

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: Exclusive *Point Taken*-Marist Poll of 507 National Adults

This survey of 507 adults was conducted May 12th through May 14th, 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 ± 4.4 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		86%
Party Identification	Democrat	37%
	Republican	27%
	Independent	34%
	Other	1%
Political Ideology	Very liberal	9%
	Liberal	21%
	Moderate	36%
	Conservative	26%
	Very conservative	8%
Gender	Men	49%
	Women	51%
Age	Under 45	47%
	45 or older	53%
Age	18 to 29	25%
	30 to 44	22%
	45 to 59	26%
	60 or older	26%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	35%
	Gen X (35-50)	21%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	31%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	13%
Race	White	62%
	African American	11%
	Latino	15%
	Other	11%
Region	Northeast	18%
	Midwest	22%
	South	37%
	West	23%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	49%
	\$50,000 or more	51%
Education	Not college graduate	56%
	College graduate	44%
Interview Type	Landline	41%
	Cell phone	59%

Exclusive Point Taken-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted May 12th through May 14th, 2016, n=507 MOE +/- 4.4 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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 51% in column G is statistically different from the 37% in column F.
6. Please note totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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Exclusive *Point Taken* -Marist Poll
May 2016

Do you think defining gender as the sex listed on a person's original birth certificate: Is the only way to define male and female in society or Is out of date, and needs to be updated to include identity?

	Generation					Know Someone Transgender or Gender Fluid		National Registered Voters	Party Identification			Political Ideology		
	National Adults	Millennials (18-34)	Gen X (35-50)	Baby Boomers (51-69)	Silent Greatest (Over 69)	Yes	No		Democrat	Republican	Independent	Very liberal-Liberal	Moderate	Conservative-Very conservative
	(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%	100%
Is the only way to define male and female in society	45%	38%	49%	47%	* 37%	51%	F	46%	36%	60%	45%	27%	42%	62%
Is out of date, and needs to be updated to include identity	41%	51%	34%	40%	* 50%	34%	G	42%	56%	27%	40%	66%	44%	22%
Unsure	14%	11%	17%	13%	* 13%	15%		12%	9%	13%	14%	6%	14%	15%
Chi-Square Significance	<-----14.335----->				<-----12.493----->			<-----23.071----->			<-----51.216----->			
					97%			100%			100%			

Comparison Groups: BCDE/FG/IJK/LMN
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* Sample size too small for analysis

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Table BM160511

Exclusive Point Taken -Marist Poll
May 2016

Do you think defining gender as the sex listed on a person's original birth certificate: Is the only way to define male and female in society or Is out of date, and needs to be updated to include identity?

	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Household Income		Region				
	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	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)
Total Answering	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Is the only way to define male and female in society	45%	50%	40%	50%	35%	41%	49%	46%	44%	46%	43%	42%	55%	43%	39%
Is out of date, and needs to be updated to include identity	41%	33%	48%	39%	47%	47%	35%	38%	45%	38%	47%	51%	24%	41%	49%
Unsure	14%	16%	13%	12%	18%	12%	16%	16%	11%	16%	10%	8%	21%	16%	11%
Chi-Square Significance	<-----10 .245----->		<-----10 .517----->		<-----8 .089----->		<-----3 .821----->		<-----5 .637----->		<-----23 .015----->				
		9	9%	9	9%	9	8%	8	5%	9	4%		1	00%	

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

T-Test for Means, Z-Test for Percentages

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 May 2016

Today, some people describe themselves as transgender or gender fluid. Transgender refers to people who live out their gender in a way that does not match the sex noted on their birth certificate, or who physically change their sex. Gender fluid refers to those for whom gender identity varies. Compared with ten years ago, do you think there is more acceptance or less acceptance of transgender or gender fluid people today?

	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Household Income		Region				
	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	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)
Total Answering More acceptance	100% 80%	100% 79%	100% 80%	100% 81%	100% 78%	100% 83%	100% 76%	100% 79%	100% 84%	100% 75%	100% 86%	100% 76%	100% 73%	100% 80%	100% 88%
Less acceptance	10%	8%	12%	8%	14%	11%	10%	12%	7%	14%	6%	9%	16%	10%	6%
About the same	4%	5%	2%	4%	3%	2%	5%	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	5%	3%	3%
Unsure	6%	8%	5%	8%	5%	4%	9%	6%	7%	7%	6%	12%	6%	6%	4%
Chi-Square Significance	<-----6.507----->		<-----5.015----->		<-----8.324----->		<-----3.028----->		<-----10.428----->		<-----14.276----->				
		9	1%	8	3%	9	7%	6	1%	9	8%		8	9%	

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Do you think transgender people should or should not have the same rights and protections as other Americans when it comes to each of the following: Jobs and employment?

	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Household Income		Region				
	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	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)
Total Answering Should	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Should not	90%	88%	92%	89%	91%	92%	88%	89%	91%	88%	93%	92%	84%	88%	96%
Should not	6%	9%	4%	7%	6%	5%	7%	8%	4%	8%	6%	5%	7%	8%	4%
Unsure	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%	2%	5%	3%	5%	5%	1%	2%	8%	4%	0%
Chi-Square Significance	<-----5.649----->		<-----.853----->		<-----3.458----->		<-----2.472----->		<-----7.64----->		<-----13.299----->				
		9	4%	3	5%	8	2%	7	1%	9	8%		9	6%*	

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Table B5160511

Exclusive Point Taken -Marist Poll
May 2016

Do you think transgender or gender fluid people: Should be allowed to choose the public restroom with which they identify or Should be required to follow the sex on their birth certificate in using a public restroom?

	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Household Income		Region				
	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	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)
Total Answering	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Should be allowed to choose the public restroom with which they identify	43%	37%	50%	44%	44%	48%	39%	39%	49%	41%	47%	53%	33%	40%	52%
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Should be required to follow the sex on their birth certificate in using a public restroom	44%	50%	38%	48%	37%	39%	49%	47%	41%	46%	44%	39%	51%	47%	36%
		C		e			f						o		
Unsure	12%	13%	12%	8%	19%	13%	12%	14%	10%	13%	10%	9%	16%	12%	12%
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Chi-Square Significance		<-----8.884-----> 9	<-----9-----> 9%	<-----1.38-----> 1	<-----0.00-----> 00%	<-----5.504-----> 9	<-----4.829-----> 4%	<-----4.829-----> 9	<-----1.829-----> 1%	<-----1.741-----> 5	<-----8.741-----> 8%	<-----12.326-----> 9	<-----4.326-----> 4%	<-----12.326-----> 9	<-----4.326-----> 4%

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Which comes closer to your view: Public restrooms should be separated as male and female and not gender neutral or
Public restrooms should be gender neutral and designed for anyone to use?

	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Household Income		Region				
	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	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)
Total Answering	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Public restrooms should be separated as male and female and not gender neutral	60%	66%	55%	65%	52%	54%	67%	61%	61%	59%	59%	54%	59%	67%	56%
Public restrooms should be gender neutral and designed for anyone to use	31%	24%	37%	27%	37%	34%	27%	30%	33%	30%	33%	36%	29%	25%	37%
Unsure	9%	9%	8%	7%	11%	12%	6%	9%	7%	12%	8%	10%	12%	8%	6%
Chi-Square Significance		<-----9.575----->		<-----9.141----->		<-----9.188----->		<-----1.335----->		<-----1.915----->		<-----8.975----->			
		9	9%	9	9%	9	9%	4	9%	6	2%		8	3%	

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Do you personally know someone who is transgender or gender fluid?

	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Household Income		Region				
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	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)
Total Answering	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Yes	39%	35%	44%	39%	38%	40%	38%	36%	43%	40%	39%	33%	38%	37%	51%
No	59%	62%	55%	59%	60%	59%	58%	64%	53%	59%	60%	66%	60%	60%	49%
Unsure	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%	1%	3%	1%	4%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	0%
Chi-Square Significance	<-----4.769----->		<-----.934----->		<-----3.087----->		<-----10.939----->		<-----.164----->		<-----11.432----->				
		9	1%	3	7%	7	9%	1	00%	8	%*		9	2%*	

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