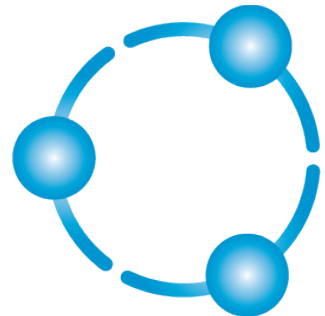


Same-Sex Marriage And Religion

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1. Methodology



Methodology

- ▶ This study was conducted on the Galaxy Online Omnibus on the weekend of 5-7 August 2011.
- ▶ The sample was 1,060 respondents aged 18-64 years distributed throughout Australia, as follows:
 - NSW/ACT 357
 - Victoria/Tasmania 304
 - Queensland 216
 - South Australia 80
 - Western Australia 103
- ▶ Age, gender and region quotas were applied to the sample.
- ▶ Following the completion of interviewing, the data was weighted by age, gender and region to reflect the latest ABS population estimates.



2. Main Findings



Main Findings

- ▶ Six in ten (60%) Australians believe that same-sex couples should be able to marry.
- ▶ Females are more open to allowing same-sex marriage than males (72% compared to 47% among males). Similarly young age groups are more open to allowing same sex marriage than older age groups (67% among 18-34 years compared to 52% among ages 50-64 years).

Religious affiliation

- ▶ Half (49%) of Australians are Christian with 20% being Catholic, 16% Anglican and 12% 'Other Christian'.
- ▶ Only 5% are of 'Other religion' with 43% saying 'No religion'
- ▶ The majority (53%) of Christians are open to allowing same-sex marriage. There is an even greater level of support for same-sex marriage among people who do not have a religion (67%) and members of other religions (62%).



3. Questionnaire

SECTION C – ASK ALL AGED 18-64 YEARS IE CODE 02-10 IN A2

C1. Now a few questions about your beliefs. To what extent do you agree or disagree that same-sex couples in Australia should be able to marry?

SR
Strongly agree..... 1
Agree 2
Disagree..... 3
Strongly Disagree 4
Don't know 5

C2. What is your religion, if any?

Please select one option only

SR
Catholic..... 1
Anglican (Church of England)2
Other Christian religion3
(Please specify) _____
Other religion4
(Please specify) _____
No religion.....5
Don't know/ Refuse.....6
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4. Detailed Tabular Findings



Tables

▶ **The tables of findings are set out such that they include the following details:**

1 BASE: Weight Sample (000's):

The number of completed interviews has been weighted to reflect the latest ABS population estimates. These estimates are shown in thousands (000's). The percentages in the table are based on these weighted figures.

2 WEIGHTS:

This indicates that in order to reflect the latest ABS population estimates the data has been weighted by age, gender and area.

3 FILTERS (Where applicable):

If the table is based on a subset of respondents then this will be titled as a Filter and accompanied by a description of the sample upon which the table is based.

4 RESPONDENTS:

These figures show the actual sample size, indicating the total number of respondents who were asked the relevant question.



Tables ... continued

▶ Each question has been analysed by a series of demographic variables as follows:

→ **SEX:**

- Male
- Female

→ **AGE:**

- 16-34 years
- 35-49 years
- 50 years or older

→ **RELIGION:**

- Christian
- Other
- None/Don't know

→ **MARITAL STATUS:**

- Married (married/de facto/living together)
- Not married (never married/separated/divorced/widowed)



Tables ... *continued*

→ **WORK STATUS:**

- Working full-time
- Working part-time
- Not working

→ **LOCATION:**

- NSW / ACT
- Victoria / Tasmania
- Queensland
- South Australia
- Western Australia

→ **CAPITAL CITY:**

- Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Rest of Australia



Tables ... *continued*

- **HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**
 - Under \$40,000
 - \$40,000 - \$69,999
 - \$70,000 plus

- **HIGHEST LEVEL OF SCHOOLING:**
 - Below Year 12
 - Year 12.

GALAXY RESEARCH

TABLE 1 Banner 1 *BY* C1. Believe that same-sex couples should be allowed to marry

BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)

WEIGHTS: Area/Age/Sex

	Total	Gender		Age			Religion			Married		Work status		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Christian	Other	None/ Don't know	Yes	No	Full -time	Part -time	Not working
RESPONDENTS	1060	530	530	380	390	290	516	54	490	670	390	567	218	275
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	13980	6925	7055	5109	4922	3949	6839	667	6474	8486	5494	7159	3077	3744
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
C1. Believe that same-sex couples should be allowed to marry														
Total agree														
Strongly agree	4012 29%	1338 19%	2674 38%	1874 37%	1270 26%	868 22%	1413 21%	209 31%	2391 37%	2261 27%	1751 32%	1903 27%	1001 33%	1108 30%
Agree	4309 31%	1938 28%	2371 34%	1556 30%	1555 32%	1197 30%	2182 32%	205 31%	1922 30%	2672 31%	1637 30%	2400 34%	861 28%	1049 28%
**SUBTOTALS	8321 60%	3276 47%	5045 72%	3430 67%	2826 57%	2066 52%	3595 53%	413 62%	4313 67%	4933 58%	3388 62%	4303 60%	1861 60%	2157 58%
Total disagree														
Disagree	1963 14%	1271 18%	692 10%	735 14%	696 14%	532 13%	1045 15%	57 9%	861 13%	1261 15%	702 13%	1141 16%	477 16%	346 9%
Strongly Disagree	2573 18%	1727 25%	846 12%	665 13%	895 18%	1013 26%	1751 26%	143 21%	679 10%	1583 19%	990 18%	1191 17%	557 18%	825 22%
**SUBTOTALS	4536 32%	2998 43%	1538 22%	1400 27%	1592 32%	1545 39%	2796 41%	200 30%	1540 24%	2844 34%	1692 31%	2331 33%	1034 34%	1170 31%
Don't know	1123 8%	651 9%	472 7%	279 5%	505 10%	338 9%	447 7%	54 8%	621 10%	709 8%	413 8%	524 7%	182 6%	417 11%
TOTALS	13980 100%	6925 100%	7055 100%	5109 100%	4922 100%	3949 100%	6839 100%	667 100%	6474 100%	8486 100%	5494 100%	7159 100%	3077 100%	3744 100%

GALAXY RESEARCH

TABLE 2 Banner 2 *BY* C1. Believe that same-sex couples should be allowed to marry

BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)

WEIGHTS: Area/Age/Sex

	Total	State					Capital City		Household Income			Highest Level Of Schooling	
		NSW	Vic/Tas	Qld	SA	WA	Yes	No	<\$40K	\$40K - <\$70K	\$70K+	<Year 12	Year 12+
RESPONDENTS	1060	357	304	216	80	103	691	369	180	219	503	258	783
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	13980	4871	3854	2778	1068	1409	8750	5230	2351	2860	6532	3547	10139
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
C1. Believe that same-sex couples should be allowed to marry													
Total agree													
Strongly agree	4012	1348	1126	781	337	420	2466	1547	559	790	1962	1030	2821
	29%	28%	29%	28%	32%	30%	28%	30%	24%	28%	30%	29%	28%
Agree	4309	1627	1266	729	206	481	2715	1594	654	838	2075	1079	3183
	31%	33%	33%	26%	19%	34%	31%	30%	28%	29%	32%	30%	31%
**SUBTOTALS	8321	2975	2392	1510	543	901	5181	3141	1214	1628	4036	2108	6004
	60%	61%	62%	54%	51%	64%	59%	60%	52%	57%	62%	59%	59%
Total disagree													
Disagree	1963	682	535	394	148	205	1378	585	327	301	1110	409	1555
	14%	14%	14%	14%	14%	15%	16%	11%	14%	11%	17%	12%	15%
Strongly Disagree	2573	807	612	615	267	272	1571	1002	596	668	944	679	1842
	18%	17%	16%	22%	25%	19%	18%	19%	25%	23%	14%	19%	18%
**SUBTOTALS	4536	1489	1146	1009	414	477	2949	1587	924	969	2054	1088	3397
	32%	31%	30%	36%	39%	34%	34%	30%	39%	34%	31%	31%	34%
Don't know	1123	407	316	258	111	31	620	502	214	263	442	351	737
	8%	8%	8%	9%	10%	2%	7%	10%	9%	9%	7%	10%	7%
TOTALS	13980	4871	3854	2778	1068	1409	8750	5230	2351	2860	6532	3547	10139
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

GALAXY RESEARCH

TABLE 3 Banner 1 *BY* C2. Religious denomination

BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)

WEIGHTS: Area/Age/Sex

	Total	Gender		Age			Religion			Married		Work status		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50+	Christian	Other	None/ Don't know	Yes	No	Full -time	Part -time	Not working
RESPONDENTS	1060	530	530	380	390	290	516	54	490	670	390	567	218	275
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	13980	6925	7055	5109	4922	3949	6839	667	6474	8486	5494	7159	3077	3744
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
C2. Religious denomination														
Total Christian														
Catholic	2861	1466	1395	1103	1028	729	2861			1665	1196	1568	712	581
	20%	21%	20%	22%	21%	18%	42%			20%	22%	22%	23%	16%
Anglican	2260	925	1335	660	688	912	2260			1479	781	1056	378	826
	16%	13%	19%	13%	14%	23%	33%			17%	14%	15%	12%	22%
Other Christian religion	1718	873	844	537	595	585	1718			1219	498	752	522	444
	12%	13%	12%	11%	12%	15%	25%			14%	9%	11%	17%	12%
**SUBTOTALS	6839	3264	3574	2300	2311	2227	6839			4363	2475	3376	1612	1851
	49%	47%	51%	45%	47%	56%	100%			51%	45%	47%	52%	49%
Other religion	667	353	315	148	250	269		667		353	314	361	132	175
	5%	5%	4%	3%	5%	7%		100%		4%	6%	5%	4%	5%
No religion	5962	3016	2947	2472	2197	1293			5962	3435	2527	3109	1322	1531
	43%	44%	42%	48%	45%	33%			92%	40%	46%	43%	43%	41%
Don't know/ Refused	512	293	219	188	163	161			512	334	178	313	12	188
	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%			8%	4%	3%	4%	0%	5%
TOTALS	13980	6925	7055	5109	4922	3949	6839	667	6474	8486	5494	7159	3077	3744
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

GALAXY RESEARCH

TABLE 4 Banner 2 *BY* C2. Religious denomination

BASE: WGHT SAMPLE (000s)

WEIGHTS: Area/Age/Sex

	Total	State					Capital City		Household Income			Highest Level Of Schooling	
		NSW	Vic/Tas	Qld	SA	WA	Yes	No	<\$40K	\$40K - <\$70K	\$70K+	<Year 12	Year 12+
RESPONDENTS	1060	357	304	216	80	103	691	369	180	219	503	258	783
WGHT SAMPLE (000s)	13980	4871	3854	2778	1068	1409	8750	5230	2351	2860	6532	3547	10139
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
C2. Religious denomination													
Total Christian													
Catholic	2861	1205	736	483	109	327	1899	961	312	510	1497	534	2263
	20%	25%	19%	17%	10%	23%	22%	18%	13%	18%	23%	15%	22%
Anglican	2260	1010	464	496	101	189	1487	773	437	405	1036	790	1456
	16%	21%	12%	18%	9%	13%	17%	15%	19%	14%	16%	22%	14%
Other Christian religion	1718	487	487	394	235	114	899	819	386	419	756	483	1222
	12%	10%	13%	14%	22%	8%	10%	16%	16%	15%	12%	14%	12%
**SUBTOTALS	6839	2703	1687	1373	445	630	4286	2553	1134	1333	3288	1807	4941
	49%	55%	44%	49%	42%	45%	49%	49%	48%	47%	50%	51%	49%
Other religion	667	260	170	123	43	72	410	257	125	138	343	194	474
	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
No religion	5962	1758	1842	1207	520	634	3683	2279	989	1284	2774	1368	4400
	43%	36%	48%	43%	49%	45%	42%	44%	42%	45%	42%	39%	43%
Don't know/ Refused	512	150	155	74	60	73	371	141	103	105	127	178	324
	4%	3%	4%	3%	6%	5%	4%	3%	4%	4%	2%	5%	3%
TOTALS	13980	4871	3854	2778	1068	1409	8750	5230	2351	2860	6532	3547	10139
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



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