

Topline

KFF Poll: LGBTQ Rights And Health Care

METHODOLOGY

This KFF *LGBTQ Rights And Health Care* Poll was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted June 16th to 21st, 2020 on the SSRS Omnibus Survey, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,001 adults ages 18 and older, living in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii (note: persons without a telephone could not be included in the random selection process). Computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted by landline (263) and cell phone (738, including 504 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by SSRS of Glen Mills, PA. Both the random digit dial landline and cell phone samples were provided by Marketing Systems Group (MSG). For the landline sample, respondents were selected by asking for the youngest adult male or female currently at home based on a random rotation. If no one of that gender was available, interviewers asked to speak with the youngest adult of the opposite gender. For the cell phone sample, interviews were conducted with the adult who answered the phone. KFF paid for all costs associated with the survey.

The combined landline and cell phone sample was weighted to balance the sample demographics to match estimates for the national population using data from the Census Bureau's March 2019 Current Population Survey (CPS) on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, and region along with data from the 2010 Census on population density. The sample was also weighted to match current patterns of telephone use using data from the July-December 2019 National Health Interview Survey. The weight takes into account the fact that respondents with both a landline and cell phone have a higher probability of selection in the combined sample and also adjusts for the household size for the landline sample, and design modifications. All statistical tests of significance account for the effect of weighting.

The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample is plus or minus 4 percentage points. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margins of sampling error for other subgroups are available by request. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll. Kaiser Family Foundation public opinion and survey research is a charter member of the [Transparency Initiative of the American Association for Public Opinion Research](#).

Group	N (unweighted)	M.O.S.E.
Total	1,001	± 4 percentage points
Party Identification		
Democrats	398	± 6 percentage points
Republicans	258	± 7 percentage points
Independents	313	± 6 percentage points

Notes for reading the topline:

- Percentages may not always add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- Values less than 0.5 percent are indicated by an asterisk (*).
- "Vol." indicates a response was volunteered by the respondent, not offered as an explicit choice
- Questions are presented in the order asked; question numbers may not be sequential.

DISC1. How much discrimination do you think there is against each of the following groups in the U.S. today? First/Next, people who are (INSERT ITEM). (READ FIRST TIME, THEN AS NECESSARY: Is there a lot of discrimination, some discrimination, only a little, or none at all against people who are (INSERT ITEM) in the U.S. today?) (scramble items a-e with item d never first)

	A lot	Some	Only a little	None at all	Don't know	Refused
a. Black 06/20	53	31	10	5	*	*
b. Hispanic 06/20	37	40	16	6	*	*
c. White 06/20	7	21	33	38	*	*
d. Transgender, that is people who identify as a gender that is different from the sex they were assigned at birth 06/20	45	34	14	6	*	*
e. Lesbian, gay, or bisexual 06/20	33	41	17	8	*	*

DISC2. Which of the following statements comes closer to your feelings? (READ LIST) (rotate answer options 1 and 2)

	6/20
Our society has gone too far in accepting people who are transgender	15
Our society has not gone far enough in accepting people who are transgender	49
Our society has been about right when it comes to accepting people who are transgender	32
Don't know	2
Refused	2

DISC3. In general, do you (support) or (oppose) laws that ban discrimination based on (INSERT ITEM)? (rotate items in parentheses) (scramble items a-d)

	Support	Oppose	Don't know	Refused
a. Race or ethnicity 06/20	71	27	1	1
b. Whether a person is transgender, that is identify as a gender that is different from the sex they were assigned at birth 06/20	68	30	1	2
c. Whether a person is lesbian, gay, or bisexual 06/20	69	28	1	1
d. Whether a person has a disability 06/20	76	23	1	1

DISC4. Do you think it should be (legal) or (illegal) for (INSERT ITEM)? (rotate items in parentheses) (scramble items a-e, keeping items a/b together and items c/d together; rotate items c/d in the same order as items a/b; item e should never be first)

	Legal	Illegal	Don't know	Refused
a. Doctors or other health care providers to refuse to treat people because they are lesbian, gay, or bisexual 06/20	9	89	1	1
b. Doctors or other health care providers to refuse to treat people because they are transgender 06/20	10	88	1	1
c. Employers to fire people or refuse to hire people for being lesbian, gay, or bisexual 06/20	8	90	*	2
d. Employers to fire people or refuse to hire people for being transgender 06/20	9	89	1	2
e. Health insurance companies to refuse to pay for health care services for people who are transgender 06/20	13	85	1	1

DISC5. How much, if anything, have you heard or read about (INSERT ITEM)? (READ LIST) (rotate items a and b)

	A lot	Some	Only a little	None at all	Don't know	Refused
a. A recent Trump administration rule removing nondiscrimination protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people when it comes to health care and health insurance 06/20	14	25	25	35	*	*
b. A recent Supreme Court ruling prohibiting employers from refusing to hire or to fire people because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender 06/20	16	24	28	32	*	*

DISC6. Do you personally know anyone, including yourself, who is transgender, or not?

	6/20
Yes	36
No	64
Don't know	-
Refused	-

AGE. What is your age?

	6/20
18-29	21
30-44	25
45-64	33
65+	21
Refused	1

Z-1. Is your home owned or rented?

	6/20
Owned	61
Rented	38
Don't know	*
Refused	1

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	6/20
Employed full-time	51
Employed part-time	13
Retired	19
Homemaker	5
Student	1
Unemployed	9
On disability and can't work	1
Other	1
Refused	1

Z-8. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

	6/20
HS grad or less (NET)	39
Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	2
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with no diploma)	5
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	31
Some college (NET)	28
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	15
Two-year associate degree from a college or university	12
College grad+ (NET)	33
Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	20
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	2
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	11
Don't know/Refused (NET)	1

Race/Hispanic Combo Table

Based on total

	6/20
White, non-Hispanic	62
Total non-White	32
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	12
Hispanic	16
Asian, non-Hispanic	2
Native American/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	2
Other, non-white	*
Mixed race	5
Refused	2

Z-11a. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as...

	6/20
Other	*
A Republican	25
A Democrat	39
An Independent	33
Don't know	*
Refused	3

PARTYLEAN. As of today, do you LEAN more towards the (Republican) Party or the (Democratic) Party? (rotate items in parentheses in same order as PARTY)

Based on those who are not Republican or Democrat

	6/20
Republican	26
Democratic	42
Neither/other	26
Refused	6

Z-11b. Are you registered to vote at your present address or not?

	6/20
Yes	80
No	19
Refused	*

SEX. Sex of respondent

	6/20
Male	48
Female	52

Z-9. Is your total annual household income from all sources, and before taxes...?

	6/20
Less than \$15,000	9
\$15,000 to less than \$25,000	8
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	9
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	16
\$100,000 to less than \$150,000	7
\$150,000 to less than \$200,000	4
\$200,000 to less than \$250,000	1
\$250,000 or more	1
Don't know/Refused (NET)	10

Z-2a. Do you consider yourself to be...? (READ LIST) (multiple responses were accepted)

	6/20
Heterosexual	90
Gay or Lesbian	2
Bisexual	2
Transgender (Vol.)	-
Refused	6



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