

2016 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 20 August
FINAL TOPLINE
August 16 – September 12, 2016
TOTAL N=4,538
WEB RESPONDENTS N=4,195
MAIL RESPONDENTS N=343¹

OTHER QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

Next, we'd like to get your opinions about some stories that have been in the news in recent years.

[RANDOMIZE VIGNETTE 1, 2, 3A/3B ORDER]

ASK ALL:

VIGNETTE 1: SERVICES FOR SAME-SEX WEDDINGS

As you may know, same-sex marriage is now legal in all 50 states. Some argue that businesses that provide wedding-related services, such as catering or flowers, **[RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS; STATEMENT 1: should be able to refuse to provide those services to same-sex couples if the business owner has religious objections to homosexuality / STATEMENT 2: should be required to provide those services to same-sex couples just as they would to all other customers]**. Others argue that businesses that provide wedding-related services **[OPPOSITE STATEMENT (STATEMENT 2 / STATEMENT 1)]**. We're interested in your views about this situation.

RANDOMIZE SSMSERV1/SSMSERV2 IN SAME ORDER AS STATEMENTS 1/2 ABOVE

ASK ALL:

SSMSERV1 How much, if at all, do you sympathize with those who say businesses should be able to refuse to provide services to same-sex couples if the business owner has religious objections to homosexuality?

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29	A lot
20	Some
16	Not much
33	Not at all
2	No answer

¹ Question wording in this topline is that from the web version of the survey. Question wording and format was adapted for the paper questionnaire delivered by mail; this questionnaire is available on request. All questions asked in both modes unless noted.

RANDOMIZE SSMSERV1/SSMSERV2 IN SAME ORDER AS STATEMENTS 1/2 ABOVE**ASK ALL:**

SSMSERV2 How much, if at all, do you sympathize with those who say businesses should be required to provide services to same-sex couples just as they would to all other customers?

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32	A lot
22	Some
18	Not much
27	Not at all
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

SSMSERV3 And if you had to choose, which comes closest to your view? Businesses that provide wedding services, such as catering or flowers should be... **[DISPLAY ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS SSMSERV1/SSMSERV2]**

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48	ABLE TO REFUSE to provide those services to same-sex couples if the business owner has religious objections to homosexuality
49	REQUIRED TO PROVIDE those services to same-sex couples just as they would to all other customers
3	No answer

[RANDOMIZE VIGNETTE 1, 2, 3A/3B ORDER]**ASK ALL:****VIGNETTE 2: BIRTH CONTROL COVERAGE IN EMPLOYER-PROVIDED HEALTH INSURANCE**

As you may know, the Affordable Care Act requires that many employer-provided health insurance plans cover the cost of a wide variety of birth control options. Some argue that employers who have a religious objection to the use of birth control should be **[RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS; STATEMENT 1: able to refuse to provide it in health insurance plans for their employees / STATEMENT 2: required to provide it in health insurance plans for their employees, just as other employers are required to do]**. Others argue that employers who have a religious objection to the use of birth control should be **[OPPOSITE STATEMENT (STATEMENT 2 / STATEMENT 1)]**. We're interested in your views about this situation.

RANDOMIZE BIRTHCON1/BIRTHCON2 IN SAME ORDER AS STATEMENTS 1/2 ABOVE**ASK ALL:**

BIRTHCON1 How much, if at all, do you sympathize with those who say employers who have a religious objection to the use of birth control should be able to refuse to provide it in health insurance plans for their employees?

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20	A lot
19	Some
18	Not much
41	Not at all
2	No answer

RANDOMIZE BIRTHCON1/BIRTHCON2 IN SAME ORDER AS STATEMENTS 1/2 ABOVE**ASK ALL:**

BIRTHCON2 How much, if at all, do you sympathize with those who say that employers who have a religious objection to the use of birth control should be required to provide it in health insurance plans for their employees, just as other employers are required to do?

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40	A lot
23	Some
15	Not much
20	Not at all
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

BIRTHCON3 And if you had to choose, which comes closest to your view? Employers who have a religious objection to the use of birth control should be... **[DISPLAY ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS BIRTHCON1/BIRTHCON2]**

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30	ABLE TO REFUSE to provide it in health insurance plans for their employees
67	REQUIRED TO PROVIDE it in health insurance plans for their employees, just as other employers are required to do
3	No answer

[RANDOMIZE VIGNETTE 1, 2, 3A/3B ORDER]

DISPLAY VIGNETTE 3A TO RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE, VIGNETTE 3B TO OTHER HALF OF SAMPLE:

VIGNETTE 3A: TRANSGENDER RESTROOM USE (MALE-TO-FEMALE EXAMPLE)

As you may know, recent stories in the news have highlighted a debate over the use of public restrooms by transgender individuals – such as people who now identify and live as females but were born male. Some argue that transgender people should be **[RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS; STATEMENT 1: allowed to use the public restrooms of the gender with which they currently identify / STATEMENT 2: required to use the public restrooms of the gender they were born into]**. Others argue that transgender people should be **[OPPOSITE STATEMENT (STATEMENT 2 / STATEMENT 1)]**. We're interested in your views about this situation.

VIGNETTE 3B: TRANSGENDER RESTROOM USE (FEMALE-TO-MALE EXAMPLE)

As you may know, recent stories in the news have highlighted a debate over the use of public restrooms by transgender individuals – such as people who now identify and live as males but were born female. Some argue that transgender people should be **[RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS; STATEMENT 1: allowed to use the public restrooms of the gender with which they currently identify / STATEMENT 2: required to use the public restrooms of the gender they were born into]**. Others argue that transgender people should be **[OPPOSITE STATEMENT (STATEMENT 2 / STATEMENT 1)]**. We're interested in your views about this situation.²

RANDOMIZE TRANSREST1/ TRANSREST2 IN SAME ORDER AS STATEMENTS 1/2 ABOVE

ASK ALL:

TRANSREST1 How much, if at all, do you sympathize with those who say transgender people should be allowed to use the public restrooms of the gender with which they currently identify?

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25	A lot
23	Some
18	Not much
32	Not at all
2	No answer

² Responses to vignette 3A and vignette 3B have been combined after analysis shows there are no significant differences in responses to TRANSREST1-TRANSREST3 resulting from different question wording.

RANDOMIZE TRANSREST1/ TRANSREST2 IN SAME ORDER AS STATEMENTS 1/2 ABOVE**ASK ALL:**

TRANSREST2 How much, if at all, do you sympathize with those who say transgender people should be required to use the public restrooms of the gender they were born into?

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30	A lot
20	Some
19	Not much
29	Not at all
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

TRANSREST3 And if you had to choose, which comes closest to your view? Transgender people should be... **[DISPLAY ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS TRANSREST1/ TRANSREST2]**

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51	Allowed to use the public restrooms of the gender with which they currently identify
46	Required to use the public restrooms of the gender they were born into
3	No answer

ASK ALL:

KNOWGL Do you personally know anyone who is gay or lesbian, or not?

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87	Yes, I know someone who is gay or lesbian
11	No, I do not
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

KNOWTRANS Do you personally know anyone who is transgender, or not?

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30	Yes, I know someone who is transgender
68	No, I do not
2	No answer

ASK ALL IN FORM 2 [N=2,283]:

On a different subject...

MORALISSUE Do you personally believe that each of the following is **[RANDOMIZE: morally acceptable, morally wrong,]** or is it not a moral issue?

[RANDOMIZE LIST] [RANDOMIZE "morally acceptable" AND "morally wrong" IN SAME ORDER AS STEM]

		<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Not a moral issue</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.F2	Using contraceptives Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016	36	4	57	2
b.F2	Having an abortion Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016	19	44	34	3
c.F2	Homosexual behavior Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016	17	35	45	3

ASK ALL IN FORM 1:

VIEWHOMOSEXF1 Over the past few years, have your views on homosexuality **[RANDOMIZE: changed/stayed the same]** or have they **[changed/stayed the same]**?
[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS TO MATCH STEM]

ASK IF FORM=1 AND VIEWS HAVE CHANGED (VIEWHOMOSEXF1=1):

VIEWHOMOSEXF2F1 And have you become... **[RANDOMIZE "more accepting of homosexuality" AND "less accepting of homosexuality"]**

BASED ON TOTAL IN FORM 1 [N=2,255]

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18	Changed
15	More accepting of homosexuality
3	Less accepting of homosexuality
<1	No answer
79	Stayed the same
3	No answer

ASK IF FORM=1 AND VIEWHOMOSEX2F1=1,2)

VIEWHOMOSEX3F1 And just in your own words, what is the main reason that you have become **[IF VIEWHOMOSEX2=1, INSERT: more accepting of homosexuality?; IF VIEWHOMOSEX2=2, INSERT: less accepting of homosexuality?]** **[OPEN END]**?

BASED ON TOTAL IN FORM 1 [N=2,255]

NOTE: RESULTS MAY NOT SUM TO 100% OR TO SUBTOTALS INDICATED BECAUSE MULTIPLE RESPONSES WERE PERMITTED

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15	NET More accepting of homosexuality
2	People are free to live their lives however they choose/not my place to judge
2	Have friends or family who are LGBT/respondent is LGBT
2	More exposure to LGBT community/knowledge of LGBT issues
2	Have become more open minded and understanding and accepting
1	Believe in equal rights for everybody
1	Less of a social stigma/society has become more accepting
1	Homosexuality is not a choice
<1	Religious beliefs have changed
<1	Matured
1	Other/unclear
3	No answer
3	NET Less accepting of homosexuality
1	My religious beliefs/the Bible/God
1	Don't agree with the lifestyle/don't believe in equal rights
<1	Homosexuality is immoral
1	Other/unclear
1	No answer
<1	No answer about how views on homosexuality have changed
79	Views on homosexuality have stayed the same
3	No answer if views on homosexuality have changed