

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: Exclusive *Point Taken*-Marist Poll of 516 National Adults

This survey of 516 adults was conducted May 24th and May 25th, 2016 by The Marist Poll sponsored and funded in partnership with WGBH's *Point Taken*. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the contiguous United States were contacted on landline or mobile numbers and interviewed in English by telephone using live interviewers. Landline telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation from ASDE Survey Sampler, Inc. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. Respondents in the household were randomly selected by first asking for the youngest male. This landline sample was combined with respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers from Survey Sampling International. After the interviews were completed, the two samples were combined and balanced to reflect the 2013 American Community Survey 1-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. Each percentage point represents 3.2 million people including children or 2.4 million adults 18 years of age and older. Results are statistically significant within ± 4.3 percentage points. The error margin was not adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample

		National Adults
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National Adults		100%
National Registered Voters		80%
Party Identification	Democrat	36%
	Republican	29%
	Independent	32%
	Other	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal	7%
	Liberal	19%
	Moderate	33%
	Conservative	29%
	Very conservative	11%
Gender	Men	49%
	Women	51%
Age	Under 45	47%
	45 or older	53%
Age	18 to 29	23%
	30 to 44	24%
	45 to 59	26%
	60 or older	26%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	33%
	Gen X (35-50)	25%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	26%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	16%
Race	White	63%
	African American	11%
	Latino	14%
	Other	11%
Region	Northeast	18%
	Midwest	22%
	South	37%
	West	23%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	48%
	\$50,000 or more	52%
Education	Not college graduate	62%
	College graduate	38%
Interview Type	Landline	41%
	Cell phone	59%

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How to Read Banners

'Banners' are a simple way to display tabular data. The following provides an explanation of how to read the banners.

1. Thinking of the entire table as a grid of cells, each cell contains a number. This number gives the *percentage* of respondents in a column in each cell.
2. Columns read vertically down the page.
3. The table headings present the people, or subgroup, each column represents. They are each noted with a letter.
4. The remaining rows present the column percentages for each valid response category to a question.
5. The banners include notations for statistical significance testing between columns. Each column is labeled with letters. If a letter is below a percent, it notes that this percent is statistically different from the percent of the lettered column. For example in the table below, the 41% in column B is statistically different from the 26% in column C.
6. Please note totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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June 2016

Do you think the sale of human organs for transplants: Should be legal or Should not be legal?

	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Household Income		
National Adults	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Under 45	45 or older	Not college graduate	College graduate	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 or more	
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)
Total Answering	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Should be legal	33%	41%	26%	30%	38%	39%	29%	37%	27%	36%	31%
Should not be legal	55%	48%	62%	56%	55%	51%	58%	53%	60%	56%	57%
Unsure	11%	11%	12%	14%	7%	10%	13%	10%	13%	8%	12%
Chi-Square Significance	<-----12.696-----> 1 00%		<-----7.523-----> 9 8%		<-----6.329-----> 9 6%		<-----5.77-----> 9 4%		<-----3.352-----> 8 1%		

Comparison Groups: BC/DE/FG/HI/JK/LM

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Do you think the sale of human organs for transplants: Should be legal or Should not be legal?

	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Household Income		Views on Sale of Human Organs		
	National Adults	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Under 45	45 or older	Not college graduate	College graduate	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 or more	Should be legal	Should not be legal
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)
Total Answering	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Should be legal	33%	41%	26%	30%	38%	39%	29%	37%	27%	36%	31%	100%	-
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Should not be legal	55%	48%	62%	56%	55%	51%	58%	53%	60%	56%	57%	-	100%
			B										
Unsure	11%	11%	12%	14%	7%	10%	13%	10%	13%	8%	12%	-	-
				E									
Chi-Square	<-----12.696----->		<-----7.523----->		<-----6.329----->		<-----5.77----->		<-----3.352----->		<-----45.085----->		
Significance	1 00%		9 8%		9 6%		9 4%		8 1%		10 0%*		

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Regardless of whether or not you think it should be legal, do you think it is right or wrong for someone to sell parts of their body, like a kidney, to a person who needs a transplant and can afford to pay the price?

	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Household Income		Views on Sale of Human Organs		
	National Adults	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Under 45	45 or older	Not college graduate	College graduate	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 or more	Should be legal	Should not be legal
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)
Total Answering Right	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	41%	50%	32%	42%	38%	50%	33%	44%	34%	51%	34%	67%	26%
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	49%	40%	58%	47%	54%	41%	55%	46%	55%	43%	56%	30%	66%
Unsure			B			F		h		J		L	
	10%	11%	10%	11%	8%	9%	12%	10%	11%	6%	10%	4%	8%
Chi-Square Significance	<-----17.945-----> 1 00%		<-----2.458-----> 7 1%		<-----13.797-----> 1 00%		<-----4.833-----> 9 1%		<-----12.849-----> 1 00%		<-----73.486-----> 1 00%		

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Which comes closer to your view: Making the sale of human organs for transplants legal will allow it to be regulated and minimize the risks or Making the sale of human organs for transplants legal will create a black market and endanger lives?

	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Household Income		Views on Sale of Human Organs		
	National Adults	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Under 45	45 or older	Not college graduate	College graduate	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 or more	Should be legal	Should not be legal
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)
Total Answering	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Making the sale of human organs for transplants legal will allow it to be regulated and minimize the risks	47%	53%	41%	49%	44%	49%	45%	49%	44%	49%	46%	78%	30%
		C										M	
Making the sale of human organs for transplants legal will create a black market and endanger lives	41%	38%	44%	37%	49%	41%	41%	40%	43%	42%	42%	16%	59%
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Unsure	12%	9%	15%	14%	8%	10%	14%	11%	13%	8%	12%	6%	10%
			b	e									
Chi-Square Significance		<-----8. 971----->9		<-----7. 953----->9		<-----1. 383----->5		<-----1. 256----->4		<-----1. 588----->5		<-----96 .311----->1	
			9%		8%		7%		7%		5%		00%

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When only one organ is available and several patients need it for survival, which one of the following do you think is the best way to decide which patient is assigned the organ:

	Views on Sale of Human Organs												
	National Adults	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Household Income		Should be legal	Should not be legal
		Men	Women	White	Non-white	Under 45	45 or older	Not college graduate	College graduate	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 or more		
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)
Total Answering	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
By auction, so it is assigned to the patient who can pay the most for it	2%	0%	3% B	0%	4% D	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	4% M	1%
By first come, first served, it is assigned to the patient who has been waiting the longest	56%	51%	62% B	53%	60%	58%	55%	56%	57%	58%	57%	48%	63% L
By lottery, it is assigned to the patient whose name is drawn at random	9%	12% C	5%	8%	8%	11%	6%	11%	6%	8%	10%	12%	7%
By merit, it is assigned to the patient most likely to live a productive life with it	26%	28%	25%	30% e	22%	24%	28%	24%	30%	28%	26%	33%	24%
Unsure	7%	8%	6%	8%	6%	4%	9% F	8%	5%	4%	6%	4%	5%
Chi-Square Significance	<-----17.271-----> 1 00%		<-----14.245-----> 9 9%		<-----8.352-----> 9 4%		<-----7.065-----> 8 7%		<-----2.204-----> 3 0%		<-----16.419-----> 1 00%		

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	Views on Sale of Human Organs												
	National Adults	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Household Income		Should be legal	Should not be legal
		Men	Women	White	Non-white	Under 45	45 or older	Not college graduate	College graduate	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 or more		
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)
Total Answering	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
By auction, so it is assigned to the patient who can pay the most for it	56%	55%	58%	58%	53%	58%	55%	50%	67% H	50%	64% J	49%	65% L
By first come, first served, it is assigned to the patient who has been waiting the longest	11%	13%	9%	11%	11%	6%	15% F	13% I	7%	12%	9%	16% M	7%
By lottery, it is assigned to the patient whose name is drawn at random	17%	18%	15%	15%	19%	21% g	13%	18%	14%	20%	13%	19%	15%
By merit, it is assigned to the patient most likely to live a productive life with it	11%	9%	13%	10%	13%	12%	10%	13%	9%	14%	10%	13%	10%
Unsure	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	3%	7% F	6%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%
Chi-Square Significance	<-----5.163-----> 7		<-----2.552-----> 3		<-----17.695-----> 1		<-----16.583-----> 1		<-----9.562-----> 9		<-----13.158-----> 9		9%

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If it were legal, would you be likely or not likely to sell one of your kidneys?

	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Household Income		Views on Sale of Human Organs		
	National Adults	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Under 45	45 or older	Not college graduate	College graduate	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 or more	Should be legal	Should not be legal
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)
Total Answering Likely	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	17%	16%	17%	16%	19%	24%	11%	22%	8%	24%	12%	31%	9%
Not Likely	81%	81%	81%	82%	79%	74%	87%	76%	90%	74%	86%	66%	90%
Unsure	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%
Chi-Square Significance	<-----.438-----> 2 0%*		<-----.902-----> 3 6%		<-----14.243-----> 1 00%		<-----16.114-----> 1 00%		<-----11.29-----> 10 0%*		<-----39.151-----> 10 0%*		

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	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Household Income		Views on Sale of Human Organs		
	National Adults	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Under 45	45 or older	Not	College graduate	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 or more	Should be legal	Should not be legal
								college graduate					
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)
Total Answering Allow	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	40%	44%	37%	40%	40%	47%	35%	46%	32%	45%	41%	65%	25%
Not allow	55%	53%	57%	54%	57%	50%	58%	50%	63%	51%	55%	33%	71%
Unsure	5%	4%	6%	6%	2%	3%	7%	4%	6%	4%	4%	1%	4%
Chi-Square Significance	<-----3.337-----> 8 5%		<-----3.421-----> 8 2%		<-----9.099-----> 9 9%		<-----10.14-----> 9 9%		<-----.733-----> 3 1%		<-----69.178-----> 1 00%		

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