

MEMORANDUM

To: Interested Parties
 From: Alicia Downs, Meredith King, TargetPoint Consulting
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 Re: Same-sex Marriage – Survey Findings in Indiana

TargetPoint Consulting conducted a statewide survey in Indiana among 600 registered voters from August 25-27 to gauge public opinion about same-sex marriage and support for the Respect for Marriage Act (RMA). The survey indicates that a majority of Indiana voters agree that same-sex marriage should be legal and key voting blocs are more likely to support a Senator who votes yes on the RMA.

Indiana Voters Support Valid and Legal Same Sex Marriage

Nearly 6 in 10 Indiana voters believe same-sex marriages should be recognized as valid by the law. And 63% of voters agree that the current law of the land, legal same-sex marriage, should remain in place.

Should Same-Sex Marriage be Legally Valid?		Should Same Sex Marriage Law Remain in Place?		Likelihood to Support a Senator Who Votes for RMA?		
Yes	No	Yes	No	More Likely	No Impact*	Less Likely
58%	29%	63%	23%	42%	33%	25%

- **Key finding:** Indiana Republicans are evenly divided on the validity of same-sex marriages, with 43% opposed to the validity of these marriages, 40% supportive, and 16% who didn't know.
- **Key finding:** A plurality (45%) of Indiana Republicans believe same-sex marriage should remain in place, while 34% believe it should be repealed and 21% did not know.

The plurality of Indiana voters are more likely to support a Senator who votes for the Respect for Marriage Act. Overall, **75% of Indiana voters said they were more likely to support a Senator who votes for the RMA or report no negative impact on their vote.** 1 in 4 voters are *much more* likely to support a Senator in support of RMA while only 15% of Indiana voters would be much less likely to vote for a Senator in support of RMA.

- **Key finding:** 63% of Indiana Republicans said they were more likely to support a Senator who voted for the RMA or that it would have no impact on their vote.

Key Voting Blocs are Major Supporters of Same-Sex Marriage and the Respect for Marriage Act

Young and middle-aged voters, including young conservatives, are the most supportive of same-sex marriage and the RMA.

- Overall, 65% of Indiana Independents believe that same-sax marriages should be recognized by law, while 73% of Independents believe same-sex marriage should remain in place.
- 73% of young voters think that marriages between same-sex couples should be recognized by the law as valid, this includes:
 - 79% of Independents under 45

- 81% of Democrats under 45
- 54% of Republicans under 45
- **60% of Republicans under 45 believe the legalization of same-sex marriage should remain in place, while only 24% believe it should be repealed.**
- 53% of young voters are more likely to support a Senator who votes for RMA.
- Intuitively, young Democrats are leading the charge, but **53% of Independents under the age of 45 would also support a Senator who votes for RMA.**
- 41% of suburban voters, including 49% of suburban women are more likely to support a Senator who votes for RMA.

Indiana Voters Agree that the Freedom to Marry is a Fundamental American Right

73% of all voters agree and 45% of voters strongly agree with the statement:

People of faith may disagree on same-sex marriage, and religious and personal freedoms will remain protected by the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The Respect for Marriage act maintains the status quo and no church or religious leader would be forced to consecrate a marriage against their religious or personal beliefs.

78% of Republicans agree that the Respect for Marriage act maintains the status quo and no religious leader would be forced to consecrate a marriage against their beliefs.

A total of 600 interviews were conducted among registered voters statewide in Indiana. Interviews were conducted August 25-27, 2022 with a margin of error of +/- 4.0%. The survey was conducted using web-based interviews and was weighted to reflect statewide demographics including gender, age, race, education and 2020 Presidential vote.

**Total "no impact" responses also include "don't know" responses.*