

Third Way Frequency Questionnaire

January 13-18, 2009
917 Likely Voters
(139 African American Oversample—Unweighted)

Q.2 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

	Total	AA
Yes	100	100
No	-	-
(ref:SCREEN1)		

Q.4 As you may know, there was an election last November for President and other offices. Many people weren't able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total	AA
Voted	100	100
Did not vote	-	-
(Can't remember/don't know).....	-	-
(Refused)	-	-
(ref:CP4)		

Q.6 Generally speaking, do you think that things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total	AA
Right direction.....	18	39
Wrong track	75	58
(Don't know/refused).....	7	3
Right - Wrong	-56	-18
(ref:DIRECT)		

Q.7 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people, groups and ideas, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person, group or idea. If you have no opinion or never heard of that person or group, please say so.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
7 Barack Obama	65.7	61	21	96
AA	88.2	89	5	100
8 George W. Bush	37.3	30	57	99
AA	22.6	15	75	99
9 Gays and Lesbians	48.4	33	34	92
AA	45.8	37	35	94
[459 Respondents]				
10 (Split A) Pro-life, anti-abortion groups	48.5	36	41	96
AA	42.1	28	43	98
[458 Respondents]				
11 (Split B) Pro-choice, abortion rights groups	48.2	38	37	95
AA	51.0	31	25	93
12 Evangelical Christian political groups	48.2	28	34	83
AA	53.9	31	26	78
(ref:THERM2)				

Q.13 Now, let me ask you something else -- this time about the presidential election last November. As you know, the candidates were: Democrat Barack Obama, Republican John McCain,, Independent candidate Ralph Nader, Constitution Party candidate Ron Paul or Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr, for whom did you vote?

	Total	AA
Democrat Barack Obama	54	96
Republican John McCain.....	36	1
Libertarian Bob Barr.....	1	-
(Other candidate).....	2	-
Independent Ralph Nader.....	1	1
Libertarian Bob Barr.....	-	-
Constitution candidate Ron Paul	1	-
(Refused).....	6	3
(ref:PRES083)		

Q.15 How would you describe the state of marriage in this country? Do you think it is in good shape, faces minor problems or faces major problems?

	Total	AA
Good shape	16	17
Minor problems	31	38
Major problems	49	43
(Don't know/refused).....	4	2
(ref:MARRIAGE)		

[309 Respondents]

Q.16 What does the term marriage mean to you?

	Total	AA
Between a man and a woman	39	23
Union/Together	27	60
Commitment	26	20
Lifetime/everlasting/lifelong	14	5
Love	12	30
Legal contract	10	-
Religion general.....	10	27
Gender doesn't matter/Same gender fine.....	8	-
Family/children	5	30
Other.....	9	8
Don't know/No opinion.....	3	-
(ref:maroe)		

Q.17 Some issues are so important to people that they would vote for or against a candidate based only on that issue, even if they agree on other issues. For each of the following issues I read, please tell me whether you would vote against a candidate FOR GOVERNOR if you disagreed with them on this issue, even if you agree with them on most other issues.

	For	Ag ainst	Dep ends	Not Sure	DK/ Ref	For - Agnst
[459 Respondents]						
17 (Split A)Health care.....	59	33	3	1	3	27
AA	64	30	1	-	4	34
[458 Respondents]						
18 (Split B)Taxes	55	31	6	2	6	25
AA	55	36	6	-	3	19
[458 Respondents]						
19 (Split B)Abortion.....	45	44	4	2	4	1
AA	43	53	2	-	2	-10
20 Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry.....	46	47	2	1	4	-1
AA	46	46	1	-	7	0
[459 Respondents]						
21 (Split A)Gun control.....	54	36	3	2	5	19
AA	62	37	1	-	-	25
(ref:SINGLE)						

Q.22 Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally? If you do not have an opinion, simply say so.

	Total	AA
Strongly favor	22	18
Somewhat favor.....	11	10
Somewhat oppose.....	7	7
Strongly oppose.....	37	28
No opinion	21	36
(Don't know/refused).....	2	1
Total Favor	33	28
Total Oppose.....	44	35
Favor - Oppose	-11	-8
(ref:BALLOT1)		

Q.23 Which one of the following statements do you most agree with when it comes to the issue of gay couples?

	Total	AA
Gay and lesbian couples should have the same legal right to marry as do a man and a woman.	30	27
Gay and lesbian couples should have the same legal rights that a man and a woman have, but it should not be called marriage.	20	21
Marriage under the law should only be between a man and a woman, but there should be domestic partnerships or some other legal rights for gay couples.	26	27
There should be no legal recognition of a relationship between gay or lesbian couples.	20	22
(All)	0	-
(None).....	1	3
(Don't know/refused).....	3	1
(ref:FOURWAY)		

Q.24 Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to adopt children? If you do not have an opinion, simply say so.

	Total	AA
Strongly favor	25	26
Somewhat favor.....	16	11
Somewhat oppose	6	8
Strongly oppose.....	29	20
No opinion	23	33
(Don't know/refused).....	2	0
Total Favor	41	38
Total Oppose.....	34	29
Favor - Oppose	7	9
(ref:ADOPT)		

Q.25 Regardless of whether you support allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry: Here are some arguments some people have made as to why they oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry. Please tell me which one or two arguments are most convincing to you.

	Total	AA
Marriage should be between a man and a woman.....	36	42
Homosexuality goes against my religious beliefs.	29	26
Marriage is about procreation, and gay couples can't procreate.	16	10
Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry would threaten the institution of marriage	13	9
Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry would mean America approves of their lifestyle.....	10	16
(None).....	20	11
(Don't know/refused).....	4	6
(ref:RESONOPP)		

Q.26 Regardless of whether you support allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry: Here are some arguments some people have made as to why they support allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry. Please tell me which one or two arguments are most convincing to you.

	Total	AA
While some people do not approve of homosexuality, it is wrong for the government to tell people how to live their lives.	34	34
Marriage is about commitment and responsibility and gay couples should have the same rights and the same responsibilities as other couples.	24	29
Marriage is a stabilizing force that creates permanent relationships and a healthy society.....	16	15
It is wrong for the law to treat people differently	16	11
Marriage is a basic human right that should not be denied to gay and lesbian couples.	13	20
(None).....	21	8
(Don't know/refused).....	5	8
(ref:REASNSUP)		

Q.27 Regardless of how you feel about this issue, do you believe that gay couples who want to get married are trying to change the institution of marriage or join it?

	Total	AA
Change it	41	35
Join it	50	57
(Don't know/refused).....	9	8
Join-Change	9	21
(ref:INTENT)		

Q.28 Setting aside the issue of marriage, over the last five or ten years, have your feelings towards gays and lesbians become much more accepting, somewhat more accepting, somewhat less accepting, much less accepting or not changed? -

	Total	AA
Much more accepting	15	19
Somewhat more accepting	19	17
Somewhat less accepting	2	4
Much less accepting	6	6
Not changed	56	52
(Don't know/refused).....	2	1
Total More	34	36
Total Less	8	10
More - Less.....	26	26
(ref:CHANGE1)		

Q.29 I am going to read you some statements about several issues. After each one I read, please tell me if you agree, disagree or if you neither agree, nor disagree.

	Cmplt Agree	Smwt Agree	Nei ther	Smwt Dis	Cmplt Dis	Dk/ Ref	Total Agree	Total Dis	Agree - Dis
[458 Respondents]									
29 (SPLIT C) A gay person can be a good Christian.....	51	20	4	4	17	4	71	21	50
AA.....	51	21	2	8	12	6	72	20	52
30 The government should stay out of the private personal matters of adults, including gay and lesbian adults.	55	19	7	8	9	3	73	17	56
AA.....	60	19	6	4	9	1	79	14	65
31 Homosexuality goes against my religious beliefs.	43	11	8	8	28	3	54	36	17
AA.....	39	12	14	14	19	2	51	33	18
[459 Respondents]									
32 (SPLIT D) A gay person can go to heaven.	52	11	14	2	10	11	63	12	51
AA.....	38	10	17	4	20	10	48	24	24
33 We should all follow the Golden Rule and treat others as we'd like to be treated, including gay people.	75	13	3	2	5	2	88	7	81
AA.....	82	11	2	3	2	1	92	4	88

	Cmplt Agree	Smwt Agree	Nei ther	Smwt Dis	Cmplt Dis	Dk/ Ref	Total Agree	Total Dis	Agree - Dis
34 Denying gay couples the right to marry is discrimination.	34	12	5	10	37	2	46	47	-1
AA	37	12	10	10	27	3	48	38	11
35 Sexual relations between two adults of the same sex are always wrong.	34	6	9	13	34	4	40	47	-7
AA	33	11	7	21	23	4	44	45	0
[458 Respondents]									
36 (SPLIT C) Children should have both a mother and a father in the household.....	45	16	12	11	13	3	61	24	37
AA	51	16	10	8	11	5	67	18	48
37 Children raised in households with gay parents are better off than children in orphanages or passed around from foster home to foster home.	38	21	10	8	14	9	58	23	36
AA	25	14	18	12	21	9	39	33	6
[459 Respondents]									
38 (SPLIT D) Children should have two parents in the household.	51	23	7	9	7	3	74	16	58
AA	59	18	10	3	7	4	76	10	66
(ref:NORM3)									

Q.39 Regardless of whether you support allowing gay and lesbian couples to adopt children: Here are some arguments some people have made as to why they oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to adopt children. Please tell me which one or two arguments are most convincing to you.

	Total	AA
Girls need female role models and boys need male role models.	28	25
If more kids are raised by gay parents, I worry that children may think it's OK to experiment with homosexuality.....	23	28
Children raised by gay parents would be teased and bullied at school.....	21	16
Pro-gay activists are trying to put their own agenda ahead of what is best for children.....	19	12
Allowing gay people to adopt will be the first step to allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry.....	10	11
(All)	2	1
(None).....	18	13
(Don't know/refused).....	6	9

(ref:WHYOPPOA)

Q.40 - Regardless of whether you support allowing gay and lesbian couples to adopt children: Here are some arguments some people have made as to why they support allowing gay and lesbian couples to adopt children. Please tell me which one or two arguments are most convincing to you.

	Total	AA
Having stable, loving homes is always best for children, regardless of whether their parents are gay or straight.....	38	37
These decisions should be made on a case-by case basis by a judge who can look at all the circumstances and determine what is in the best interests of a particular child	30	27
Children raised in households with gay parents are better off than children in orphanages or passed around from foster home to foster home	21	19
Kids raised by gay or lesbian parents turn out no better and no worse than kids raised by heterosexual parents.....	15	19
Gays and lesbians already have children, and the government shouldn't interfere with those relationships.	12	9
(All)	4	-
(None).....	11	3
(Don't know/refused).....	5	10

(ref:WHYSUPA)

Q.41 Finally, I'd like to ask you a few questions strictly for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total	AA
1 - 11th grade	4	10
High School graduate	21	32
Non-college post H.S.....	2	1
Some college	28	24
College graduate	27	20
Post-graduate school.....	17	11
(Don't know/refused).....	1	2
(ref:EDUC)		

Q.42 In what year were you born?

	Total	AA
18 - 24	5	2
25 - 29	11	19
30 - 34	11	3
35 - 39	7	11
40 - 44	8	8
45 - 49	12	11
50 - 54	8	11
55 - 59	10	9
60 - 64	8	6
Over 64.....	17	17
(No answer)	3	4
(ref:AGE)		

Q.43 Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you generally consider yourself to be:
Liberal Moderate Conservative

	Total	AA
Liberal.....	23	31
Moderate	34	35
Conservative.....	38	30
(Don't know/refused).....	5	3
(ref:IDEO1)		

Q.44 Do you personally know or work with someone who is gay or lesbian?

	Total	AA
Yes	75	63
No	22	33
(Don't know/refused).....	2	4
(ref:KNOWGAY)		

[692 Respondents]

Q.45 (IF YES IN KNOWGAY) How many gay or lesbian people do you personally know or work with?

	Total	AA
One person	4	6
Two people	12	7
Three people	13	10
Four to six people	27	37
Seven to ten people	12	9
More than ten people	25	21
(Don't know/refused)	6	9
(ref:KNOWGAY4)		

[692 Respondents]

Q.46 (IF YES IN KNOWGAY) Thinking about the gay person you know best, how would you describe your relationship with this person -- Is this person a member of your immediate family, your non-immediate family, a friend, a co-worker, a neighbor, or an acquaintance?

	Total	AA
(Myself/I'm gay/my partner)	0	-
Immediate family	17	16
Non-immediate family	11	8
Friend	34	27
Co-worker	16	24
Neighbor	3	5
Acquaintance	16	13
(Another person not mentioned)	1	2
(Don't know/refused)	2	5
(ref:KNOWGAY5)		

[692 Respondents]

Q.47 (IF YES IN KNOWGAY AND NOT 1 IN KNOWGAY5) Thinking of that same gay or lesbian person you know best, how would you describe your relationship with him or her? Is it very close, close, somewhat close, or not close at all?

	Total	AA
Very close	19	19
Close	20	18
Somewhat close	38	41
Not close at all	21	20
(Don't know/refused)	3	2
(ref:KNOWGAY7)		

[692 Respondents]

Q.48 (IF YES IN KNOWGAY) Have you had conversations about gay marriage with any of the gay or lesbian people you know?

	Total	AA
Yes	40	30
No	58	69
(Don't know/refused)	1	1
(ref:KNOWGAY9)		

Q.49 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or as a member of another political party?

	Total	AA
Strong Democrat	28	70
Weak Democrat.....	11	7
Independent-lean Democrat	14	10
Independent.....	8	4
Independent-lean Republican.....	9	-
Weak Republican	11	1
Strong Republican	17	5
(Don't know/refused).....	3	3
(ref:PTYID1)		

Q.52 Are you married, single, living with a partner in a civil union or domestic partnership, living with a partner outside a legally recognized relationship, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	AA
Married	61	37
Single.....	16	25
Living with partner, civil union or domestic partnership	2	8
Living with a partner, no civil union or domestic partnership.....	3	2
Separated/divorced	9	14
Widowed	6	9
(Don't know/refused).....	3	6
(ref:MARITAL)		

Q.53 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger?

	Total	AA
Yes	41	45
No	57	53
(Don't know/refused).....	2	3
(ref:KIDS)		

Q.54 What is your religion -- Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, another Christian religion, another religion, or do you not have a religious affiliation?

	Total	AA
Protestant	46	65
Catholic.....	20	12
Jewish.....	1	2
Muslim/Islam.....	0	1
Other Christian	8	4
Other religion	2	1
Not affiliated or nothing in particular	17	11
(Don't now/refused)	5	4
(ref:RELIG1A)		

[748 Respondents]

Q.55 (IF PROTESTANT/CATHOLIC/MORMON/ORTHODOX/OTHER CHRISTIAN/OTHER/DK)

Would you describe yourself a born-again or Evangelical Christian, or not?

	Total	AA
Yes	39	58
No	49	35
(DK/REF)	12	7
(ref:BORNAGIN)		

Q.56 Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services, more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

	Total	AA
More than once a week	14	21
Once a week.....	28	31
Once or twice a month.....	13	15
A few times a year	17	23
Seldom	14	5
Never	10	2
(DK/REF)	3	3
(ref:RELIG2)		

Q.57 Last year, that is in 2008, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	Total	AA
Less than \$10K.....	4	11
\$10K to under \$20K.....	6	18
\$20K to under \$30K.....	8	14
\$30K to under \$50K.....	16	19
\$50K to under \$75K.....	19	8
\$75K to under \$100K.....	11	8
\$100K or more	17	5
(Refused)	13	8
(Don't know).....	5	8
(ref:INCOME)		

Q.58 For statistical reasons only, do you consider yourself to be-heterosexual or straight, gay, lesbian or homosexual or bisexual?

	Total	AA
Heterosexual/straight.....	90	85
Gay/lesbian/homosexual	2	1
Bisexual	1	3
(Other)	0	-
(Don't know/Refused)	7	11
(ref:ORIENTAT)		

Q.3 Gender of respondent

	Total	AA
Male.....	47	34
Female.....	53	66
(ref:GENDER)		

Q.5 So we are sure that everyone has a chance to take part in this survey, can you please tell me your race?

	Total	AA
White	74	-
African-American	13	92
Hispanic/Latino	8	8
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	-
Multi-racial	1	-
Other.....	1	-
DK/Ref.....	2	-
(ref:RACE)		