## Spotlight on Health:

American Attitudes toward LGBTQ+
Civil Rights Policies

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## NORC analyzed data from the AmeriSpeak Omnibus Survey on attitudes toward recent LGBTQ+ civil rights policies.

- We confirmed recent reports that the majority of Americans support key civil rights protections for LGBTQ people, including the right to marry, the right to adopt children, and the passing of civil rights laws to protect against discrimination in jobs, public services, and housing.
- We also found new evidence that the majority of Americans oppose discrimination against LGBTQ people due to religious objections, in particular with regard to businesses denying services to LGBTQ people, medical providers refusing medical care to LGBTQ people, or employers refusing to hire LGBTQ people.


## Majority of Americans Oppose Denying Services to LGBTQ+ People Due to Religious Objections

Oppose Allowing Business Owners with Religious Objections to Deny Services to an LGBTQ Person

Oppose Allowing Medical Professionals with Religious Objections to Withhold Medical Care from an LGBTQ Person

## 74\%

Oppose Allowing an Employer with a Religious Objection to Refuse to Hire an LGBTQ Person

## Majority of Americans Favor Policies that Support Civil Rights of LGBTQ+ People



Favor Allowing Same Sex Couples to Legally Marry


Favor Allowing Same Sex Couples to Legally Adopt Children

76\%
Favor Civil Rights Laws for LGBTQ People to Protect against Discrimination in Jobs, Public Services, and Housing

## Majority of Americans Favor Protections for LGBTQ Children



Favor Making Conversion Therapy Illegal to Use on Children under Age 18

Favor Allowing Parents of Transgender Children Access Gender-Affirming Medical Care
\% of Americans Who Favor/Oppose Allowing Business Owners with Religious Objections to Deny Services to an LGBTQ Person
$\square$ Favor $\quad$ Oppose $\quad$ Nonresponse (Don't Know or Skipped)

\% of Americans Who Favor/Oppose Allowing Medical Professionals with Religious Objections to Withhold Medical Care from an LGBTQ Person
$■$ Favor $\quad$ Oppose $\quad$ Nonresponse (Don't Know or Skipped)

| Overall | 13\% 84\% |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| White, non-Hispanic | 12\% | 85\% |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 11\% | 82\% |
| Hispanic | 16\% | 81\% |
| 18-29 | 15\% | 81\% |
| 30-44 | 15\% | 81\% |
| 45-59 | 11\% | 85\% |
| 60+ | 10\% | 87\% |
| Male | 15\% | 81\% |
| Female | 10\% | 86\% |
| No HS diploma | 18\% | 74\% |
| HS grad or equivalent | 12\% | 85\% |
| Some college/AA | 12\% | 85\% |
| BA+ | 12\% | 84\% |

## \% of Americans Who Favor/Oppose Allowing an Employer with a Religious Objection to Refuse to Hire an LGBTQ Person

$\square$ Favor $\quad$ Oppose $\quad$ Nonresponse (Don't Know or Skipped)

| Overall | 23\% | 74\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| White, non-Hispanic | 26\% | 71\% |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 14\% | 81\% |
| Hispanic | 19\% | 78\% |
| 18-29 | 22\% | 74\% |
| 30-44 | 19\% | 77\% |
| 45-59 | 21\% | 77\% |
| 60+ | 27\% | 70\% |
| Male | 28\% | 69\% |
| Female | 18\% | 79\% |
| No HS diploma | 21\% | 72\% |
| HS grad or equivalent | 29\% | 69\% |
| Some college/AA | 24\% | 73\% |
| BA+ | 17\% | 80\% |

## \% of Americans Who Favor/Oppose Allowing Same Sex Couples to Legally Marry



## \% of Americans Who Favor/Oppose Allowing Same Sex Couples to Legally Adopt Children


\% of Americans Who Favor/Oppose Civil Rights Laws for LGBTQ People to Protect against Discrimination in Jobs, Public Services, and Housing
$\square$ Favor $\quad$ Oppose $\quad$ Nonresponse (Don't Know or Skipped)

\% of Americans Who Favor/Oppose Making Conversion Therapy Illegal to Use on Children under Age 18

| $\square$ Favor $\quad$ Oppose |  | - Nonresponse (Don't Know or Skipped) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Overall | 55\% | 40\% |
| White, non-Hispanic | 60\% | 36\% |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 42\% | 50\% |
| Hispanic | 52\% | 40\% |
| 18-29 | 56\% | 41\% |
| 30-44 | 56\% | 38\% |
| 45-59 | 56\% | 40\% |
| $60+$ | 54\% | 40\% |
| Male | 56\% | 39\% |
| Female | 54\% | 40\% |
| No HS diploma | 46\% | 45\% |
| HS grad or equivalent | 49\% | 45\% |
| Some college/AA | 51\% | 46\% |
| BA+ | 66\% | 30\% |

\% of Americans Who Favor/Oppose Allowing Parents of Transgender Children Access Gender-Affirming Medical Care with Doctor's Guidance
$\square$ Favor $\quad$ Oppose $\quad$ Nonresponse (Don't Know or Skipped)


## Methodology

This self-funded poll was conducted between September 9 and September 12, 2022, during the biweekly AmeriSpeak Omnibus survey. It included 1,003 interviews with a nationally representative sample. The overall margin of sampling error is $+/-4.0$ percentage points at the $95 \%$ confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups. A detailed methodology of the AmeriSpeak Omnibus survey is available here.

