

## How the Survey was Conducted

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

This survey of 516 adults was conducted May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup>, 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  $\pm 4.3$  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%

Exclusive Point Taken-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted May 24th and May 25th, 2016, n=516 MOE +/- 4.3 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 54% in column B is statistically different from the 44% in column C.
6. Please note totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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May 31, 2016

Do you think prostitution between consenting adults: Should be legal or Should not be legal?

National Adults	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Household Income		
	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	49%	54%	44%	45%	55%	58%	40%	51%	47%	48%	52%
Should not be legal	44%	40%	49%	48%	39%	35%	53%	44%	45%	43%	45%
Unsure	6%	6%	7%	7%	6%	6%	7%	5%	8%	9%	3%
Chi-Square Significance	<-----5 .51----->		<-----4.985----->		<-----16 .919----->		<-----3.121----->		<-----8.622----->		
		9	4%	9	2%	1	00%	7	9%	9	9%

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

T-Test for Means, Z-Test for Percentages

Uppercase letters indicate significance at the 95% level.

Lowercase letters indicate significance at the 90% level.

\*\*\*\* Denotes Chi-Square where at least one cell has an expected value of less than 1 or more than 20% of the cells have an expected value of less than 5.

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Total Answering	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Should be legal	49%	54%	44%	45%	55%	58%	40%	51%	47%	48%	52%	100%	-
Should not be legal	44%	40%	49%	48%	39%	35%	53%	44%	45%	43%	45%	-	100%
Unsure	6%	6%	7%	7%	6%	6%	7%	5%	8%	9%	3%	-	-
Chi-Square Significance	<-----5 .51----->		<-----4. 985----->		<-----16 .919----->		<-----3. 121----->		<-----8. 622----->		<-----478 .688----->		
		9	4%	9	2%	1	00%	7	9%	9	9%	10	0%*

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Which comes closer to your view: Making prostitution legal will allow it to be regulated and minimize the risk or Making prostitution legal will worsen the problem and endanger more women?

	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Household Income		Views on Prostitution		
	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 prostitution legal will allow it to be regulated and minimize the risk	53%	60% C	47%	52%	53%	55%	51%	53%	53%	53%	55%	82% M	22%
Making prostitution legal will worsen the problem and endanger more women	39%	34%	45% B	39%	41%	40%	39%	39%	40%	40%	39%	13%	70% L
Unsure	8%	7%	9%	9%	7%	5%	10% f	7%	7%	7%	6%	4%	8%
Chi-Square Significance	<-----8.509-----> 9		<-----.675-----> 2		<-----4.046-----> 8		<-----.04-----> 2%		<-----4.467-----> 2		<-----174.623-----> 1		00%

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Should the sex worker, that is, the person who sells sex for money: Be criminally prosecuted, Pay a fine, or Not be given any penalty?

	Gender		Race		Age		Education		Household Income		Views on Prostitution		
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Total Answering	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Be criminally prosecuted	29%	28%	30%	31%	26%	20%	37%	34%	22%	28%	29%	12%	49%
Pay a fine	30%	28%	33%	28%	36%	36%	25%	28%	35%	29%	36%	26%	35%
Not be given any penalty	33%	38%	29%	33%	33%	39%	28%	32%	36%	36%	32%	57%	9%
Unsure	7%	6%	8%	8%	5%	5%	9%	7%	8%	7%	3%	5%	6%
Chi-Square Significance		<-----5. 414-----> 8 6%		<-----6. 116-----> 8 9%		<-----24 .966-----> 1 00%		<-----8. 607-----> 9 7%		<-----6. 557-----> 9 1%		<-----136 .971-----> 1 00%	

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Should the client, that is, the individual who pays for sex: Be criminally prosecuted, Pay a fine, or Not be given any penalty?

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	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%
Be criminally prosecuted	33%	31%	35%	35%	29%	27%	39%	31%	36%	29%	35%	13%	58%
Pay a fine	29%	24%	34%	27%	35%	34%	25%	31%	27%	29%	32%	30%	31%
Not be given any penalty	31%	37%	25%	30%	31%	34%	28%	33%	28%	35%	29%	54%	7%
Unsure	7%	8%	5%	8%	5%	5%	8%	5%	9%	7%	4%	3%	5%
Chi-Square Significance	<-----12 .137----->		<-----5. 817----->		<-----11 .468----->		<-----4. 583----->		<-----5. 107----->		<-----151 .807----->		
		9	9%	8	8%	9	9%	8	0%	8	4%	1	00%

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Total Answering	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
A lot	38%	25%	51%	41%	35%	29%	47%	37%	42%	36%	40%	24%	56%
A little	21%	20%	22%	18%	25%	25%	17%	16%	28%	25%	19%	19%	22%
Not at all	37%	51%	24%	36%	39%	42%	33%	43%	28%	36%	39%	56%	20%
Unsure	3%	3%	3%	5%	1%	5%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Chi-Square Significance	<-----48 .08----->		<-----9. 054----->		<-----18 .456----->		<-----16 .997----->		<-----3. 036----->		<-----72 .213----->		
	1	00%	9	7%	1	00%	1	00%	6	1%	1	00%	

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