

Third Way Maine Statewide Frequency Questionnaire

November 4-8, 2009
602 Voters

Q.3 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

	Total
Yes	100
No.....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:SCREEN1)	

Q.4 As you may know, there was a referendum in Maine (Yesterday/Tuesday) on several public questions on the ballot. Many people weren't able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total
Voted	100
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/don't know)	-
(Refused).....	-
(Have not voted yet)	-
(ref:CP5)	

Q.5 Did you vote prior to Election Day or did you vote on Election Day?

	Total
Prior to Election Day.....	22
On Election Day	78
(Don't know/ refused)	-
(ref:WARLYVTG)	

Q.6 Did you vote by absentee ballot, by mail, or in-person?

	Total
Absentee	14
Mail.....	2
In person	84
(Don't know/Refused).....	0
(ref:EARLY3)	

Q.7 Generally speaking, do you think that things in Maine are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total
Right direction	40
Wrong track	44
(Don't know/refused)	16
Right - Wrong.....	-4
(ref:DIRECTME)	

Q.8 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization. If you have no opinion or never heard of that person or organization, please say so.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
8 Barack Obama	58.1	54	31	97
9 John Baldacci.....	47.8	38	37	93
10 Gay and lesbian people	66.5	55	17	91
11 Gay rights groups.....	52.8	42	32	89
12 Stand for Marriage Maine	49.7	33	31	74
13 Protect Maine Equality	60.1	42	22	77
14 Senator Olympia Snowe	63.2	58	19	96
15 The Catholic Church	50.1	35	33	90
16 National Organization for Marriage	46.0	19	22	55
(ref:THERM04)				

Q.17 One of the questions on the ballot this November read as follows: "Do you want to reject the new law that lets same-sex couples marry and allows individuals and religious groups to refuse to perform these marriages?"

Did you vote YES in favor of this question or NO against it?

	Total
Yes	53
No.....	47
(Don't know/refused)	-
Yes - No	5
(ref:BALLOTPO)	

Q.18 Regardless of how you voted in the referendum, do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally?

	Total
Strongly favor	40
Somewhat favor	9
Somewhat oppose.....	10
Strongly oppose	34
(Don't know/refused)	7
Total Favor	49
Total Oppose	44
Favor - Oppose	6
(ref:GMBALLOT)	

Q.19 Which one of the following statements do you most agree with when it comes to the issue of gay and lesbian couples?

	Total
Gay and lesbian couples should have the same legal right to marry as do a man and a woman.....	39
Gay and lesbian couples should have the same legal rights that a man and a woman have, but it should not be called marriage.....	22
Marriage under the law should only be between a man and a woman, but there should be domestic partnerships or some other legal rights for gay and lesbian couples.	25
There should be no legal recognition of a relationship between gay or lesbian couples.	10
(All)	0
(None)	2
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:FOURWAY)	

Q.20 How would you describe the state of marriage in this country? Do you think it is in good shape, faces minor problems or faces major problems?

	Total
Good shape.....	10
Minor problems.....	34
Major problems.....	50
(Don't know/refused)	6
(ref:MARRIAGE)	

Q.21 If gay and lesbian couples were allowed to marry, how concerned would you be that public schools would teach material about gay marriage to young children: very concerned, somewhat concerned, just a little concerned, or not at all concerned?

	Total
Very concerned	38
Somewhat concerned.....	10
A little concerned.....	7
Not concerned at all	43
(Don't know/refused)	1
Very/Somewhat concerned	49
A little/Not at all	50
(ref:SCHOOL2)	

Q.22 Do you recall seeing or hearing anything recently asking people to VOTE NO on Question One and supporting same-sex marriage?

	Total
Yes	83
No.....	17
(Don't know/refused)	1
Yes - No	66
(ref:RECALLNO)	

[497 Respondents]

Q.23 (IF YES ON RECALLNO) What was the main message from people asking you to vote no?

	Total
EQUALITY/VALUES.....	48
Equality/ marriage equality/ against discrimination (non-specific)	39
Same-sex couples should have the same rights as heterosexual couples	7
Same-sex couples should be able to get married/ Allow same-sex marriage.....	5
WHY VOTE NO.....	13
Other reason	6
Wouldn't be taught in school	3
Protect same-sex families/ children in same-sex families	3
Right thing to do	1
Let people do what they want/ make their own decisions	1
INSTRUCTIONS	3
Should vote "No" on referendum.....	2
Should vote (non-specific).....	1
AGAINST SAME-SEX MARRAIGE.....	3
I don't believe in same-sex marriage/amendment.....	2
Against values/scripture/ I disagree with that	1
Trying push the "gay"/"their" agenda.....	0
ADS.....	2
Ad with grandmother and little boy (describing ad)	0
Ad with two men (describing ad)	0
Other ad	1
OTHER.....	9
Saw yard signs/ on TV/ media/ Newspaper/ Person called	5
Vote Yes/For Yes Campaign.....	3
Other	2
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	25
Don't know/ Refused/ Wasn't contacted/ Nothing	25
(ref:RCLNOOE2)	

Q.24 Do you recall seeing or hearing anything recently asking people to VOTE YES on Question One and opposing same-sex marriage?

	Total
Yes	87
No.....	13
(Don't know/refused)	1
Yes - No	74
(ref:RECALYES)	

[521 Respondents]

Q.25 (IF YES ON RECALLYES) What was the main message from people asking you to vote yes?

	Total
TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE	31
Marriage is between a man and woman	17
Protect/preserve traditional marriage/Marriage would be destroyed.....	11
Against the Bible/Scripture/God/morality/religious belief.....	7
Protect the family.....	0
CHILDREN/SCHOOLS	29
Would be taught in schools/ Keep out of schools.....	27
Protect children/ Bad for children	2
DISLIKED "YES" MESSAGES	9
Messages were homophobic/intolerant/hateful/untrue/narrow- minded/lying/etc	7
People are ignorant/fear change/paranoid/hate gay people.....	2
Believe in equal rights/same-sex marriage	1
INSTRUCTIONS	4
Should vote YES on referendum/ Reject law	3
Should vote (non-specific).....	1
RIGHTS	3
Should have legal protection/recognition, but should not be "marriage"	1
No "special rights" for same-sex couples	1
Already have protections/rights	0
OTHER	11
Saw yard signs/ on TV/ media/ newspaper/ person called	7
Other	4
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	21
Don't know/refused/Wasn't contacted/Nothing.....	21
(ref:RCLYSOE2)	

Q.26 Regardless of how you voted, which of the following do you believe is the best reason to have voted no and to support allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry?.

	Total
We should not have one set of rules for one group of people and another set of rules for another: everyone should be allowed to marry the person they love.	15
It is not anyone's business to interfere with someone else's happiness or personal decisions.	16
If a gay couple is truly committed to a lifetime of responsibility to each other, they should be able to marry.	7
Allowing gay couples to marry will create more stable homes for their children.	3
Marriage is the only way to ensure that committed couples have the legal protections they need to care for each other and their children.	12
(All)	14
(None)	28
(Don't know/refused)	7
(ref:REASONNO)	

Q.27 Regardless of how you voted, which of the following do you believe is the best reason to have voted yes and to oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry?

	Total
Our public schools will teach our children that gay marriage is the same as heterosexual marriage.	6
Gay and lesbian couples already have sufficient legal protections under domestic partnership laws.	14
Gay and lesbian couples have a right to live as they choose, but they do not have the right to redefine marriage for the rest of us.	24
Our faith defines marriage as the union between a man and a woman.	20
There will be a flood of lawsuits against churches and individuals that refuse to recognize gay marriage	6
(All)	6
(None)	24
(Don't know/refused)	6
(ref:REASONYS)	

[300 Respondents]

Q.28 (SPLIT A) There was a lot of talk in this campaign about the impact same-sex marriage could have on children in Maine. Please tell me specifically what concerns you have about this issue?

	Total
NOT CONCERNED ABOUT SAME SEX MARRIAGE.....	45
No concerns/none	37
Same-sex couples should have equal rights/ It's not wrong.....	5
Make fine parents/ Same as other parents/ Children need someone to love them	3
Okay to talk to children about it/ Children should learn about it.....	1
 TEACHING IN SCHOOLS	 22
Schools shouldn't teach about marriage/ Keep out of schools	20
Will push "gay lifestyle/agenda" in schools/ Push it on kids/ Indoctrination	4
Shouldn't have pictures/literature in schools/libraries.....	1
 BAD FOR CHILDREN	 9
Children shouldn't be taught about it at all	4
Confusing to children.....	4
Will teach children it is alright to be gay/ Make children gay/ Bad example.....	0
 RAISING CHILDREN.....	 6
Children need a father and mother/ Bad for bringing up children.....	2
Not a good example for children	2
Children will be teased/ostracized/tormented.....	2
 DON'T BELIEVE IN SAME SEX MARRIAGE	 6
Marriage is between a man and woman	3
Same-sex marriage is not right/moral	2
Already have rights/protections/domestic partnership.....	-
 TEACHING BY PARENTS	 5
Parents are responsible for raising kids/teaching them.....	4
Should be taught about marriage by parents/at home	1
 OTHER.....	 7
Other	7
 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	 5
Don't know/refused.....	5
(ref:KIDSOE)	

[302 Respondents]

Q.29 (SPLIT B) There was a lot of talk in this campaign about the issue of same-sex marriage and public school curriculum. Please tell me specifically what concerns you have about these issues?

	Total
NOT APPROPRIATE TO TEACH IN SCHOOLS	34
Schools shouldn't teach about same-sex marriage / Should not be in curriculum.....	16
Parents are responsible for teaching about marriage/ Should teach at home	7
Shouldn't teach about any kind of marriage, sex, or personal relationships in school	6
"Gay activism"/ Will indoctrinate kids/ Will be "in their face" with it	3
Don't want that/ Don't believe that's right (general, non- specific)	3
NOT CONCERNED ABOUT SAME SEX MARRIAGE	34
No concerns/none	32
Okay to talk to children about it/ Children should learn about it.....	2
Same-sex couples should have equal rights/ It's not wrong.....	1
CAMPAIGN MESSAGES WERE WRONG	11
Not going to teach about marriage in schools anyhow/ Focused on curriculum/schools unfairly	7
False facts in campaign/ Spreading lies about referendum/ Ads lied, untrue	5
ISSUE IS BAD FOR CHILDREN	10
Children shouldn't be taught about it at all/ Don't think it needs to be talked about.....	5
Will teach children it is alright to be gay/ Make children gay/ Bad example.....	4
Confusing to children.....	1
Will encourage kids to have sex.....	0
DON'T BELIEVE IN SAME SEX MARRIAGE	2
Marriage is between a man and woman	2
Already have rights/protections/domestic partnership.....	0
OTHER	11
Other	11
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	3
Don't know/refused.....	3
(ref:SCHOLOE)	

[302 Respondents]

Q.30 (SPLIT C) If gay and lesbian couples are someday allowed to marry how likely are the following statements.

	Very Lkly	Smwt Lkly	Un Lkly	Very Un Lkly	DK/ Ref	Total Lkly	Total Un Lkly	Lkly - Unlkl
30 More kids will experiment with homosexuality	18	15	19	39	10	33	58	-25
31 Schools will be teaching lessons about homosexuality that should only be taught at home	31	16	11	37	5	47	48	-1
32 More kids will be raised by gay parents	27	29	15	15	14	56	30	26
33 Young people will be more accepting of gay and lesbian couples (ref:AGREE2)	44	32	9	6	10	76	15	61

[300 Respondents]

Q.34 (SPLIT D) If gay and lesbian couples are someday allowed to marry how concerned are you about the following statements.

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
34 More kids will experiment with homosexuality	25	14	6	52	2	39	59
35 Schools will be teaching lessons about homosexuality that should only be taught at home	37	14	7	39	3	51	46
36 More kids will be raised by gay parents	14	14	9	62	1	28	70
37 Young people will be more accepting of gay and lesbian couples (ref:AGREE3)	18	13	6	61	2	30	67

Q.38 Please tell me which of the following statements come closest to your point of view.

	1 st Stmt Strng	1 st Much	2 nd Much	2 nd Strng	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total 1 st Stmt	Total 2 nd Stmt	1 st - 2 nd
[301 Respondents]										
38 (SPLIT E)										
STATEMENT A: School curriculum should include some age appropriate material about the diversity of Maine families including families headed by same-sex couples.										
OR										
STATEMENT B: Some things are best taught at home and school curriculum should not include any material about gay marriage or gay families.....	26	10	12	47	1	4	2	35	58	-23

[301 Respondents]										
39 (SPLIT F)										
STATEMENT A: No child should be made to feel ashamed, including the children of same sex couples, and some age appropriate material about the diversity of Maine families should be part of the school curriculum										
OR										
STATEMENT B: Some things are best taught at home and school curriculum should not include any material about gay marriage or gay families.....	29	15	11	38	1	4	3	44	49	-5
(ref:SCHLPAIR)										

Q.40 Which one of the following phrases best describe what marriage means to you:

	Total
A lifetime commitment between two people through good times and bad.....	31
A sacred bond between two people and God.	22
A union between two people who love each other.	14
An institution in which to have children and raise a family.	8
A civic institution that provides legal rights and responsibilities.....	7
(All)	10
(None)	5
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:MARRIAGE2)	

Q.41 Regardless of how you feel about this issue, do you believe that gay and lesbian couples who want to get married are trying to change the institution of marriage or join it?

	Total
Change it.....	36
Join it.....	56
(Don't know/refused)	8
(ref:INTENT)	

[218 Respondents]

Q.42 (IF CHANGE IT) Let me read to you a couple ways that some people feel the institution of marriage would change if gay and lesbian couples are allowed to marry. Once I finish please tell me which two you agree with the most.

	Total
It would undermine the sanctity of marriage before God.....	39
It would change the way children perceive marriage.	18
It would cheapen traditional marriage.	10
It would get away from the main purpose of marriage, which is having children.	7
It would change the role of men and women in society.....	6
It would change the importance of monogamy and faithfulness.	2
(All)	9
(None)	6
(Don't know/Refuse).....	2
(ref:INTENT2)	

Q.43 Setting aside the issue of marriage, over the last five or ten years, have your feelings towards gay and lesbian people become much more accepting, somewhat more accepting, somewhat less accepting, much less accepting or not changed? -

	Total
Much more accepting	17
Somewhat more accepting.....	21
Somewhat less accepting.....	4
Much less accepting.....	3
Not changed.....	52
(Don't know/refused)	3
Total More	37
Total Less.....	8
More - Less	30
(ref:CHANGE1)	

Q.44 I am going to read you some statements about several issues. After each one I read, please tell me if you agree, disagree or if you neither agree, nor disagree.

	Cmplt Agree	Smwt Agree	Nei ther	Smwt Dis	Cmplt Dis	Dk/ Ref	Total Agree	Total Dis	Agree - Dis
44 The children in same-sex families would be better off if their parents could marry.	33	13	11	11	25	7	46	36	10
[302 Respondents]									
45 (SPLIT C) People who are gay can choose to change and become heterosexual.....	14	10	9	11	46	10	24	57	-33
[300 Respondents]									
46 (SPLIT D) Most people who are gay are born that way.	44	12	9	9	19	6	57	28	29
[302 Respondents]									
47 (SPLIT C) A gay person can be a good Christian.....	66	10	4	4	11	5	76	15	61
48 The government should stay out of the private personal matters of adults, including gay and lesbian adults.	61	19	5	6	5	5	79	11	68
49 Homosexuality goes against my religious beliefs.	33	9	6	9	41	3	42	50	-8
[300 Respondents]									
50 (SPLIT D) A gay person can go to Heaven.....	68	9	7	2	6	8	77	8	69
[302 Respondents]									
51 (SPLIT C) We should all follow the Golden Rule and treat others as we'd like to be treated, including gay and lesbian people.	78	12	3	1	3	4	89	4	86
[300 Respondents]									
52 (SPLIT D) We should all follow the Golden Rule and treat others as we'd like to be treated, including allowing gay and lesbian couples to get married.	51	10	6	9	22	2	61	31	30
53 Denying gay and lesbian couples the right to marry is discrimination.	42	6	3	12	34	2	49	45	4

	Cmplt Agree	Smwt Agree	Nei ther	Smwt Dis	Cmplt Dis	Dk/ Ref	Total Agree	Total Dis	Agree - Dis
54 Children raised in households with same-sex parents are better off than children in orphanages or passed around from foster home to foster home.	56	14	7	6	9	7	71	15	56
55 The gay rights movement is contributing to the moral decline in American culture.	21	11	6	14	44	4	32	58	-26

[302 Respondents]

56 (SPLIT C) Separate is not equal; everyone, including gay and lesbian couples, should be treated equally under the law, including laws governing marriage.	46	11	5	9	24	5	56	34	23
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[300 Respondents]

57 (SPLIT D) We should not have one set of rules for one group of people and another set of rules for other people, including laws governing marriage. (ref:AGREE)	51	12	7	10	17	4	62	27	36
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Q.58 I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade	3
High School graduate	24
Non-college post H.S.	1
Some college.....	26
College graduate	32
Post-graduate school	13
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.59 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	6
25 - 29	4
30 - 34	4
35 - 39	8
40 - 44	8
45 - 49	11
50 - 54	11
55 - 59	13
60 - 64	9
Over 64.....	25
(No answer).....	1
(ref:AGE)	

Q.60 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	22
Weak Democrat.....	14
Independent-lean Democrat.....	13
Independent	12
Independent-lean Republican	12
Weak Republican	12
Strong Republican.....	16
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.63 Do you personally know or work with someone who is gay or lesbian?

	Total
Yes	77
No.....	22
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:KNOWGAY)	

[465 Respondents]

Q.64 (IF KNOW LGBT) Thinking of the gay or lesbian person you know best, how would you describe your relationship with him or her? Is it very close, close, somewhat close, or not close at all?

	Total
Very close.....	28
Close	27
Somewhat close	33
Not close at all.....	11
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:CLOSEGAY)	

[465 Respondents]

Q.65 (IF YES IN KNOWGAY) Did knowing this gay person affect how you voted on Question One, the marriage equality ballot issue?

	Total
Yes	24
No.....	75
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:AFFECT)	

Q.66 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	28
Moderate	33
Conservative	35
(Don't know/refused)	5
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.67 Next, are you registered to vote as a Democrat, a Republican, a member of the Green Party, or as an Independent?

	Total
Democrat.....	37
Republican	34
Green Party	1
Independent	25
(Other)	1
Don't know/refused.....	2
(ref:SELFPTY)	

Q.68 What is your religion -- Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, another Christian religion, another religion, or do you not have a religious affiliation?

	Total
Protestant.....	42
Catholic	27
Jewish	0
Muslim/Islam	0
Other Christian	5
Other religion.....	4
Not affiliated or nothing in particular.....	18
(Don't now/refused)	3
(ref:RELIG1A)	

[508 Respondents]

Q.69 (IF NOT JEWISH/MUSLIM) Would you describe yourself a born-again or Evangelical Christian, or not?

	Total
Yes	27
No.....	68
(DK/REF).....	5
(ref:BORNAGIN)	

Q.70 Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services, more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

	Total
Once a week	26
Once or twice a month	11
A few times a year.....	19
Seldom	22
Never.....	16
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
More than once a week.....	3
(ref:RELIG2)	

Q.71 Are you married, single, living with a partner in a civil union or domestic partnership, living with a partner outside a legally recognized relationship, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	67
Single	11
Living with partner, civil union or domestic partnership.....	2
Living with a partner, no civil union or domestic partnership	2
Separated/divorced	8
Widowed.....	9
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.72 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

	Total
Yes	31
No.....	69
(Don't know/Refused).....	0
(ref:KIDS)	

Q.73 Before voting, did you talk with anyone about this election and the issue of allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry?

	Total
Yes	77
No.....	23
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:TALK3)	

[463 Respondents]

Q.74 (IF YES ON TALK3) I am going to read through a list of people and groups. For each one I read, please tell me if you talked about the issue of gay marriage with them before voting.

	Yes	No	Dk	Yes - No
74 Your immediate family	89	10	1	79

[153 Respondents]

75 (IF YES AT KIDS) Your children 70 30 - 40

76 Your colleagues at work..... 52 47 2 5

[342 Respondents]

77 (IF PUNCH 1-2-5 ON RELIG) People at church 34 65 1 -31

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78 (IF PUNCH 1-2-5 ON RELIG) Your minister or priest..... 19 81 0 -62

79 Friends 88 12 1 76

[375 Respondents]

80 (IF YES ON KNOWGAY) Gay or lesbian people you know 46 54 0 -8
(ref:TALK2)

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total
Male.....	47
Female	53
(ref:GENDER)	