

## Common Ground Initiative Statewide Poll Results

These are the results of a statewide poll conducted January 8-14 by Information Alliance based in Ogden, Utah. The random sample consists of 600 respondents and has a 4% margin of error.

**To the best of your knowledge, does the Utah Constitution allow or prohibit gay marriage?**

- 3.7% Allow
- 85.2% Prohibit (deny)
- 11.2% Don't know

**Do you personally know a friend or family member who is gay or transgender?**

- 69.8% Yes
- 30.2% No

**Which of the following three statements comes closest to your view?**

- 20.5% Gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to legally marry.
- 63.0% Gay and lesbian couples should not be allowed to marry but should be provided some legal protections, such as hospital visitation, health insurance, and inheritance rights.
- 16.5% Gay and lesbian couples should be provided no legal protections whatsoever.

**On Election Day last year, California voters narrowly voted to pass Proposition 8, which denies marriage to gay couples. After the election, leaders of the LDS Church made several official statements saying that the church is opposed to marriage for gay couples, but that the church does not oppose civil unions or domestic partnerships that involve legal protections for gay and lesbian couples such as fair housing laws, fair workplace laws, property and inheritance rights, and health insurance and hospital visitation rights.**

**Where you aware of these statements?**

- 50.0% Very aware of statements.
- 28.5% Somewhat aware of statements.
- 20.8% Not at all aware of statements.
- 0.7% Don't believe the Church would ever make such statements.

**Do you support or oppose the following proposals?**

***Changing Utah's current employment law to make it illegal to fire someone from their job solely because they are gay or transgender.***

- 22.3% Strongly oppose
- 12.7% Somewhat oppose
- 19.5% Somewhat support
- 42.2% Strongly support
- 3.3% Don't know

***Changing Utah's current housing law to make it illegal to deny someone housing solely because they are gay or transgender.***

- 26.2% Strongly oppose
- 12.7% Somewhat oppose
- 15.3% Somewhat support
- 41.2% Strongly support
- 4.7% Don't know

***Providing employees of the State of Utah with optional health insurance coverage for a spouse, a partner, or another designated adult.***

- 12.2% Strongly oppose
- 8.8% Somewhat oppose
- 28.0% Somewhat support
- 44.8% Strongly support
- 6.2% Don't know

***Creating a statewide domestic partner registry for gay couples.***

- 27.7% Strongly oppose
- 21.5% Somewhat oppose
- 17.0% Somewhat support
- 14.5% Strongly support
- 19.3% Don't know

**Utah adoption law always provides preference for married couples in the adoption process. But current law allows qualified single adults, gay or straight, to foster and adopt children. However, non-married gay or straight “co-habiting” couples are prohibited from being foster or adoptive parents.**

**Do you think it is right to allow single people to adopt but to prohibit cohabitating couples from adopting?**

- 38.2% Yes
- 50.2% No
- 11.7% Don't know

**Do you support or oppose the following proposals?**

***Changing Utah adoption laws to allow qualified gay couples to foster or adopt.***

- 39.2% Strongly oppose
- 16.0% Somewhat oppose
- 16.3% Somewhat support
- 22.8% Strongly support
- 5.7% Don't know

***Changing Utah adoption laws to allow qualified non-married hetero-sexual couples to foster or adopt.***

- 33.3% Strongly oppose
- 18.3% Somewhat oppose
- 17.7% Somewhat support
- 24.5% Strongly support
- 6.2% Don't know

***Changing Utah adoption laws to allow qualified gay or lesbian adults to legally adopt their partner's child.***

- 21.5% Strongly oppose
- 17.5% Somewhat oppose
- 24.0% Somewhat support
- 28.3% Strongly support
- 8.7% Don't know

And now, a few quick questions about you to help us organize the data.

**Gender (Recorded by Interviewer Observation)**

- 38.8% Male
- 61.2% Female

**Is your age category**

- 12.8% 18-29?
- 25.2% 30-39?
- 23.3% 40-49?
- 17.7% 50-59?
- 11.5% 60-69?
- 9.5% 70+?

**In which county do you live?**

Beaver	0.8%
Box Elder	2.5%
Cache	5.5%
Carbon	1.5%
Daggett	-
Davis	9.7%
Duchesne	0.7%
Emery	1.2%
Garfield	-
Grand	0.5%
Iron	1.3%
Juab	0.7%
Kane	0.5%
Millard	0.7%
Morgan	0.5%
Piute	-
Rich	-
Salt Lake	33.2%
San Juan	0.2%
Sanpete	2.2%
Sevier	1.2%
Summit	1.0%
Tooele	2.8%
Uintah	1.7%
Utah	17.7%
Wasatch	0.8%
Washington	6.3%
Wayne	0.5%
Weber	6.3%
Refused	0.2%

**How would you characterize your religious beliefs?**

- 4.2% Catholic
- 5.3% Protestant
- 50.5% LDS (Very active)
- 9.7% LDS (Somewhat active)
- 6.2% LDS (not active)
- 15% Other (specify)
- 9.2% Refused

**Which of the following groups best describes your own background**

- 0.2% African American
- 1.7% Hispanic
- 92.0% White
- 1.8% Native American
- 2.5% Other (specify)
- 1.8% Refused

**In politics today, do you usually think of yourself as politically liberal or conservative?**

- 25.7% Very conservative
- 29.2% Somewhat conservative
- 15.2% Moderate
- 14.7% Somewhat liberal
- 9.5% Very liberal
- 5.8% Refused/Don't Know