices are influenced by their own **[INSERT]** when making their decisions?

a. Political views

55	A lot
32	A little
8	Not at all
1	Depends (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Religious beliefs

37	A lot
44	A little
15	Not at all
1	Depends (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Now a few different questions...

Q.7 I'd like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today. All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose **[INSERT FIRST; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose?

a. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally

24	Strongly favor
28	Favor
22	Oppose
21	Strongly oppose
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Laws that would protect gay and lesbian people against job discrimination

33	Strongly favor
40	Favor
13	Oppose
9	Strongly oppose
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Allowing gay and lesbian Americans married to foreigners to sponsor their spouses for residency in the U.S., as heterosexual married Americans may do

16	Strongly favor
29	Favor
25	Oppose
24	Strongly oppose
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) RDD telephone interviews conducted between May 15, 2013 and May 19, 2013 by professional interviewers under the direction of Social Science Research Solutions (SSRS). Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 1,000 adults 18 years of age or older in the entire United States (400 respondents were interviewed on a cell phone).

The final sample was weighted to five different parameters—age, sex, geographic region, education and telephone usage¹—to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the total adult population.

The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.1 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context and order effects.

¹ Telephone usage refers to whether respondents have only a landline telephone, only a cell phone or both types and the frequency with which they use each type.