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## Polling Overview

FreedomOhio commissioned a poll of Ohio voters to identify voter sentiments about same sex marriage, the Ohio Freedom to Marry and Religious Freedom Amendment and a variety of other points of voter interest.

### This poll shows the following three points:

- 1) Ohio voters like concepts, but they vote on specifics** = Support for Same Sex Marriage as a concept is equally split 47/48. However, because of the specificity of the amendment that allows houses of worship to have the right to refuse to marry a same sex couple, the overall support grows to 56% and opposition drops to 34%. This level of support is made possible because 40% of Ohio's GOP voters support the amendment.
- 2) A decade of time changes minds** = Support for the Marriage Ban Amendment was nearly 62% in 2004. Since then, more Ohioans have come to know gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender friends, family, co-workers and neighbors. Today, the level of awareness of members of the LGBT community is 85%. Other indirect influences have led to changes including the 16 states that now allow marriage equality, the Pope's recent comments of inclusion, and so forth.
- 3) Ohio is ready for Marriage Equality** = The clear, concise and constitutionally sound 46-word amendment, has strong majority voter supports. The pathway for full marriage civil equality is available to Ohio.

### Attached is a packet that includes the following:

- Power point slides
- Complete polling results
- Memo from independent pollsters

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PPP surveyed 1,011 Ohio voters from December 6th to 8th. The margin of error is +/-3.1%. Dr. Jim Kitchens and Robert Carpenter were engaged by FreedomOhio to provide peer review (oversight and analysis of the survey instrument and data) as well as analysis of the PPP survey. Kitchens and Carpenter are nationally recognized pollsters who accurately pinpointed the 2004 Marriage Ban election results well in advance of the vote. Kitchens, a Democratic pollster, has represented candidates, SEIU and Labor across the country. Carpenter is a Republican pollster who has worked with the Human Rights Campaign, Log Cabin Republicans, Republicans for Choice and Republican candidates across the country.



## Ohio Survey Results

**Q1** Are you or is anyone in your household a reporter or active in any political campaigns?

Yes..... 0%  
No.....100%

**Q2** Are you registered to vote in the state of Ohio at this address?

Yes.....100%  
No..... 0%

**Q3** Thinking ahead to the November election that will be held next year for Governor, Congress, and other offices, how likely are you to vote in that election? Would you say you are very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely to vote next November?

Very likely ..... 94%  
Somewhat likely..... 6%  
Somewhat unlikely..... 0%  
Very unlikely..... 0%  
Not sure ..... 0%

**Q4** If the election for Governor were held today, would you vote for Republican John Kasich, Democrat Ed Fitzgerald, or Libertarian Charlie Earl?

John Kasich ..... 40%  
Ed FitzGerald..... 38%  
Charlie Earl..... 6%  
Not sure ..... 16%

**Q5** Do you support or oppose allowing same-sex couples to get married?

Strongly support..... 28%  
Somewhat support..... 19%  
Somewhat oppose..... 12%  
Strongly oppose..... 36%  
Not sure ..... 5%

**Q6** Thinking again about the November 2014 election, a proposal to amend the Ohio Constitution may appear on the ballot. This constitutional amendment would allow two consenting adults to be married, so long as they are not nearer of kin than second cousins, are not currently married to someone, and no religious institutions will be required to perform or recognize a marriage. If the election were held today, would you vote in favor of this amendment to the Ohio Constitution, or would you vote against it?

Strongly for ..... 34%  
Not so strongly for..... 18%  
Strongly against..... 33%  
Not so strongly against ..... 5%  
Not sure ..... 9%

**Q7** (Asked only of those who said 'against' in Q6:)This constitutional amendment protects religious liberties by allowing any house of worship, such as a church or synagogue, to refuse to marry a same-sex couple. Knowing this, if the election were held today, would you vote in favor of this amendment to the Ohio Constitution to allow same-sex couples to marry, or would you vote against it?

Strongly for ..... 5%  
Not so strongly for..... 6%  
Strongly against..... 77%  
Not so strongly against ..... 7%  
Not sure ..... 5%





**Q8** Which of the following statements comes closest to your own personal point of view: “The Ohio gubernatorial race will be the primary reason that I vote” or “The constitutional amendment to allow same-sex couples to marry will be the primary reason that I vote”?

<i>Gubernatorial race</i> .....	55%
<i>Amendment</i> .....	23%
<i>Both equally</i> .....	15%
<i>Neither</i> .....	5%
<i>Not sure</i> .....	2%

**Q9** Thinking about the reasons that people get married, which of the following do you personally believe is the main reason that same-sex couples want the right to be married: for the rights and benefits, such as tax advantages, hospital visitation, or sharing a spouse’s pension; to acknowledge their love and commitment to each other; to change the institution of marriage for their benefit; or they believe marriage is a human right that should be available to all?

<i>Rights and benefits</i> .....	29%
<i>To acknowledge their love and commitment</i> ...	19%
<i>To change the institution of marriage for their benefit</i> .....	17%
<i>They believe marriage is a human right</i> .....	23%
<i>Some other reason/Not sure</i> .....	12%

**Q10** Would you vote against a candidate because they did not share your view on whether same-sex couples should be allowed to marry?

<i>Yes</i> .....	46%
<i>No</i> .....	31%
<i>Not sure</i> .....	23%

**Q11** Do you believe that sexual orientation is a choice, or not?

<i>Believe it is</i> .....	35%
<i>Believe it is not</i> .....	47%
<i>Not sure</i> .....	18%

**Q12** Do you believe that allowing same-sex couples to marry is inevitable?

<i>Yes</i> .....	44%
<i>No</i> .....	37%
<i>Not sure</i> .....	19%

**Q13** Do you know someone who is gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender?

<i>Yes</i> .....	85%
<i>No</i> .....	12%
<i>Not sure</i> .....	4%

**Q14** Would you support allowing gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender people to marry if you knew it was the best way for them to care for and protect themselves and their families?

<i>Yes</i> .....	44%
<i>No</i> .....	40%
<i>Not sure</i> .....	16%

**Q15** So that we have a representative sample of Ohio voters, please provide the following information. If you are female, press 1. If male, press 2.

<i>Female</i> .....	53%
<i>Male</i> .....	47%





**Q16** Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

<i>Strong Republican</i> .....	27%
<i>Not so strong Republican</i> .....	14%
<i>Strong Democrat</i> .....	27%
<i>Not so strong Democrat</i> .....	9%
<i>Independent</i> .....	19%
<i>Other</i> .....	4%

**Q17** On political issues, do you consider yourself to be conservative, moderate, or liberal?

<i>Very conservative</i> .....	30%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i> .....	25%
<i>Moderate</i> .....	28%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i> .....	10%
<i>Very liberal</i> .....	8%

**Q18** Do you think of yourself as more conservative or liberal?

<i>More conservative</i> .....	24%
<i>More liberal</i> .....	51%
<i>Not sure</i> .....	25%

**Q19** Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic, white, African-American, Asian, or something else?

<i>Hispanic</i> .....	1%
<i>White</i> .....	83%
<i>African-American</i> .....	12%
<i>Asian</i> .....	1%
<i>Something else</i> .....	3%

**Q20** What is your age?

<i>18 to 29</i> .....	6%
<i>30 to 39</i> .....	13%
<i>40 to 49</i> .....	20%
<i>50 to 59</i> .....	23%
<i>60 to 64</i> .....	13%
<i>65 or older</i> .....	25%

**Q21** Is your home in an urban area, suburban area, medium-sized town, small town, or rural area?

<i>Urban</i> .....	13%
<i>Suburban</i> .....	35%
<i>Medium-sized town</i> .....	14%
<i>Small town</i> .....	18%
<i>Rural</i> .....	20%

**Q22** What part of the state do you live in: Northeast Ohio, Northwest Ohio, Central Ohio, Southwest Ohio, or Southeast Ohio?

<i>NE Ohio</i> .....	32%
<i>NW Ohio</i> .....	15%
<i>Central Ohio</i> .....	24%
<i>SW Ohio</i> .....	19%
<i>SE Ohio</i> .....	10%

**Q23** Would you say you attend religious services more than once a week, once a week, almost every week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, or never?

<i>More than once a week</i> .....	13%
<i>Once a week</i> .....	31%
<i>Almost every week</i> .....	10%
<i>Once or twice a month</i> .....	10%
<i>A few times a year</i> .....	20%
<i>Never</i> .....	15%





	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
<b>Kasich/FitzGerald/Earl</b>			
John Kasich	40%	36%	45%
Ed FitzGerald	38%	39%	37%
Charlie Earl	6%	5%	6%
Not sure	16%	21%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
<b>Support/Oppose Same-sex Marriage</b>			
Strongly support	28%	31%	26%
Somewhat support	19%	19%	18%
Somewhat oppose	12%	13%	11%
Strongly oppose	36%	32%	41%
Not sure	5%	5%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
<b>Amendment</b>			
Strongly for	34%	37%	30%
Not so strongly for	18%	20%	16%
Strongly against	33%	29%	38%
Not so strongly against	5%	3%	8%
Not sure	9%	11%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
<b>Amendment w/ Religious Exemption</b>			
Strongly for	5%	4%	5%
Not so strongly for	6%	7%	5%
Strongly against	77%	79%	76%
Not so strongly against	7%	3%	10%
Not sure	5%	7%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
<b>Main Reason to Vote</b>			
Gubernatorial race	55%	53%	58%
Amendment	23%	23%	23%
Both equally	15%	17%	14%
Neither	5%	5%	5%
Not sure	2%	3%	0%





	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
<b>Main Reason Same-sex Couples Want to Marry</b>			
Rights and benefits	29%	27%	31%
To acknowledge their love and commitment	19%	24%	13%
To change the institution of marriage for their benefit	17%	13%	21%
They believe marriage is a human right	23%	24%	21%
Some other reason/Not sure	12%	12%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
<b>Would You Vote a/g Candidate Who Doesn't Share your SSM Views?</b>			
Yes	46%	38%	55%
No	31%	35%	27%
Not sure	23%	27%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
<b>Is Orientation a Choice?</b>			
Believe it is	35%	33%	38%
Believe it is not	47%	49%	45%
Not sure	18%	19%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
<b>Is SSM Inevitable?</b>			
Yes	44%	44%	44%
No	37%	32%	43%
Not sure	19%	25%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
<b>Know LGBT Person?</b>			
Yes	85%	86%	83%
No	12%	10%	13%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%





	Base	Gender	
		Female	Male
<b>Support SSM If It's Best Way for Them to Protect Their Families?</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	<b>44%</b>	49%	40%
<b>No</b>	<b>40%</b>	32%	48%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>16%</b>	19%	12%

	Base	Party					
		Strong Republican	Not so strong Republican	Strong Democrat	Not so strong Democrat	Independent	Other
<b>Kasich/FitzGerald/Earl</b>							
John Kasich	40%	79%	49%	8%	9%	38%	49%
Ed FitzGerald	38%	7%	31%	78%	58%	25%	6%
Charlie Earl	6%	2%	3%	5%	1%	13%	19%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>16%</b>	12%	17%	9%	32%	24%	26%

	Base	Party					
		Strong Republican	Not so strong Republican	Strong Democrat	Not so strong Democrat	Independent	Other
<b>Support/Oppose Same-sex Marriage</b>							
Strongly support	28%	15%	18%	51%	33%	22%	14%
Somewhat support	19%	14%	25%	21%	21%	17%	14%
Somewhat oppose	12%	13%	17%	8%	16%	10%	19%
Strongly oppose	36%	53%	38%	13%	25%	46%	47%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>5%</b>	4%	2%	6%	5%	6%	6%

	Base	Party					
		Strong Republican	Not so strong Republican	Strong Democrat	Not so strong Democrat	Independent	Other
<b>Amendment</b>							
Strongly for	34%	21%	24%	59%	39%	26%	9%
Not so strongly for	18%	15%	25%	17%	24%	14%	32%
Strongly against	33%	48%	36%	14%	20%	42%	38%
Not so strongly against	5%	6%	7%	3%	8%	5%	7%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>9%</b>	10%	8%	8%	8%	12%	15%

	Base	Party					
		Strong Republican	Not so strong Republican	Strong Democrat	Not so strong Democrat	Independent	Other
<b>Amendment w/ Religious Exemption</b>							
Strongly for	5%	5%	2%	4%	-	8%	-
Not so strongly for	6%	4%	5%	13%	2%	7%	4%
Strongly against	77%	80%	80%	72%	49%	79%	88%
Not so strongly against	7%	5%	8%	9%	28%	2%	8%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>5%</b>	6%	5%	2%	21%	4%	-

	Base	Party					
		Strong Republican	Not so strong Republican	Strong Democrat	Not so strong Democrat	Independent	Other
<b>Main Reason to Vote</b>							
Gubernatorial race	55%	57%	61%	65%	37%	47%	28%
Amendment	23%	24%	15%	17%	25%	31%	32%
Both equally	15%	17%	15%	9%	27%	15%	27%
Neither	5%	1%	8%	6%	4%	7%	5%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>2%</b>	1%	-	3%	7%	1%	7%





	Base	Party					
		Strong Republican	Not so strong Republican	Strong Democrat	Not so strong Democrat	Independent	Other
<b>Main Reason Same-sex Couples Want to Marry</b>							
Rights and benefits	29%	33%	32%	25%	21%	33%	24%
To acknowledge their love and commitment	19%	17%	21%	22%	31%	11%	6%
To change the institution of marriage for their benefit	17%	24%	14%	7%	16%	23%	20%
They believe marriage is a human right	23%	14%	19%	39%	22%	19%	2%
Some other reason/Not sure	12%	13%	13%	8%	9%	14%	48%

	Base	Party					
		Strong Republican	Not so strong Republican	Strong Democrat	Not so strong Democrat	Independent	Other
<b>Would You Vote a/g Candidate Who Doesn't Share your SSM Views?</b>							
Yes	46%	55%	37%	39%	36%	53%	58%
No	31%	29%	34%	35%	42%	25%	18%
Not sure	23%	16%	29%	26%	22%	23%	24%

	Base	Party					
		Strong Republican	Not so strong Republican	Strong Democrat	Not so strong Democrat	Independent	Other
<b>Is Orientation a Choice?</b>							
Believe it is	35%	47%	35%	22%	29%	35%	56%
Believe it is not	47%	41%	41%	60%	52%	42%	27%
Not sure	18%	12%	24%	18%	19%	23%	17%

	Base	Party					
		Strong Republican	Not so strong Republican	Strong Democrat	Not so strong Democrat	Independent	Other
<b>Is SSM Inevitable?</b>							
Yes	44%	36%	36%	62%	51%	36%	13%
No	37%	47%	40%	18%	31%	45%	64%
Not sure	19%	16%	24%	20%	18%	19%	24%

	Base	Party					
		Strong Republican	Not so strong Republican	Strong Democrat	Not so strong Democrat	Independent	Other
<b>Know LGBT Person?</b>							
Yes	85%	83%	84%	83%	89%	86%	96%
No	12%	13%	9%	14%	10%	10%	2%
Not sure	4%	4%	7%	3%	1%	3%	2%

	Base	Party					
		Strong Republican	Not so strong Republican	Strong Democrat	Not so strong Democrat	Independent	Other
<b>Support SSM If It's Best Way for Them to Protect Their Families?</b>							
Yes	44%	29%	38%	68%	55%	38%	11%
No	40%	56%	40%	20%	21%	47%	70%
Not sure	16%	14%	22%	13%	24%	14%	19%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very conservative	Somewhat conservative	Moderate	Somewhat liberal	Very liberal
<b>Kasich/FitzGerald/Earl</b>						
John Kasich	40%	68%	57%	17%	9%	2%
Ed FitzGerald	38%	12%	21%	55%	72%	82%
Charlie Earl	6%	5%	4%	8%	2%	6%
Not sure	16%	14%	18%	19%	17%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very conservative	Somewhat conservative	Moderate	Somewhat liberal	Very liberal
<b>Support/Oppose Same-sex Marriage</b>						
Strongly support	28%	8%	17%	34%	67%	74%
Somewhat support	19%	11%	18%	29%	22%	6%
Somewhat oppose	12%	13%	19%	11%	5%	4%
Strongly oppose	36%	64%	41%	20%	6%	8%
Not sure	5%	4%	4%	6%	1%	8%





	Base	Ideology				
		Very conservative	Somewhat conservative	Moderate	Somewhat liberal	Very liberal
<b>Amendment</b>						
Strongly for	34%	15%	24%	40%	74%	70%
Not so strongly for	18%	14%	22%	26%	14%	6%
Strongly against	33%	57%	39%	19%	7%	7%
Not so strongly against	5%	8%	6%	4%	1%	5%
Not sure	9%	7%	10%	12%	4%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very conservative	Somewhat conservative	Moderate	Somewhat liberal	Very liberal
<b>Amendment w/ Religious Exemption</b>						
Strongly for	5%	4%	3%	6%	21%	-
Not so strongly for	6%	3%	9%	6%	10%	7%
Strongly against	77%	80%	78%	68%	60%	86%
Not so strongly against	7%	7%	6%	8%	8%	7%
Not sure	5%	5%	3%	12%	-	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very conservative	Somewhat conservative	Moderate	Somewhat liberal	Very liberal
<b>Main Reason to Vote</b>						
Gubernatorial race	55%	50%	54%	56%	61%	65%
Amendment	23%	29%	20%	21%	15%	23%
Both equally	15%	19%	14%	16%	13%	7%
Neither	5%	1%	9%	6%	6%	3%
Not sure	2%	1%	3%	2%	5%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very conservative	Somewhat conservative	Moderate	Somewhat liberal	Very liberal
<b>Main Reason Same-sex Couples Want to Marry</b>						
Rights and benefits	29%	33%	29%	29%	30%	14%
To acknowledge their love and commitment	19%	10%	24%	23%	24%	17%
To change the institution of marriage for their benefit	17%	28%	19%	11%	4%	4%
They believe marriage is a human right	23%	10%	16%	28%	35%	60%
Some other reason/Not sure	12%	18%	12%	11%	7%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very conservative	Somewhat conservative	Moderate	Somewhat liberal	Very liberal
<b>Would You Vote a/g Candidate Who Doesn't Share your SSM Views?</b>						
Yes	46%	65%	38%	30%	44%	55%
No	31%	20%	39%	40%	30%	24%
Not sure	23%	15%	23%	30%	26%	21%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very conservative	Somewhat conservative	Moderate	Somewhat liberal	Very liberal
<b>Is Orientation a Choice?</b>						
Believe it is	35%	53%	43%	21%	19%	10%
Believe it is not	47%	31%	37%	57%	67%	75%
Not sure	18%	16%	20%	22%	13%	15%





	Base	Ideology				
		Very conservative	Somewhat conservative	Moderate	Somewhat liberal	Very liberal
<b>Is SSM Inevitable?</b>						
Yes	44%	27%	34%	54%	72%	72%
No	37%	58%	45%	23%	10%	14%
Not sure	19%	15%	22%	24%	18%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very conservative	Somewhat conservative	Moderate	Somewhat liberal	Very liberal
<b>Know LGBT Person?</b>						
Yes	85%	85%	84%	86%	81%	88%
No	12%	11%	11%	12%	18%	9%
Not sure	4%	4%	6%	2%	1%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very conservative	Somewhat conservative	Moderate	Somewhat liberal	Very liberal
<b>Support SSM if it's Best Way for Them to Protect Their Families?</b>						
Yes	44%	18%	32%	58%	85%	86%
No	40%	71%	43%	21%	9%	12%
Not sure	16%	11%	25%	21%	6%	2%

	Base	Moderate Leaners		
		More conservative	More liberal	Not sure
<b>Kasich/FitzGerald/Earl</b>				
John Kasich	17%	38%	8%	15%
Ed FitzGerald	55%	32%	71%	46%
Charlie Earl	8%	12%	8%	6%
Not sure	19%	18%	13%	33%

	Base	Moderate Leaners		
		More conservative	More liberal	Not sure
<b>Support/Oppose Same-sex Marriage</b>				
Strongly support	34%	12%	47%	32%
Somewhat support	29%	24%	35%	20%
Somewhat oppose	11%	18%	8%	9%
Strongly oppose	20%	34%	8%	29%
Not sure	6%	12%	2%	10%

	Base	Moderate Leaners		
		More conservative	More liberal	Not sure
<b>Amendment</b>				
Strongly for	40%	15%	56%	30%
Not so strongly for	26%	35%	23%	21%
Strongly against	19%	34%	10%	22%
Not so strongly against	4%	4%	5%	2%
Not sure	12%	12%	6%	25%





	Base	Moderate Leanners		
		More conservative	More liberal	Not sure
<b>Amendment w/ Religious Exemption</b>				
<b>Strongly for</b>	6%	-	3%	19%
<b>Not so strongly for</b>	6%	6%	7%	4%
<b>Strongly against</b>	68%	82%	43%	77%
<b>Not so strongly against</b>	8%	7%	17%	-
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	5%	30%	-

	Base	Moderate Leanners		
		More conservative	More liberal	Not sure
<b>Main Reason to Vote</b>				
<b>Gubernatorial race</b>	56%	56%	56%	56%
<b>Amendment</b>	21%	24%	22%	13%
<b>Both equally</b>	16%	16%	15%	19%
<b>Neither</b>	6%	2%	5%	11%
<b>Not sure</b>	2%	1%	2%	1%

	Base	Moderate Leanners		
		More conservative	More liberal	Not sure
<b>Main Reason Same-sex Couples Want to Marry</b>				
<b>Rights and benefits</b>	29%	31%	28%	27%
<b>To acknowledge their love and commitment</b>	23%	20%	24%	22%
<b>To change the institution of marriage for their benefit</b>	11%	15%	4%	19%
<b>They believe marriage is a human right</b>	28%	12%	39%	20%
<b>Some other reason/Not sure</b>	11%	22%	4%	12%

	Base	Moderate Leanners		
		More conservative	More liberal	Not sure
<b>Would You Vote a/g Candidate Who Doesn't Share your SSM Views?</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	30%	28%	36%	21%
<b>No</b>	40%	44%	38%	40%
<b>Not sure</b>	30%	27%	26%	39%





	Base	Moderate Leaners		
		More conservative	More liberal	Not sure
<b>Is Orientation a Choice?</b>				
Believe it is	21%	31%	13%	29%
Believe it is not	57%	46%	72%	38%
Not sure	22%	23%	16%	32%

	Base	Moderate Leaners		
		More conservative	More liberal	Not sure
<b>Is SSM Inevitable?</b>				
Yes	54%	37%	65%	48%
No	23%	35%	18%	21%
Not sure	24%	28%	18%	31%

	Base	Moderate Leaners		
		More conservative	More liberal	Not sure
<b>Know LGBT Person?</b>				
Yes	86%	83%	88%	85%
No	12%	17%	9%	12%
Not sure	2%	1%	3%	2%

	Base	Moderate Leaners		
		More conservative	More liberal	Not sure
<b>Support SSM If It's Best Way for Them to Protect Their Families?</b>				
Yes	58%	35%	74%	47%
No	21%	41%	9%	25%
Not sure	21%	24%	17%	27%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Something else
<b>Kasich/FitzGerald/Earl</b>						
John Kasich	40%	38%	46%	9%	23%	22%
Ed FitzGerald	38%	14%	33%	79%	50%	19%
Charlie Earl	6%	4%	5%	-	16%	35%
Not sure	16%	43%	17%	12%	11%	24%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Something else
<b>Support/Oppose Same-sex Marriage</b>						
Strongly support	28%	7%	30%	17%	27%	32%
Somewhat support	19%	19%	18%	24%	36%	17%
Somewhat oppose	12%	-	12%	15%	33%	4%
Strongly oppose	36%	74%	36%	35%	4%	41%
Not sure	5%	-	4%	9%	-	6%





	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Something else
<b>Amendment</b>						
<b>Strongly for</b>	34%	7%	34%	30%	42%	43%
<b>Not so strongly for</b>	18%	17%	18%	26%	16%	5%
<b>Strongly against</b>	33%	26%	33%	35%	20%	27%
<b>Not so strongly against</b>	5%	37%	6%	-	-	12%
<b>Not sure</b>	9%	13%	9%	9%	22%	13%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Something else
<b>Amendment w/ Religious Exemption</b>						
<b>Strongly for</b>	5%	-	5%	-	-	-
<b>Not so strongly for</b>	6%	-	6%	3%	43%	-
<b>Strongly against</b>	77%	88%	75%	84%	57%	100%
<b>Not so strongly against</b>	7%	12%	8%	-	-	-
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	-	5%	14%	-	-

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Something else
<b>Main Reason to Vote</b>						
<b>Gubernatorial race</b>	55%	42%	55%	57%	89%	45%
<b>Amendment</b>	23%	58%	24%	13%	-	21%
<b>Both equally</b>	15%	-	14%	24%	11%	15%
<b>Neither</b>	5%	-	4%	6%	-	18%
<b>Not sure</b>	2%	-	2%	-	-	1%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Something else
<b>Main Reason Same-sex Couples Want to Marry</b>						
<b>Rights and benefits</b>	29%	31%	29%	27%	28%	33%
<b>To acknowledge their love and commitment</b>	19%	17%	18%	22%	22%	14%
<b>To change the institution of marriage for their benefit</b>	17%	17%	17%	18%	4%	20%
<b>They believe marriage is a human right</b>	23%	22%	22%	22%	36%	26%
<b>Some other reason/Not sure</b>	12%	13%	13%	10%	11%	7%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Something else
<b>Would You Vote a/g Candidate Who Doesn't Share your SSM Views?</b>						
<b>Yes</b>	46%	49%	45%	48%	38%	57%
<b>No</b>	31%	28%	31%	36%	36%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	23%	23%	24%	15%	26%	17%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Something else
<b>Is Orientation a Choice?</b>						
<b>Believe it is</b>	35%	47%	32%	53%	25%	36%
<b>Believe it is not</b>	47%	45%	50%	31%	55%	28%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	8%	18%	16%	20%	36%





	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Something else
<b>Is SSM Inevitable?</b>						
<b>Yes</b>	44%	10%	43%	54%	41%	42%
<b>No</b>	37%	82%	37%	31%	17%	45%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	8%	20%	16%	42%	13%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Something else
<b>Know LGBT Person?</b>						
<b>Yes</b>	85%	100%	84%	88%	78%	99%
<b>No</b>	12%	-	12%	10%	22%	1%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	-	4%	2%	-	-

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Asian	Something else
<b>Support SSM If It's Best Way for Them to Protect Their Families?</b>						
<b>Yes</b>	44%	10%	45%	46%	47%	44%
<b>No</b>	40%	69%	39%	39%	31%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	21%	16%	16%	22%	12%

	Base	Age					
		18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 64	65 or older
<b>Kasich/FitzGerald/Earl</b>							
<b>John Kasich</b>	40%	40%	34%	38%	36%	40%	49%
<b>Ed FitzGerald</b>	38%	41%	42%	33%	43%	44%	31%
<b>Charlie Earl</b>	6%	-	11%	8%	4%	2%	5%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	19%	13%	20%	17%	14%	16%

	Base	Age					
		18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 64	65 or older
<b>Support/Oppose Same-sex Marriage</b>							
<b>Strongly support</b>	28%	41%	37%	29%	30%	25%	20%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	19%	13%	19%	21%	17%	23%	17%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	12%	-	6%	12%	10%	14%	21%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	36%	46%	39%	34%	34%	35%	36%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	-	-	5%	9%	4%	5%

	Base	Age					
		18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 64	65 or older
<b>Amendment</b>							
<b>Strongly for</b>	34%	41%	44%	32%	37%	31%	27%
<b>Not so strongly for</b>	18%	13%	17%	20%	17%	18%	21%
<b>Strongly against</b>	33%	32%	25%	35%	29%	38%	37%
<b>Not so strongly against</b>	5%	10%	6%	3%	8%	5%	4%
<b>Not sure</b>	9%	5%	8%	10%	11%	8%	11%





	Base	Age					
		18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 64	65 or older
<b>Amendment w/ Religious Exemption</b>							
<b>Strongly for</b>	5%	-	8%	6%	4%	5%	3%
<b>Not so strongly for</b>	6%	-	-	6%	5%	7%	9%
<b>Strongly against</b>	77%	89%	71%	84%	76%	74%	74%
<b>Not so strongly against</b>	7%	11%	8%	-	12%	7%	7%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	-	14%	4%	3%	7%	6%

	Base	Age					
		18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 64	65 or older
<b>Main Reason to Vote</b>							
<b>Gubernatorial race</b>	55%	35%	47%	50%	58%	56%	64%
<b>Amendment</b>	23%	36%	36%	25%	19%	23%	14%
<b>Both equally</b>	15%	21%	11%	19%	17%	15%	13%
<b>Neither</b>	5%	5%	2%	4%	6%	6%	6%
<b>Not sure</b>	2%	3%	3%	2%	1%	1%	3%

	Base	Age					
		18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 64	65 or older
<b>Main Reason Same-sex Couples Want to Marry</b>							
<b>Rights and benefits</b>	29%	34%	21%	21%	33%	33%	33%
<b>To acknowledge their love and commitment</b>	19%	3%	32%	29%	15%	14%	14%
<b>To change the institution of marriage for their benefit</b>	17%	13%	15%	22%	13%	15%	19%
<b>They believe marriage is a human right</b>	23%	18%	19%	22%	29%	26%	18%
<b>Some other reason/Not sure</b>	12%	32%	12%	5%	10%	11%	16%

	Base	Age					
		18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 64	65 or older
<b>Would You Vote a/g Candidate Who Doesn't Share your SSM Views?</b>							
<b>Yes</b>	46%	64%	50%	53%	46%	39%	38%
<b>No</b>	31%	18%	23%	30%	35%	37%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	23%	18%	27%	17%	19%	24%	29%

	Base	Age					
		18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 64	65 or older
<b>Is Orientation a Choice?</b>							
<b>Believe it is</b>	35%	49%	34%	37%	37%	26%	34%
<b>Believe it is not</b>	47%	40%	49%	47%	46%	53%	45%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	11%	17%	15%	18%	22%	22%

	Base	Age					
		18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 64	65 or older
<b>Is SSM Inevitable?</b>							
<b>Yes</b>	44%	51%	56%	46%	44%	42%	36%
<b>No</b>	37%	25%	29%	38%	37%	39%	42%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	24%	15%	17%	20%	19%	23%





	Base	Age					
		18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 64	65 or older
<b>Know LGBT Person?</b>							
<b>Yes</b>	85%	89%	91%	87%	90%	89%	72%
<b>No</b>	12%	11%	7%	9%	9%	6%	21%
<b>Not sure</b>	4%	-	2%	4%	1%	5%	7%

	Base	Age					
		18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 64	65 or older
<b>Support SSM If It's Best Way for Them to Protect Their Families?</b>							
<b>Yes</b>	44%	44%	51%	47%	49%	45%	35%
<b>No</b>	40%	51%	34%	40%	35%	41%	42%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	5%	14%	13%	16%	13%	23%

	Base	Community Type				
		Urban	Suburban	Medium-sized town	Small town	Rural
<b>Kasich/FitzGerald/Earl</b>						
<b>John Kasich</b>	40%	26%	41%	45%	40%	46%
<b>Ed FitzGerald</b>	38%	55%	42%	29%	34%	29%
<b>Charlie Earl</b>	6%	4%	5%	3%	7%	7%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	14%	12%	23%	19%	18%

	Base	Community Type				
		Urban	Suburban	Medium-sized town	Small town	Rural
<b>Support/Oppose Same-sex Marriage</b>						
<b>Strongly support</b>	28%	39%	37%	15%	22%	21%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	19%	17%	19%	18%	20%	17%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	12%	10%	10%	18%	13%	13%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	36%	32%	27%	45%	39%	47%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	3%	7%	3%	6%	2%

	Base	Community Type				
		Urban	Suburban	Medium-sized town	Small town	Rural
<b>Amendment</b>						
<b>Strongly for</b>	34%	49%	40%	25%	27%	26%
<b>Not so strongly for</b>	18%	14%	20%	23%	19%	16%
<b>Strongly against</b>	33%	25%	24%	41%	36%	46%
<b>Not so strongly against</b>	5%	5%	6%	3%	8%	3%
<b>Not sure</b>	9%	8%	10%	8%	10%	9%

	Base	Community Type				
		Urban	Suburban	Medium-sized town	Small town	Rural
<b>Amendment w/ Religious Exemption</b>						
<b>Strongly for</b>	5%	1%	4%	11%	4%	4%
<b>Not so strongly for</b>	6%	9%	5%	4%	6%	6%
<b>Strongly against</b>	77%	73%	76%	82%	70%	83%
<b>Not so strongly against</b>	7%	14%	7%	3%	12%	3%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	3%	9%	-	8%	4%





	Base	Community Type				
		Urban	Suburban	Medium-sized town	Small town	Rural
<b>Main Reason to Vote</b>						
Gubernatorial race	55%	61%	61%	46%	55%	47%
Amendment	23%	22%	21%	15%	24%	30%
Both equally	15%	12%	12%	27%	15%	15%
Neither	5%	3%	5%	9%	4%	5%
Not sure	2%	2%	0%	2%	2%	4%

	Base	Community Type				
		Urban	Suburban	Medium-sized town	Small town	Rural
<b>Main Reason Same-sex Couples Want to Marry</b>						
Rights and benefits	29%	36%	26%	22%	32%	32%
To acknowledge their love and commitment	19%	19%	24%	19%	17%	12%
To change the institution of marriage for their benefit	17%	16%	14%	15%	19%	22%
They believe marriage is a human right	23%	23%	29%	21%	17%	18%
Some other reason/Not sure	12%	7%	8%	23%	14%	15%

	Base	Community Type				
		Urban	Suburban	Medium-sized town	Small town	Rural
<b>Would You Vote a/g Candidate Who Doesn't Share your SSM Views?</b>						
Yes	46%	53%	45%	44%	38%	52%
No	31%	28%	33%	31%	40%	24%
Not sure	23%	19%	23%	25%	22%	24%

	Base	Community Type				
		Urban	Suburban	Medium-sized town	Small town	Rural
<b>Is Orientation a Choice?</b>						
Believe it is	35%	40%	25%	40%	38%	43%
Believe it is not	47%	49%	56%	38%	43%	40%
Not sure	18%	11%	19%	21%	20%	17%

	Base	Community Type				
		Urban	Suburban	Medium-sized town	Small town	Rural
<b>Is SSM Inevitable?</b>						
Yes	44%	47%	54%	32%	40%	35%
No	37%	34%	29%	48%	37%	43%
Not sure	19%	19%	17%	19%	22%	21%

	Base	Community Type				
		Urban	Suburban	Medium-sized town	Small town	Rural
<b>Know LGBT Person?</b>						
Yes	85%	89%	88%	79%	82%	83%
No	12%	10%	9%	17%	14%	12%
Not sure	4%	2%	3%	4%	4%	5%





	Base	Community Type				
		Urban	Suburban	Medium-sized town	Small town	Rural
<b>Support SSM If It's Best Way for Them to Protect Their Families?</b>						
<b>Yes</b>	44%	53%	56%	28%	40%	34%
<b>No</b>	40%	35%	29%	51%	41%	51%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	12%	14%	22%	19%	15%

	Base	Region				
		NE Ohio	NW Ohio	Central Ohio	SW Ohio	SE Ohio
<b>Kasich/FitzGerald/Earl</b>						
<b>John Kasich</b>	40%	35%	37%	42%	47%	42%
<b>Ed FitzGerald</b>	38%	43%	35%	37%	32%	38%
<b>Charlie Earl</b>	6%	3%	5%	7%	9%	3%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	18%	22%	14%	12%	17%

	Base	Region				
		NE Ohio	NW Ohio	Central Ohio	SW Ohio	SE Ohio
<b>Support/Oppose Same-sex Marriage</b>						
<b>Strongly support</b>	28%	29%	24%	31%	30%	24%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	19%	18%	23%	19%	16%	15%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	12%	10%	12%	12%	14%	18%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	36%	36%	35%	34%	36%	42%
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	7%	6%	3%	4%	1%

	Base	Region				
		NE Ohio	NW Ohio	Central Ohio	SW Ohio	SE Ohio
<b>Amendment</b>						
<b>Strongly for</b>	34%	33%	33%	36%	37%	27%
<b>Not so strongly for</b>	18%	16%	19%	21%	17%	20%
<b>Strongly against</b>	33%	30%	31%	32%	36%	43%
<b>Not so strongly against</b>	5%	6%	6%	5%	6%	2%
<b>Not sure</b>	9%	14%	10%	6%	4%	9%

	Base	Region				
		NE Ohio	NW Ohio	Central Ohio	SW Ohio	SE Ohio
<b>Amendment w/ Religious Exemption</b>						
<b>Strongly for</b>	5%	1%	2%	7%	7%	7%
<b>Not so strongly for</b>	6%	5%	10%	6%	3%	7%
<b>Strongly against</b>	77%	82%	71%	75%	80%	72%
<b>Not so strongly against</b>	7%	11%	9%	8%	3%	-
<b>Not sure</b>	5%	2%	8%	3%	7%	14%

	Base	Region				
		NE Ohio	NW Ohio	Central Ohio	SW Ohio	SE Ohio
<b>Main Reason to Vote</b>						
<b>Gubernatorial race</b>	55%	61%	57%	54%	52%	41%
<b>Amendment</b>	23%	17%	21%	23%	25%	36%
<b>Both equally</b>	15%	15%	14%	16%	17%	16%
<b>Neither</b>	5%	5%	6%	4%	5%	4%
<b>Not sure</b>	2%	2%	2%	3%	0%	3%





	Base	Region				
		NE Ohio	NW Ohio	Central Ohio	SW Ohio	SE Ohio
<b>Main Reason Same-sex Couples Want to Marry</b>						
Rights and benefits	29%	32%	26%	30%	25%	31%
To acknowledge their love and commitment	19%	16%	18%	19%	22%	21%
To change the institution of marriage for their benefit	17%	18%	15%	16%	16%	20%
They believe marriage is a human right	23%	24%	25%	23%	23%	14%
Some other reason/Not sure	12%	10%	16%	12%	14%	14%

	Base	Region				
		NE Ohio	NW Ohio	Central Ohio	SW Ohio	SE Ohio
<b>Would You Vote a/g Candidate Who Doesn't Share your SSM Views?</b>						
Yes	46%	39%	42%	49%	57%	47%
No	31%	35%	36%	30%	27%	26%
Not sure	23%	26%	22%	22%	16%	28%

	Base	Region				
		NE Ohio	NW Ohio	Central Ohio	SW Ohio	SE Ohio
<b>Is Orientation a Choice?</b>						
Believe it is	35%	35%	38%	29%	37%	40%
Believe it is not	47%	47%	41%	53%	46%	39%
Not sure	18%	18%	21%	18%	16%	20%

	Base	Region				
		NE Ohio	NW Ohio	Central Ohio	SW Ohio	SE Ohio
<b>Is SSM Inevitable?</b>						
Yes	44%	43%	38%	49%	47%	37%
No	37%	35%	36%	37%	36%	45%
Not sure	19%	22%	26%	14%	17%	18%

	Base	Region				
		NE Ohio	NW Ohio	Central Ohio	SW Ohio	SE Ohio
<b>Know LGBT Person?</b>						
Yes	85%	81%	86%	90%	84%	82%
No	12%	16%	10%	8%	11%	11%
Not sure	4%	3%	4%	2%	5%	7%





	Base	Region				
		NE Ohio	NW Ohio	Central Ohio	SW Ohio	SE Ohio
<b>Support SSM If It's Best Way for Them to Protect Their Families?</b>						
<b>Yes</b>	<b>44%</b>	46%	45%	48%	43%	33%
<b>No</b>	<b>40%</b>	38%	39%	37%	44%	43%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>16%</b>	16%	16%	15%	13%	23%

	Base	Religious Service Attendance					
		More than once a week	Once a week	Almost every week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Never
<b>Kasich/FitzGerald/Earl</b>							
<b>John Kasich</b>	<b>40%</b>	57%	48%	35%	44%	29%	26%
<b>Ed FitzGerald</b>	<b>38%</b>	22%	31%	53%	38%	44%	47%
<b>Charlie Earl</b>	<b>6%</b>	2%	4%	2%	6%	10%	7%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>16%</b>	19%	17%	10%	13%	17%	19%

	Base	Religious Service Attendance					
		More than once a week	Once a week	Almost every week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Never
<b>Support/Oppose Same-sex Marriage</b>							
<b>Strongly support</b>	<b>28%</b>	12%	18%	43%	25%	34%	49%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	<b>19%</b>	11%	19%	22%	26%	19%	16%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>12%</b>	10%	17%	6%	16%	14%	6%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>36%</b>	62%	42%	26%	30%	28%	22%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>5%</b>	5%	4%	3%	2%	5%	7%

	Base	Religious Service Attendance					
		More than once a week	Once a week	Almost every week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Never
<b>Amendment</b>							
<b>Strongly for</b>	<b>34%</b>	15%	25%	46%	31%	40%	54%
<b>Not so strongly for</b>	<b>18%</b>	17%	23%	11%	19%	18%	16%
<b>Strongly against</b>	<b>33%</b>	52%	38%	26%	38%	26%	17%
<b>Not so strongly against</b>	<b>5%</b>	7%	6%	6%	1%	5%	6%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>9%</b>	9%	7%	12%	11%	12%	8%

	Base	Religious Service Attendance					
		More than once a week	Once a week	Almost every week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Never
<b>Amendment w/ Religious Exemption</b>							
<b>Strongly for</b>	<b>5%</b>	8%	2%	3%	2%	6%	9%
<b>Not so strongly for</b>	<b>6%</b>	4%	6%	7%	10%	3%	9%
<b>Strongly against</b>	<b>77%</b>	78%	80%	73%	71%	81%	71%
<b>Not so strongly against</b>	<b>7%</b>	9%	6%	16%	-	6%	6%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>5%</b>	1%	6%	1%	17%	5%	5%

	Base	Religious Service Attendance					
		More than once a week	Once a week	Almost every week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Never
<b>Main Reason to Vote</b>							
<b>Gubernatorial race</b>	<b>55%</b>	49%	52%	66%	61%	54%	56%
<b>Amendment</b>	<b>23%</b>	32%	21%	15%	19%	18%	30%
<b>Both equally</b>	<b>15%</b>	16%	18%	13%	11%	20%	9%
<b>Neither</b>	<b>5%</b>	2%	7%	3%	8%	6%	2%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>2%</b>	1%	1%	3%	1%	3%	3%





	Base	Religious Service Attendance					
		More than once a week	Once a week	Almost every week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Never
<b>Main Reason Same-sex Couples Want to Marry</b>							
Rights and benefits	29%	39%	29%	25%	25%	31%	25%
To acknowledge their love and commitment	19%	9%	21%	26%	27%	16%	17%
To change the institution of marriage for their benefit	17%	24%	20%	8%	13%	16%	13%
They believe marriage is a human right	23%	14%	17%	27%	19%	25%	36%
Some other reason/Not sure	12%	14%	13%	15%	15%	11%	9%

	Base	Religious Service Attendance					
		More than once a week	Once a week	Almost every week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Never
<b>Would You Vote a/g Candidate Who Doesn't Share your SSM Views?</b>							
Yes	46%	63%	46%	44%	33%	45%	42%
No	31%	22%	32%	29%	33%	35%	35%
Not sure	23%	15%	22%	26%	35%	20%	23%

	Base	Religious Service Attendance					
		More than once a week	Once a week	Almost every week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Never
<b>Is Orientation a Choice?</b>							
Believe it is	35%	48%	41%	35%	20%	31%	27%
Believe it is not	47%	39%	44%	49%	53%	47%	55%
Not sure	18%	14%	15%	17%	27%	22%	18%

	Base	Religious Service Attendance					
		More than once a week	Once a week	Almost every week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Never
<b>Is SSM Inevitable?</b>							
Yes	44%	24%	40%	61%	35%	48%	57%
No	37%	58%	42%	26%	33%	30%	28%
Not sure	19%	18%	18%	13%	32%	22%	16%

	Base	Religious Service Attendance					
		More than once a week	Once a week	Almost every week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Never
<b>Know LGBT Person?</b>							
Yes	85%	77%	87%	86%	82%	85%	88%
No	12%	18%	9%	11%	12%	13%	9%
Not sure	4%	5%	4%	3%	6%	2%	3%

	Base	Religious Service Attendance					
		More than once a week	Once a week	Almost every week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Never
<b>Support SSM If It's Best Way for Them to Protect Their Families?</b>							
Yes	44%	20%	38%	57%	47%	50%	62%
No	40%	67%	45%	30%	32%	33%	24%
Not sure	16%	13%	18%	13%	21%	16%	14%



## MEMORANDUM

**TO: IAN JAMES, FREEDOM TO MARRY**  
**FROM: JIM KITCHENS & BOB CARPENTER**  
**SUBJECT: TRENDS IN OHIO MARRIAGE DEBATE**  
**DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2013**

As of December 2013, same-sex marriage is now legally recognized in sixteen states as well as the District of Columbia, eight counties in New Mexico and eight Native American tribal jurisdictions. Thus, roughly 38% of the U.S. population now lives in a jurisdiction in which same-sex couples may legally marry.

Public support for same-sex marriage continues to grow. In July 2013, Gallup found 54% support for gay marriage, a doubling (27% support) since that firm first polled on the question in 1996. And, in September 2013, Quinnipiac University found that 56% of American adults and 57% of registered voters supported same-sex marriage.

Support continues to grow in Ohio as well.

In 2004, Ohio voters approved Issue One by a margin of 62% to 38% placing language in the Ohio Constitution, which stated:

*“Only a union between one man and one woman may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this state and its political subdivisions. This state and its political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance or effect of marriage.”*

In September 2012, a Washington Post poll found 52% of Ohio residents surveyed said that gay marriage should be legal, while 37% said it should be illegal.

A Columbus Dispatch poll from March 2013 found 54% backed a proposed constitutional amendment to repeal existing law and allow gay marriage.

In April 2013, a Quinnipiac University poll found that 48% of Ohioans supported same-sex marriage and 44% oppose. This was a change from six months earlier when 47% opposed same-sex marriage while 45% supported.

This latest survey conducted by FreedomOhio shows the trend continues. Fifty-two (52%) of Ohio voters would vote in favor of a constitutional amendment, with 38% opposed. And, of those opposed to the amendment, 11% indicate they would vote in favor of the amendment when told it protects religious liberties by allowing any house of worship, such as a church or synagogue, to refuse to marry a same-sex couple. In this latter scenario where voters have the Amendment language and the “right to refuse” language, support for the amendment grows to 56%, while opposition drops to 34%. The amendment language and “Right to Refuse” moves voters across all demographic groups to support, and demonstrates the importance of specificity in amendment language versus concept.

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### BIOS

PPP surveyed 1,011 Ohio voters from December 6th to 8th. The margin of error is +/-3.1%. Dr. Jim Kitchens and Robert Carpenter were engaged by FreedomOhio to provide peer review (oversight and analysis of the survey instrument and data) as well as analysis of the PPP survey. Kitchens and Carpenter are nationally recognized pollsters who accurately pinpointed the 2004 Marriage Ban election results well in advance of the vote. Kitchens, a Democratic pollster, has represented candidates, SEIU and Labor across the country. Carpenter is a Republican pollster who has worked with the Human Rights Campaign, Log Cabin Republicans, Republicans for Choice and Republican candidates across the country.