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**1** Do you think same-sex couples should? Or should not? be allowed to marry in California?

| 600 Adults                        | All  | Gender |        | Age   |       |       |      | <50 / 50+ |      | Race  |       |         |         | Party Affiliation |        |         |
|-----------------------------------|------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----------|------|-------|-------|---------|---------|-------------------|--------|---------|
|                                   |      | Male   | Female | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+  | 18-49     | 50+  | White | Black | Hispani | Asian/O | Republi           | Democr | Indepen |
| Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.1% |      |        |        |       |       |       |      |           |      |       |       |         |         |                   |        |         |
| Should                            | 45%  | 49%    | 41%    | 49%   | 49%   | 37%   | 39%  | 49%       | 38%  | 50%   | 28%   | 45%     | 36%     | 24%               | 55%    | 46%     |
| Should Not                        | 53%  | 49%    | 56%    | 50%   | 50%   | 59%   | 59%  | 50%       | 59%  | 48%   | 70%   | 53%     | 63%     | 75%               | 42%    | 53%     |
| Not Sure                          | 2%   | 1%     | 2%     | 1%    | 1%    | 4%    | 2%   | 1%        | 3%   | 2%    | 3%    | 2%      | 0%      | 1%                | 3%     | 1%      |
| Total                             | 100% | 100%   | 100%   | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | 100% | 100%      | 100% | 100%  | 100%  | 100%    | 100%    | 100%              | 100%   | 100%    |
| Composition of Adults             | 100% | 49%    | 51%    | 35%   | 31%   | 20%   | 15%  | 66%       | 34%  | 51%   | 6%    | 28%     | 15%     | 26%               | 48%    | 23%     |

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| Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.1% |      |          |        |         |         |         |        |         |
| Should                            | 45%  | 14%      | 49%    | 69%     | 40%     | 46%     | 38%    | 56%     |
| Should Not                        | 53%  | 84%      | 50%    | 28%     | 58%     | 52%     | 61%    | 42%     |
| Not Sure                          | 2%   | 1%       | 2%     | 4%      | 2%      | 2%      | 1%     | 2%      |
| Total                             | 100% | 100%     | 100%   | 100%    | 100%    | 100%    | 100%   | 100%    |
| Composition of Adults             | 100% | 23%      | 46%    | 23%     | 18%     | 44%     | 21%    | 18%     |

**2** California's Supreme Court has upheld Proposition 8, which bans gay marriage. Do you agree? Or disagree? With the Court's ruling upholding Proposition 8?

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|                                   |      | Male   | Female | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+  | 18-49     | 50+  | White | Black | Hispani | Asian/O | Republi           | Democr | Indepen |
| Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.1% |      |        |        |       |       |       |      |           |      |       |       |         |         |                   |        |         |
| Agree                             | 56%  | 54%    | 57%    | 58%   | 45%   | 64%   | 63%  | 52%       | 64%  | 55%   | 61%   | 51%     | 66%     | 74%               | 46%    | 54%     |
| Disagree                          | 40%  | 41%    | 39%    | 39%   | 49%   | 32%   | 35%  | 44%       | 33%  | 43%   | 30%   | 45%     | 28%     | 23%               | 50%    | 40%     |
| Not Sure                          | 4%   | 5%     | 3%     | 3%    | 6%    | 4%    | 2%   | 4%        | 3%   | 3%    | 9%    | 4%      | 6%      | 3%                | 4%     | 6%      |
| Total                             | 100% | 100%   | 100%   | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | 100% | 100%      | 100% | 100%  | 100%  | 100%    | 100%    | 100%              | 100%   | 100%    |
| Composition of Adults             | 100% | 49%    | 51%    | 35%   | 31%   | 20%   | 15%  | 66%       | 34%  | 51%   | 6%    | 28%     | 15%     | 26%               | 48%    | 23%     |

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| Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.1% |      |          |       |         |         |         |        |         |
| Agree                             | 56%  | 82%      | 52%   | 36%     | 58%     | 56%     | 60%    | 48%     |
| Disagree                          | 40%  | 16%      | 43%   | 61%     | 35%     | 40%     | 36%    | 50%     |
| Not Sure                          | 4%   | 2%       | 5%    | 3%      | 7%      | 4%      | 4%     | 2%      |
| Total                             | 100% | 100%     | 100%  | 100%    | 100%    | 100%    | 100%   | 100%    |
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|                                 |      | Male   | Female | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+  | 18-49     | 50+  | White | Black | Hispani | Asian/O | Republi           | Democr | Indepen |
| Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4% |      |        |        |       |       |       |      |           |      |       |       |         |         |                   |        |         |
| Agree                           | 60%  | 64%    | 56%    | 61%   | 64%   | 52%   | 59%  | 62%       | 55%  | 63%   | 49%   | 60%     | 52%     | 38%               | 71%    | 59%     |
| Disagree                        | 35%  | 34%    | 36%    | 33%   | 32%   | 42%   | 37%  | 33%       | 40%  | 33%   | 48%   | 33%     | 42%     | 52%               | 26%    | 37%     |
| Not Sure                        | 5%   | 2%     | 8%     | 6%    | 4%    | 6%    | 4%   | 5%        | 5%   | 4%    | 3%    | 7%      | 6%      | 10%               | 3%     | 4%      |
| Total                           | 100% | 100%   | 100%   | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | 100% | 100%      | 100% | 100%  | 100%  | 100%    | 100%    | 100%              | 100%   | 100%    |
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| Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4% |      |          |       |         |         |         |        |         |
| Agree                           | 60%  | 24%      | 67%   | 76%     | 55%     | 65%     | 53%    | 59%     |
| Disagree                        | 35%  | 64%      | 29%   | 23%     | 39%     | 32%     | 42%    | 33%     |
| Not Sure                        | 5%   | 12%      | 4%    | 1%      | 6%      | 3%      | 5%     | 8%      |
| Total                           | 100% | 100%     | 100%  | 100%    | 100%    | 100%    | 100%   | 100%    |
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