

# Third Way California Frequency Questionnaire

November 5-11, 2008  
**900 Voters** (Includes 100 Evangelical Oversample)

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

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	100
No.....	-
(ref:SCREEN1)	

Q.4 As you may know, there was an election Tuesday for President and other offices, as well as the California ballot initiatives. Many people weren't able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	<b>Total</b>
Voted.....	100
Did not vote .....	-
(Can't remember/don't know) .....	-
(Refused).....	-
(Have not voted yet).....	-
(ref:CP4)	

Q.5 Generally speaking, do you think that things in California are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	<b>Total</b>
Right direction .....	31
Wrong track .....	57
(Don't know/refused) .....	13
<b>Right - Wrong.....</b>	<b>-26</b>
(ref:STDIRECT)	

Q.6 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
6 Arnold Schwarzenegger.....	45.98	36	39	99
7 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	45.43	33	44	99
8 Pro-choice, abortion rights groups .....	53.62	44	33	98
9 Illegal immigration .....	35.52	18	50	96
<b>[452 Respondents]</b>				
10 (SPLIT A) Gay rights groups.....	49.49	38	38	97
11 Evangelical Christian political groups .....	41.60	25	42	91
12 Gay men .....	52.02	37	31	97
13 Lesbians.....	53.34	38	29	96
<b>[451 Respondents]</b>				
14 (SPLIT B) Gay equality groups .....	51.75	39	34	95
15 Dianne Feinstein (fine-stine)..... (ref:THERM2)	51.19	38	31	91

Q.16 Now, let me ask you something else -- this time about the presidential election Tuesday. As you know, the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama, Republican John McCain and Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr. Did you vote for Obama, McCain or Barr?

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama.....	60
Republican John McCain .....	36
Libertarian Bob Barr .....	0
(Other candidate) .....	2
(Refused).....	2
(ref:PRES083)	

Q.17 Please tell me how important the following issues were to you in making up your mind on whom to support for president. For each one I read, please tell me if this issue was very important, somewhat important, not very important or not at all important to you in making up your mind:

	Very Impt	Smwt Impt	Not Very Impt	Not At all Impt	DK/ Ref	Total Impt	Total Not Impt
17 Economic issues .....	88	10	1	1	-	98	2
18 The war in Iraq.....	71	22	3	3	1	93	6
<b>[451 Respondents]</b>							
19 (SPLIT C) Gay and lesbian issues.....	31	26	18	25	1	56	43
20 The abortion issue .....	41	29	17	12	1	70	29
<b>[451 Respondents]</b>							
21 (SPLIT D) Gay marriage .....	34	24	16	26	0	57	42
(ref:IMPACT2)							

Q.22 As you know, California has a number of ballot initiatives every year. Not everyone votes on all of these initiatives. Thinking specifically about Proposition 8, the ballot initiative to change the California Constitution to eliminate the right of same-sex couples to marry in California and provide that only a marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California, did you get a chance to vote on this initiative?

	Total
Voted .....	97
Did not vote .....	3
(Can't remember/don't know) .....	1
(Refused).....	0
(ref:CP5)	

Q.23 (IF VOTED IN CP5) Did you end up voting yes in favor of this initiative or no to oppose it?

(IF DID NOT VOTE IN CP5) - If you had a chance to vote, would you have voted yes in favor of this initiative or voted no to oppose it?

	Total
Voted Yes/Would Have Voted Yes.....	50
Voted No/Would Have Voted No.....	46
(Don't know) .....	2
(Refused).....	2
(ref:AMNDVTE1)	

Q.24 Let me tell you more about this initiative.

*This initiative changed the California Constitution to eliminate the right of same-sex couples to marry in California and provides that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California. A no vote means you voted against changing the constitution and in favor of allowing same-sex couples to marry in California. A yes vote means you voted for changing the constitution and against allowing same-sex couples to marry in California.*

(IF VOTED IN CP5) Having heard this, did you end up voting yes in favor of this initiative or no to oppose it?

(IF DID NOT VOTE IN CP5) - Having heard this, if you had a chance to vote, would you have voted yes in favor of this initiative or voted no to oppose it?

	<b>Total</b>
Voted Yes/Would Have Voted Yes.....	51
Voted Yes/Lean Yes.....	0
Voted No/Would Have Voted No.....	46
Voted Yes/Lean No .....	0
(Don't know) .....	1
(Refused).....	2
<b>Total Yes .....</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total No .....</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Yes - No .....</b>	<b>5</b>
(ref:AMNDVTE)	

Q.26 Think back in time for a minute, was your decision on this initiative an easy or hard decision for you to make?

	<b>Total</b>
Very easy .....	76
Somewhat easy.....	9
Somewhat hard .....	8
Very hard.....	7
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
<b>Total Easy .....</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Total Hard.....</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Easy - Hard.....</b>	<b>70</b>
(ref:DECISION)	

**[460 Respondents]**

Q.27 (IF YES IN AMNDVTE OR AMNDVTF) Here are some arguments some people have made as to why they voted YES in support of the Amendment eliminating the right of same-sex couples to marry. Please tell me which one or two arguments are most convincing to you.

	<b>Total</b>
Marriage should be between a man and a woman. ....	59
Gay marriage goes against my religious beliefs.....	34
This initiative reverses the decision of activist judges on the Supreme Court who ignored the will of the people.....	21
Legalizing gay marriage means gay marriage and gay rights will be taught in public schools. ....	19
Churches could be forced to marry gay couples. ....	6
(None) .....	3
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:REASNYES)	

**[417 Respondents]**

Q.28 (IF NO IN AMNDVTE OR AMNDVTF) Here are some arguments some people have made as to why they voted NO and opposed the Amendment eliminating the right of same-sex couples to marry. Regardless of how you may have voted, please tell me which one or two arguments are most convincing to you.

	<b>Total</b>
Gay couples should have the same rights and responsibilities as other couples. ....	44
Regardless of how I feel about gay marriage, I think it is wrong for the law to treat people differently. ....	39
This initiative would re-write our Constitution and add in discrimination .....	26
It is wrong to eliminate rights that people already have. ....	18
I want to support gay people I know by allowing them to marry .....	12
(None) .....	3
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:REASNNO)	

Q.29 Before this survey, was this ballot initiative something you talked to other people about?

	<b>Total</b>
No.....	21
Yes, in your home .....	17
Yes, at your work place .....	6
Yes, with your friends.....	10
Yes, at your church .....	1
Yes, in a number of different places.....	45
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:TALK)	

Q.30 Do you favor or oppose California's domestic partnership law, which allows same sex couples to form legally recognized relationships that include many of the same legal rights as marriage?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly favor .....	52
Somewhat favor .....	19
Somewhat oppose.....	6
Strongly oppose .....	17
(Don't know/refused) .....	6
<b>Total favor .....</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Total oppose .....</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Favor - Oppose .....</b>	<b>48</b>
(ref:DOMPART)	

Q.31 Regardless of you may have voted, do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally? If you do not have an opinion, simply say so.

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly favor .....	40
Somewhat favor .....	6
Somewhat oppose.....	5
Strongly oppose .....	43
No opinion .....	5
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
<b>Total Favor .....</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total Oppose .....</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Favor - Oppose .....</b>	<b>-1</b>
(ref:BALLOT1)	

Q.32 Which one of the following statements do you most agree with when it comes to the issue of gay couples?

	<b>Total</b>
Gay and lesbian couples should have the same legal right to marry as do a man and a woman.....	38
Gay and lesbian couples should have the same legal right to marry as do a man and a woman, but it should not be called marriage.....	15
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. ....	27
There should be no legal recognition of a relationship between gay or lesbian couples. ....	15
(All) .....	2
(None) .....	3
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:FOURWAY)	

Q.33 Which one of these statements best explains the reason why you believe most gay couples would want to get married?

	<b>Total</b>
They want the same legal rights as everyone else. ....	36
They want to make a political statement. ....	5
They want to demonstrate their love and commitment for each other. ....	24
They want to force Americans to accept their lifestyle. ....	17
They want to raise children together. ....	1
(All) .....	10
(None) .....	3
(Don't know/refused) .....	4
(ref:WHYMAR)	

Q.34 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.

	<b>Comp</b>	<b>Smwt</b>	<b>Nei</b>	<b>Smwt</b>	<b>Comp</b>	<b>Dk/</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Agree</b>
	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>ther</b>	<b>Dis</b>	<b>Dis</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Dis</b>	<b>-</b>
									<b>Dis</b>
34 Traditional family values are under attack by pop culture.....	40	18	10	9	18	5	57	27	30
<b>[451 Respondents]</b>									
35 (SPLIT C) I feel uncomfortable when I am around gay people. ....	11	6	10	13	60	1	16	73	-57
<b>[451 Respondents]</b>									
36 (SPLIT C) People who are gay can choose to change and become heterosexual.....	21	13	9	9	38	10	34	47	-14
<b>[451 Respondents]</b>									
37 (SPLIT D) Most people who are gay are born that way. ....	33	12	11	6	21	17	45	27	18
<b>[451 Respondents]</b>									
38 (SPLIT D) I feel comfortable when I am around gay people.....	59	17	10	5	8	2	76	12	63
39 A gay person can be a good Christian.....	61	14	6	4	10	4	75	14	61
<b>[451 Respondents]</b>									
40 (SPLIT C) Gay people in California already have the same rights as everyone else. ....	24	17	12	15	27	5	42	41	0
<b>[451 Respondents]</b>									
41 (SPLIT D) Gay people in America already have the same rights as everyone else. ....	25	19	11	18	24	3	44	42	1

	Comp Agree	Smwt Agree	Nei ther	Smwt Dis	Comp Dis	Dk/ Ref	Total Agree	Total Dis	Agree - Dis
42 Gay couples can love each other and establish a committed, long-term relationship. ....	72	12	7	2	4	3	<b>84</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>79</b>
43 The government should stay out of the private personal matters of adults, including gay and lesbian adults. ....	61	16	11	4	6	3	<b>77</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>67</b>
44 Homosexuality goes against my religious beliefs. ....	40	7	10	10	31	2	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>6</b>
45 A gay person can go to heaven. ....	55	9	12	2	10	12	<b>64</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>52</b>
46 We should all follow the Golden Rule and treat others as we'd like to be treated, including gay people. ....	77	12	5	1	3	1	<b>90</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>86</b>
47 In California, we've had gay marriage for months now and little has really changed. ....	42	18	14	8	13	5	<b>60</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>39</b>
48 Denying gays couples the right to marry is discrimination. .... (ref:NORM3)	42	10	6	10	29	2	<b>53</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>14</b>

Q.49 Setting aside the issue of gay 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
Much more accepting .....	18
Somewhat more accepting.....	13
Somewhat less accepting.....	3
Much less accepting.....	5
Not changed .....	60
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
<b>Total More .....</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Total Less.....</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>More - Less .....</b>	<b>23</b>
(ref:CHANGE1)	



**[277 Respondents]**

Q.50 (IF MUCH/SOMEWHAT MORE ACCEPTING IN CHANGE1) In your own words, please tell me briefly why your feelings have become more accepting towards gays and lesbians?

	<b>Total</b>
Deserve same rights as everyone else/they are human .....	31
More accepting as I got older/in general .....	16
I know a gay person .....	13
General positive .....	9
Friends who are gay .....	9
Gay family member .....	7
More media exposure.....	6
Higher education .....	4
Worked with gay people .....	3
Gays more open about their relationship .....	3
General negative .....	2
Other .....	1
None.....	4
Don't know/refused.....	1
(ref:CHANGOE1)	

**[75 Respondents]**

Q.51 (IF MUCH/SOMEWHAT LESS ACCEPTING IN CHANGE1) In your own words, please tell me briefly why your feelings have become less accepting towards gays and lesbians?

	<b>Total</b>
Do not approve of pushing gay agenda .....	32
General Negative .....	23
Do not approve of their lifestyle.....	16
Gods word/Bible/an Abomination .....	12
Against my religion .....	8
General Positive .....	4
Do not approve of media exposure .....	3
Other .....	6
Don't know/Refused .....	1
(ref:CHANGOE2)	

Q.52 Which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither one is exactly right?

*Gay and lesbian people are trying to change the rules of society*

OR

*Gay and lesbian people are trying to play by the same rules that everyone else does in society.*

	<b>Total</b>
First statement strongly .....	34
First statement not so strongly .....	6
Second statement not so strongly .....	8
Second statement strongly .....	44
(Both).....	2
(Neither) .....	3
(Don't know/refused) .....	3
<b>Total First statement</b> .....	<b>40</b>
<b>Total Second statement</b> .....	<b>52</b>
<b>First - Second</b> .....	<b>-12</b>
(ref:RULES)	

Q.53 Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to adopt children? If you do not have an opinion, simply say so.

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly favor .....	40
Somewhat favor .....	12
Somewhat oppose.....	7
Strongly oppose .....	28
No opinion .....	11
(Don't know/refused) .....	2
<b>Total Favor</b> .....	<b>52</b>
<b>Total Oppose</b> .....	<b>35</b>
<b>Favor - Oppose</b> .....	<b>16</b>
(ref:ADOPT)	

Q.54 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.

	Comp Agree	Smwt Agree	Nei ther	Smwt Dis	Comp Dis	Dk/ Ref	Total Agree	Total Dis	Agree - Dis
54 Children should have both a mother and a father in the household. ....	53	13	15	7	11	1	66	17	49
55 Children raised in households with gay parents are better off than children in orphanages or passed around from foster home to foster home. ....	51	15	15	7	8	5	65	15	51
<b>[451 Respondents]</b>									
56 (SPLIT C) If gay marriage is legal, I worry that children may think it's OK to experiment with homosexuality. ....	28	14	10	11	32	5	42	43	-1
<b>[451 Respondents]</b>									
57 (SPLIT D) If more kids are raised by gay parents, I worry that children may think it's OK to experiment with homosexuality. ....	27	17	12	12	27	5	44	40	4
58 Having stable, loving homes is always best for children, regardless of whether their parents are gay or straight. .... (ref:NORM4)	60	13	9	7	9	2	73	16	57

Q.59 I want you to think about children growing up in families headed by gay parents. Compared to other children, please tell me whether you believe they are more likely or less likely to do the following. If you do not believe there will be any differences, please say so. Compared to other children, are the children of gay parents more or less likely to:

	<b>Much More Likly</b>	<b>Smwt More Likly</b>	<b>Smwt Less Likly</b>	<b>Much Less Likly</b>	<b>No Diff</b>	<b>Dk/ Ref</b>	<b>Total More</b>	<b>Total Less</b>	<b>More - Less</b>
59 Get a college degree.....	20	10	2	2	59	7	30	4	26
60 Turn out to be gay.....	11	15	5	12	43	14	26	17	8
61 Be teased and bullied at school.....	40	34	2	2	17	5	74	4	70
62 Grow up confused about gender roles.....	24	20	5	12	32	8	44	17	27
63 Grow up to be emotionally healthy and stable.....	17	11	9	10	45	9	28	19	9
64 Be sexually abused at home.....	3	6	7	22	50	11	9	29	-20
65 Be tolerant of people who are different.....	48	20	2	3	21	7	67	4	63
66 Attend church.....	11	8	11	13	46	11	20	24	-4
67 Be properly nurtured and well cared for at home.....	23	13	4	4	49	7	36	8	28
68 Respect and admire their parents.....	20	11	5	4	52	8	31	9	22
69 Grow up and get married..... (ref:KIDSBAT)	15	8	5	6	54	13	22	11	11

Q.70 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?

	<b>Total</b>
1 - 11th grade.....	2
High School graduate.....	15
Non-college post H.S. ....	3
Some college.....	30
College graduate.....	34
Post-graduate school.....	16
(Don't know/refused).....	0
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.71 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>
18 - 24 .....	10
25 - 29 .....	9
30 - 34 .....	6
35 - 39 .....	9
40 - 44 .....	10
45 - 49 .....	11
50 - 54 .....	8
55 - 59 .....	8
60 - 64 .....	8
Over 64.....	16
(No answer).....	5
(ref:AGE)	

Q.72 Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you generally consider yourself to be Liberal, Moderate or Conservative?

	<b>Total</b>
Liberal.....	32
Moderate .....	32
Conservative .....	32
(Don't know/refused) .....	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.73 Do you personally know or work with someone who is gay or lesbian?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	73
No.....	24
(Don't know/refused) .....	3
(ref:KNOWGAY)	

**[661 Respondents]**

Q.74 (IF YES IN KNOWGAY) How many gay or lesbian people do you personally know or work with?

	<b>Total</b>
One person.....	6
Two people.....	10
Three people .....	12
Four to six people.....	25
Seven to ten people .....	14
More than ten people .....	31
(Don't know/refused) .....	2
(ref:KNOWGAY4)	

**[661 Respondents]**

Q.75 (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?

	<b>Total</b>
(Myself/I'm gay/my partner) .....	2
Immediate family .....	14
Non-immediate family.....	8
Friend .....	39
Co-worker.....	20
Neighbor.....	3
Acquaintance.....	11
(Another person not mentioned).....	1
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:KNOWGAY5)	

**[649 Respondents]**

Q.76 (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?

	<b>Total</b>
Very close.....	26
Close .....	20
Somewhat close.....	35
Not close at all.....	18
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:KNOWGAY7)	

**[661 Respondents]**

Q.77 (IF YES IN KNOWGAY) Have you had conversations about gay marriage with any of the gay or lesbian people you know?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	52
No.....	48
(Don't know/refused) .....	0
(ref:KNOWGAY9)	

Q.78 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or as a member of another political party?

	<b>Total</b>
Strong Democrat .....	37
Weak Democrat.....	11
Independent-lean Democrat.....	8
Independent .....	10
Independent-lean Republican .....	4
Weak Republican .....	10
Strong Republican.....	20
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.81 Are you married, single, living with a partner, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	<b>Total</b>
Married .....	61
Single .....	24
Separated/divorced .....	6
Widowed.....	5
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
Living with a partner .....	3
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.82 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	32
No.....	68
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:KIDS)	

Q.83 What is your religion -- Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, another Christian religion, another religion, or do you not have a religious affiliation?

	<b>Total</b>
Protestant (such as Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopal) .....	35
Catholic .....	28
Jewish .....	2
Muslim/Islam .....	0
Other Christian (WRITE-IN) .....	7
Other religion (WRITE-IN) .....	5
Not affiliated or nothing in particular.....	17
(Don't now/refused) .....	5
(ref:RELIG1A)	

**[879 Respondents]**

Q.84 (IF RELIG1A=PROTESTANT/CATHOLIC/MORMON/ORTHODOX/OTHER CHRISTIAN/OTHER/DK) Would you describe yourself a born-again or Evangelical Christian, or not?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	30
No.....	66
(DK/REF).....	4
(ref:BORNAGIN)	

Q.85 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?

	<b>Total</b>
More than once a week .....	10
Once a week .....	29
Once or twice a month .....	15
A few times a year.....	15
Seldom .....	15
Never.....	14
(DK/REF).....	2
(ref:RELIG2)	

Q.86 What is your race?

	<b>Total</b>
White/Caucasian .....	64
Black/African American .....	10
Hispanic/Latino.....	16
Asian/Pacific Islander.....	6
Multi-racial .....	2
Other .....	1
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:RACE)	

Q.88 Last year, that is in 2007, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	<b>Total</b>
Less than \$10K .....	2
\$10K to under \$20K .....	6
\$20K to under \$30K .....	9
\$30K to under \$50K .....	16
\$50K to under \$75K .....	16
\$75K to under \$100K .....	13
\$100K or more.....	17
(Refused).....	19
(Don't know) .....	2
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.3 Gender of respondent

	<b>Total</b>
Male.....	46
Female .....	54
(ref:GENDER)	