

# Third Way Arkansas Frequency Questionnaire

November 5-9, 2008  
**600 Voters**

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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 ballot initiatives in Arkansas. 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).....	-
(ref:CP4)	

Q.5 Generally speaking, do you think that things in Arkansas 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 .....	53
Wrong track.....	36
(Don't know/refused) .....	11
<b>Right - Wrong</b> .....	<b>17</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 Mike Beebe .....	63.68	53	14	89
7 Pro-life, anti-abortion groups.....	59.00	51	31	96
8 Pro-choice, abortion rights groups .....	37.39	32	53	96
9 Illegal immigration .....	29.05	15	62	97
<b>[300 Respondents]</b>				
10 (SPLIT A) Gay rights groups.....	28.48	19	61	94
11 Evangelical Christian political groups .....	57.61	43	23	89
12 Lesbians.....	30.80	17	53	91
13 Gay men .....	28.45	16	58	92
<b>[300 Respondents]</b>				
14 (SPLIT B) Gay equality groups .....	29.01	17	58	89
(ref:THERM2)				

Q.15 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.....	36
Republican John McCain .....	57
Libertarian Bob Barr .....	1
(Other candidate.....	3
(Refused).....	4
(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 .....	79	17	2	1	0	96	3

18 The war in Iraq.....	71	23	4	1	1	94	5
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**[300 Respondents]**

19 (SPLIT C) Gay and lesbian issues.....	34	22	26	17	1	56	43
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20 The abortion issue .....	52	24	14	9	1	76	23
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**[300 Respondents]**

21 (SPLIT D) Gay marriage .....	44	14	20	21	1	59	41
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(ref:IMPACT2)

Q.22 As you know, Arkansas had a number of ballot initiatives this year. Not everyone votes in all of these initiatives. Thinking specifically about the Unmarried Couple Adoption Ban that will prohibit cohabiting adults from adopting children or serving as foster parents outside of marriage, did you get a chance to vote on this initiative?

	Total
Voted .....	92
Did not vote .....	6
(Can't remember/don't know) .....	2
(Refused).....	-

(ref:CP5)

Q.23 (IF VOTED IN CP5) Did you end up voting yes in favor of the Unmarried Couple Adoption Ban or no to oppose the Unmarried Couple Adoption Ban?

(IF DID NOT VOTE IN CP5) If you had a chance to vote, would you have ended up voting yes in favor of the Unmarried Couple Adoption Ban or voting no to oppose the Unmarried Couple Adoption Ban?

	Total
Voted Yes/Would Have Voted Yes.....	42
Voted No/Would Have Voted No.....	56
(Don't know) .....	1
(Refused).....	1

(ref:AMNDVTE1)

Q.24 Now, let me tell you more about the Unmarried Couple Adoption Ban.

*This initiative will create a new law in Arkansas making it illegal for any non-married adults living together to adopt or provide foster care to minors. This measure applies to same-sex couples as well as to all otherwise qualified opposite-sex couples who are not legally married, prohibiting them from being adoptive or foster parents. A no vote means you voted against the initiative to prevent all unmarried couples from being adoptive or foster parents. A yes vote means you voted in favor of creating a new law in Arkansas making it illegal for all unmarried couples to adopt or foster minors.*

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

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

	<b>Total</b>
Voted Yes/Would Have Voted Yes.....	45
Voted Yes/Lean Yes.....	0
Voted No/Would Have Voted No.....	52
Voted Yes/Lean No .....	0
(Don't know) .....	-
(Refused).....	2
<b>Total Yes .....</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total No .....</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Yes - No .....</b>	<b>-7</b>
(ref:AMNDVOTE)	

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 .....	64
Somewhat easy.....	19
Somewhat hard .....	10
Very hard.....	6
(Don't know/refused) .....	2
<b>Total Easy .....</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Total Hard.....</b>	<b>16</b>
(ref:DECISION)	

Q.27 Here are some arguments some people have made as to why they voted for the ban on unmarried couples adopting children. Regardless of how you may have voted, please tell me which one or two arguments are most convincing to you.

	<b>Total</b>
Children do better with a mother and father in the household.....	49
Children do better in life when they are raised by married parents than unmarried parents .....	37
Allowing gay people to adopt will be the first step in Arkansas to legalizing gay marriage. ....	13
Pro-gay activists are trying to put their own agenda ahead of what is best for children.....	12
(None) .....	16
(Don't know/refused) .....	4
(ref:REASNYES)	

Q.28 Here are some arguments some people have made as to why they voted against the ban on unmarried couples adopting children. Regardless of how you may have voted, please tell me which one or two arguments are most convincing to you.

	<b>Total</b>
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. ....	40
This is not about gay rights, but about doing what is best for the children.....	32
Adoption bans deny permanent homes to thousands of children in foster homes and government care. ....	14
Every expert who has looked at this issue, including the American Academy of Pediatricians has opposed this ban. ....	10
Under this ban, heterosexual unmarried couples could be denied the opportunity to take care of children. ....	10
(None) .....	11
(Don't know/refused) .....	9
(ref:REASNNO)	

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

	<b>Total</b>
No.....	41
Yes, in your home .....	14
Yes, at your work place .....	4
Yes, with your friends .....	5
Yes, at your church .....	2
Yes, in a number of different places.....	33
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:TALK)	

Q.30 Regardless of how you may have voted on the initiative, 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 .....	16
Somewhat favor .....	8
Somewhat oppose.....	7
Strongly oppose .....	49
No opinion .....	19
(Don't know/refused) .....	2
<b>Total Favor .....</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Total Oppose .....</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Favor - Oppose .....</b>	<b>-32</b>
(ref:ADOPT)	

Q.31 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>
31 Children should have both a mother and a father in the household. ....	58	19	5	8	8	2	<b>77</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>62</b>
32 Children raised in households with gay parents are better off than children in orphanages or passed around from foster home to foster home. ....	29	17	11	12	24	7	<b>46</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>[300 Respondents]</b>									
33 (SPLIT C) If gay marriage is legal, I worry that children may think it's OK to experiment with homosexuality .....	40	16	7	10	22	6	<b>55</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>[300 Respondents]</b>									
34 (SPLIT D) If more kids are raised by gay parents, I worry that children may think it's OK to experiment with homosexuality .....	39	16	7	11	23	5	<b>55</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>21</b>
35 Having stable, loving homes is always best for children, regardless of whether their parents are gay or straight. ....	39	14	4	11	30	2	<b>53</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>11</b>
(ref:NORM4)									

Q.36 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>
36 Get a college degree.....	10	14	7	8	42	20	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>
37 Turn out to be gay .....	22	20	11	11	24	12	<b>42</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>
38 Be teased and bullied at school.....	44	28	4	4	12	9	<b>72</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>64</b>
39 Grow up confused about gender roles .....	40	19	9	10	16	6	<b>59</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>41</b>
40 Grow up to be emotionally healthy and stable.....	9	13	18	24	25	10	<b>22</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>-20</b>
41 Be sexually abused at home.....	12	9	15	16	29	18	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-9</b>
42 Be tolerant of people who are different .....	36	29	7	5	13	9	<b>65</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>53</b>
43 Attend church.....	5	10	19	33	23	11	<b>15</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>-36</b>
44 Be properly nurtured and well cared for at home.....	13	16	17	12	31	11	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>
45 Respect and admire their parents .....	9	14	15	12	34	15	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-4</b>
46 Grow up and get married .....	8	14	15	15	32	16	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-8</b>

(ref:KIDSBAT)

Q.47 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 .....	10
Somewhat favor .....	4
Somewhat oppose.....	7
Strongly oppose .....	55
No opinion .....	23
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
<b>Total Favor .....</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total Oppose .....</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Favor - Oppose .....</b>	<b>-47</b>
(ref:BALLOT1)	

Q.48 Which one of the following statements do you most agree with when it comes to the issue of gay couples?

	<b>Total</b>
There should be no legal recognition of a relationship between gay or lesbian couples. ....	35
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. ....	31
Gay and lesbian couples should have the same legal right to marry as do a man and a woman. ....	17
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. ....	10
(All) .....	0
(None) .....	2
(Don't know/refused) .....	4
(ref:FOURWAY)	

Q.49 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. ....	32
They want to force Americans to accept their lifestyle. ....	23
They want to demonstrate their love and commitment for each other. ....	21
They want to make a political statement. ....	11
They want to raise children together. ....	2
(All) .....	2
(None) .....	1
(Don't know/refused) .....	8
(ref:WHYMAR)	



Q.50 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
50 Traditional family values are under attack by pop culture.....	52	19	6	10	9	5	71	18	52
<b>[300 Respondents]</b>									
51 (SPLIT C) I feel uncomfortable when I am around gay people. ....	15	13	8	15	43	5	29	58	-29
<b>[300 Respondents]</b>									
52 (SPLIT C) People who are gay can choose to change and become heterosexual.....	27	14	11	13	23	13	41	36	5
<b>[300 Respondents]</b>									
53 (SPLIT D) Most people who are gay are born that way. ....	22	9	4	14	39	11	31	54	-23
<b>[300 Respondents]</b>									
54 (SPLIT D) I feel comfortable when I am around gay people.....	32	29	6	12	13	7	62	25	37
55 A gay person can be a good Christian.....	37	15	4	7	29	7	52	37	16
<b>[300 Respondents]</b>									
56 (SPLIT C) Gay people in Arkansas already have the same rights as everyone else. ....	19	13	6	16	30	14	33	47	-14
<b>[300 Respondents]</b>									
57 (SPLIT D) Gay people in America already have the same rights as everyone else. ....	21	16	3	25	30	4	37	56	-19
58 Gay couples can love each other and establish a committed, long-term relationship. ....	43	23	5	7	14	8	66	21	45
59 The government should stay out of the private personal matters of adults, including gay and lesbian adults. ....	46	19	5	9	16	6	65	24	41
60 Homosexuality goes against my religious beliefs. ....	64	8	5	5	15	3	72	20	52

	Comp Agree	Smwt Agree	Nei ther	Smwt Dis	Comp Dis	Dk/ Ref	Total Agree	Total Dis	Agree - Dis
61 A gay person can go to heaven. ....	40	11	7	6	24	13	50	30	20
62 We should all follow the Golden Rule and treat others as we'd like to be treated, including gay people. ....	68	15	4	4	6	3	83	10	72
63 Denying gays couples the right to marry is discrimination. .... (ref:NORM3)	23	7	5	11	51	2	30	62	-32

Q.64 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.*

	Total
First statement strongly .....	33
First statement not so strongly .....	12
Second statement not so strongly .....	12
Second statement strongly .....	35
(Both).....	1
(Neither) .....	2
(Don't know/refused) .....	6
<b>Total First statement.....</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total Second statement.....</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>First - Second .....</b>	<b>-2</b>
(ref:RULES)	

Q.65 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Much more accepting .....	10
Somewhat more accepting.....	17
Somewhat less accepting.....	4
Much less accepting.....	8
Not changed.....	60
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
<b>Total More .....</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Total Less.....</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>More - Less .....</b>	<b>15</b>
(ref:CHANGE1)	

**[160 Respondents]**

Q.66 (IF SOMEWHAT/MUCH 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 .....	27
I know a gay person .....	20
More accepting as I got older/in general .....	20
Gay family member .....	14
General positive .....	7
Friends who are gay.....	7
More media exposure.....	6
Worked with gay people .....	5
Higher education .....	4
Gays more open about their relationship .....	3
General negative .....	1
Other .....	-
None.....	1
Don't know/refused.....	2
(ref:CHANGOE1)	

**[169 Respondents]**

Q.67 (IF SOMEWHAT/MUCH 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>
Gods word/Bible/an Abomination .....	30
Do not approve of pushing gay agenda .....	26
General Negative .....	16
Do not approve of their lifestyle.....	14
Do not approve of gay marriage/gay adoption .....	7
against my religion .....	6
Do not approve of media exposure .....	6
General Positive .....	1
Other .....	4
None.....	-
Don't know/Refused .....	4

(ref:CHANGOE2)

Q.68 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 .....	4
High School graduate.....	26
Non-college post H.S. ....	2
Some college.....	30
College graduate .....	24
Post-graduate school .....	12
(Don't know/refused) .....	2

(ref:EDUC)

Q.69 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>
18 - 24 .....	8
25 - 29 .....	9
30 - 34 .....	8
35 - 39 .....	10
40 - 44 .....	7
45 - 49 .....	10
50 - 54 .....	8
55 - 59 .....	9
60 - 64 .....	10
Over 64.....	19
(No answer).....	2

(ref:AGE)

Q.70 Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you generally consider yourself to be Liberal, Moderate or Conservative?

	<b>Total</b>
Liberal.....	19
Moderate .....	28
Conservative .....	48
(Don't know/refused) .....	5
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.71 Do you personally know or work with someone who is gay or lesbian?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	68
No.....	29
(Don't know/refused) .....	3
(ref:KNOWGAY)	

**[410 Respondents]**

Q.72 (IF YES IN KNOWGAY) How many gay or lesbian people do you personally know or work with?

	<b>Total</b>
One person.....	7
Two people.....	12
Three people .....	12
Four to six people.....	27
Seven to ten people .....	16
More than ten people .....	20
(Don't know/refused) .....	6
(ref:KNOWGAY4)	

**[410 Respondents]**

Q.73 (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) .....	-
Immediate family .....	15
Non-immediate family.....	8
Friend .....	31
Co-worker.....	16
Neighbor.....	2
Acquaintance.....	24
(Another person not mentioned).....	2
(Don't know/refused) .....	2
(ref:KNOWGAY5)	

**[410 Respondents]**

Q.74 (IF YES AND 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.....	12
Close .....	20
Somewhat close .....	39
Not close at all.....	27
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:KNOWGAY7)	

**[410 Respondents]**

Q.75 (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 .....	35
No.....	64
(Don't know/refused) .....	1
(ref:KNOWGAY9)	

Q.76 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 .....	20
Weak Democrat.....	13
Independent-lean Democrat.....	9
Independent .....	9
Independent-lean Republican .....	15
Weak Republican .....	11
Strong Republican.....	20
(Don't know/refused) .....	4
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.79 Are you married, single, living with a partner, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	<b>Total</b>
Married .....	70
Single .....	14
Separated/divorced .....	4
Widowed.....	7
(Don't know/refused) .....	2
Living with a partner .....	3
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.80 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	39
No.....	59
(Don't know/refused) .....	2
(ref:KIDS)	

Q.81 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) .....	66
Catholic .....	9
Jewish .....	0
Muslim/Islam .....	0
Other Christian .....	9
Other religion.....	3
Not affiliated or nothing in particular.....	9
(Don't now/refused) .....	5
(ref:RELIG1A)	

**[545 Respondents]**

Q.82 (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 .....	64
No.....	29
(DK/REF).....	7
(ref:BORNAGIN)	

Q.83 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 .....	26
Once a week .....	32
Once or twice a month .....	11
A few times a year.....	14
Seldom .....	8
Never.....	6
(DK/REF).....	3
(ref:RELIG2)	

Q.84 What is your race?

	<b>Total</b>
White .....	81
Black.....	12
Hispanic/Latino.....	3
Asian/Pacific Islander .....	0
Multi-racial .....	0
Other .....	1
(Don't know/refused) .....	3
(ref:RACE)	

Q.86 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 .....	5
\$10K to under \$20K .....	8
\$20K to under \$30K .....	9
\$30K to under \$50K .....	18
\$50K to under \$75K .....	17
\$75K to under \$100K .....	10
\$100K or more.....	13
(Refused).....	16
(Don't know) .....	3
(ref:INCOME)	

Q.3 Gender of respondent

	<b>Total</b>
Male.....	45
Female .....	55
(ref:GENDER)	