

New Hampshire Freedom to Marry Frequency Questionnaire

January 30-February 3, 2011

525 Registered Voters (622 Unweighted)

Includes Oversamples of the Manchester (40 cases), Salem (30 cases) and Nashua (30 cases) Regions

Q.1 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

	Total
Yes.....	100
No registered voter	-
(ref:SCREEN1)	

Q.2 Many people weren't able to vote in the election for President in November 2008 between Barack Obama and John McCain. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total
Voted	97
Ineligible/too young.....	-
Did not vote.....	2
(Can't remember/Don't know)	0
(Refused)	-
(ref:DIDVOTE)	

Q.3 What are the chances of your voting the election in two weeks for U.S. Senate, Governor, state legislator and other offices -- are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total
Almost certain	87
Probably.....	9
50-50.....	2
Don't think will vote	1
(Don't know).....	0
(Refused)	-
(ref:WILLVOTE)	

Q.4 Do you think that things in New Hampshire are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total
Right direction	47
Wrong track	36
(Don't know/refused).....	16
Right - Wrong	11
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.5 Now, I am going to read you a list of issues. Please tell me which ONE of these you think the Governor and state legislature in New Hampshire should make their top priority.

	Total
Economy and jobs	40
The state budget deficit	14
Education	12
Government spending	11
Health care	10
Taxes	7
Abortion	2
Environment.....	2
Gay marriage	0
(None).....	0
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:CONC2011)	

Q.6 And which is your NEXT top priority?

	Total
Economy and jobs	20
Health care	18
Education	16
The state budget deficit	13
Government spending	12
Taxes	10
Environment.....	4
Gay marriage	4
Abortion	1
(None).....	-
(Don't know/Refused)	0
(ref:CONC2011F)	

Combined Concerns

	Total
Economy and jobs	60
Health care	29
Education	28
The state budget deficit	27
Government spending	23
Taxes	17
Environment.....	6
Gay marriage	4
Abortion	3
(None).....	0
(Don't know/Refused)	2
(ref:COMBINED CONCERNS)	

Q.7 Which do you think that the Governor and state legislature should focus more on -- economic issues like government spending, the budget deficit, and jobs, or social issues like gay marriage and abortion?

	Total
Economic issues MUCH	76
Economic issues SOMEWHAT	16
Social issues SOMEWHAT	1
Social issues MUCH	2
(Both)	2
(Neither)	1
(Don't know/refused)	2
 Total Economic issues	 92
Total Social issues	3
(ref:ECONSOC)	

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. If you have no opinion or never heard of that person, please say so.

	% Warm	% Cool	% ID	Mean
8 Barack Obama	47	38	99	52
9 John Lynch	57	21	96	61
10 The state legislature in Concord.....	34	21	88	53
11 National Organization for Marriage.....	18	19	50	47
12 Kevin Smith	4	3	13	49
13 Cornerstone Action.....	4	6	16	42
14 New Hampshire Freedom to Marry	26	17	54	55
(ref:THERM)				

Q.15 Now, I know it's a long way off, but in the election for State Legislature in Concord in November 2012, do you plan to vote for the Democratic candidates or the Republican candidates?

	Total
Democratic candidate	32
Lean Democratic candidate	7
Republican candidate	38
Lean Republican candidate	7
(Undecided)	17
Democratic candidate	39
Republican candidate.....	44
(Undecided)	17
(ref:GC1)	

Q.16 Now let me ask you something different. As you may know, New Hampshire legalized marriage between gay and lesbian couples in 2009. Do you personally support or oppose the New Hampshire law that allows gay and lesbian couples to legally marry?

	Total
Strongly support.....	42
Somewhat support.....	16
Somewhat oppose	7
Strongly oppose.....	27
(Don't know/refused).....	7
Total Support	59
Total Oppose.....	34
(ref:NHMARR)	

[262 Respondents]

Q.17 [SPLIT C] Thinking about you and your own family, has the law allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry in New Hampshire had a major impact, a minor impact, not much of an impact or no impact at all?

	Total
Major impact	7
Minor impact	11
Not much of an impact.....	11
No impact at all	72
(Don't know/refused).....	-
(ref:PERSIMP)	

[46 Respondents]

Q.18 [SPLIT C] Has it been a positive impact or a negative impact?

	Total
Positive impact.....	50
Negative impact	50
(Don't know/refused).....	-
(ref:PERSIMP2)	

[262 Respondents]
Family impact combined

	Total
Major positive.....	4
Minor positive.....	4
Minor negative	6
Major negative	3
Major/Minor DK.....	-
Not much/No impact	82
Pos/Neg DK	-
Total Positive	9
Total Negative	9

(ref:FAMILY IMPACT COMBINED)

[263 Respondents]

Q.19 [SPLIT D] Thinking about New Hampshire generally, has the law allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry in New Hampshire had a major impact, a minor impact, not much of an impact or no impact at all?

	Total
Major impact	17
Minor impact	24
Not much of an impact.....	15
No impact at all	37
(Don't know/refused).....	7

(ref:NHIMP)

[106 Respondents]

Q.20 [SPLIT D] Has it been a positive impact or a negative impact?

	Total
Positive impact.....	53
Negative impact	44
(Don't know/refused).....	3

(ref:NHIMP2)

[263 Respondents]
NH impact combined

	Total
Major positive.....	7
Minor positive.....	14
Minor negative	8
Major negative	9
Major/Minor DK.....	7
Not much/No impact	53
Pos/Neg DK	1
Total Positive	21
Total Negative	18

(ref:NH IMPACT COMBINED)

[262 Respondents]

Q.21 [SPLIT A] Now, let me read you two statements. Please tell me which comes closer to your own view.

New Hampshire should keep the current law that allows gay and lesbian couples to legally marry.

OR

New Hampshire should take away the law that allows gay and lesbian couples to legally marry.

Is that much or somewhat closer to your own view?

	Total
Keep law much	48
Keep law somewhat.....	13
Take away law somewhat.....	7
Take away law much	26
(Don't know/refused).....	7
Total Keep law	61
Total Take away	33
(ref:KEEPTAKE)	

[262 Respondents]

Q.22 [SPLIT B] Some lawmakers want to eliminate marriage for gay couples in New Hampshire and replace it with a law allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into civil unions. Now, let me read you two statements. Which comes closer to your own view --

Lawmakers should keep the current law that allows gay and lesbian couples to legally marry as it is.

OR

Lawmakers should eliminate marriage for gay couples in New Hampshire and replace it with a law allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into civil unions.

Is that much or somewhat closer to your own view?

	Total
Keep law much	41
Keep law somewhat.....	12
Replace law somewhat.....	13
Replace law much	24
(Don't know/refused).....	10
Total Keep law	53
Total Replace law.....	37
(ref:CIVUNION)	

Q.23 As you may know, some legislators plan to introduce bills this year that would eliminate marriage for gay couples in New Hampshire. Do you favor or oppose bills that would eliminate marriage for gay couples in New Hampshire?

	Total
Strongly favor.....	23
Somewhat favor.....	6
Somewhat oppose.....	14
Strongly oppose.....	49
(Don't know/refused).....	8
Total Favor	29
Total Oppose.....	63
(ref:REPEAL)	

[135 Respondents]

Q.24 Why, specifically, do you FAVOR bills that would eliminate marriage for gay couples in New Hampshire?

	Total
Marriage between a man and a woman	49
Against my religion	21
Against my morals	14
Civil unions/Dom parts instead	12
Children concern.....	7
General disagree with gay marriage.....	6
Support gay marriage	1
Other.....	6
Don't know	4
Refused	3
(ref:WHYFAVOE)	

[313 Respondents]

Q.25 Why, specifically, do you OPPOSE bills that would eliminate marriage for gay couples in New Hampshire?

	Total
MORAL.....	63
Equal/Civil rights.....	35
Everyone should be able to marry.....	17
Not my business/Not my place to say	8
Know someone gay.....	5
Everyone allowed to love/be happy.....	5
GOVERNMENT	18
Not the government's business	7
Bigger things to worry about.....	6
The law is already in place	6
OTHER/DON'T KNOW.....	22
Oppose gay marriage.....	6
I don't care/Doesn't affect me	6
Other	5
Civil unions would be better	2
Don't know	1
Refused	2
(ref:WHYOPPOE)	

Q.26 If lawmakers pass a bill to eliminate marriage for gay couples, Governor John Lynch has stated that he will veto that bill in order to allow gay couples to continue to marry. Would you favor or oppose a veto by Governor Lynch?

	Total
Strongly favor.....	48
Somewhat favor.....	11
Somewhat oppose.....	7
Strongly oppose.....	29
(Don't know/refused).....	5
Total Favor	59
Total Oppose	36
(ref:JLVETO)	

[262 Respondents]

Q.27 [SPLIT A] Suppose your state legislator voted IN FAVOR OF eliminating marriage for gay couples in New Hampshire. Would that make you more likely to vote for him or her, less likely to vote for him or her or are there other issues that are more important to your vote?

	Total
Much more likely.....	14
Somewhat more likely.....	5
Somewhat less likely.....	8
Much less likely.....	22
Other issues more important.....	48
(Don't know/refused).....	3
Total More likely.....	19
Total Less likely.....	30
(ref:LEGIMPA)	

[262 Respondents]

Q.28 [SPLIT B] Suppose your state legislator voted AGAINST eliminating marriage for gay couples in New Hampshire. Would that make you more likely to vote for him or her, less likely to vote for him or her or are there other issues that are more important to your vote?

	Total
Much more likely	12
Somewhat more likely	5
Somewhat less likely	7
Much less likely	16
Other issues more important	58
(Don't know/refused)	2
Total More likely	17
Total Less likely	23
(ref:LEGIMPB)	

Q.29 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	20
Weak Democrat	9
Lean Democrat	14
Independent	10
Lean Republican	15
Weak Republican	9
Strong Republican	21
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.30 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal	22
Moderate	37
Conservative	39
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.31 In what year were you born?

	Total
18-24	6
25-29	8
30-34	6
35-39	10
40-44	7
45-49	14
50-54	9
55-59	10
60-64	10
Over 64	18
(No answer)	2
(ref:AGE)	

Q.32 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade	3
High School graduate	18
Non college post H.S.	1
Some college	23
College graduate	36
Post-graduate school.....	17
(Don't know/Refused)	2
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.33 Do you personally know or work with someone who is gay or lesbian?

	Total
Yes.....	79
No	19
(Don't know/refused).....	2
(ref:KNOWGAY)	

[417 Respondents]

Q.34 (IF YES IN KNOWGAY) Thinking about the gay person you know best, how would you describe your relationship with this person -- Is this person a member of your immediate family, your non-immediate family, a friend, a co-worker, a neighbor, or an acquaintance?

	Total
(Myself/I'm gay/my partner)	1
Immediate family.....	14
Non-immediate family	9
Friend.....	41
Co-worker	20
Neighbor	2
Acquaintance	10
(Another person not mentioned)	-
(Don't know/refused).....	3
(ref:KNOWGAY3)	

[417 Respondents]

Q.35 (IF YES IN KNOWGAY) Thinking about the gay person you know best, have you ever discussed the issue of gay marriage with him or her?

	Total
Yes.....	41
No	58
(Don't know/refused).....	1
(ref:TALK)	

Q.36 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married.....	72
Single.....	16
Separated/divorced.....	5
Widowed	4
(Don't know/refused).....	2
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.37 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger?

	Total
Yes.....	33
No	65
(Don't know/refused).....	1
(ref:KIDS)	

Q.38 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant	33
Catholic.....	30
Jewish.....	2
Other.....	13
None	15
(Don't know/refused).....	7
(ref:RELIG1)	

Q.39 How often do you attend religious services -- at least once every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total
At least once a week.....	26
Once or twice a month.....	10
Several times a year	14
Hardly ever	35
(Never).....	11
(Don't know/refused).....	4
(ref:RELIG2)	

Q.40 Record respondent's gender

	Total
Male	48
Female.....	52
(ref:GENDER)	