

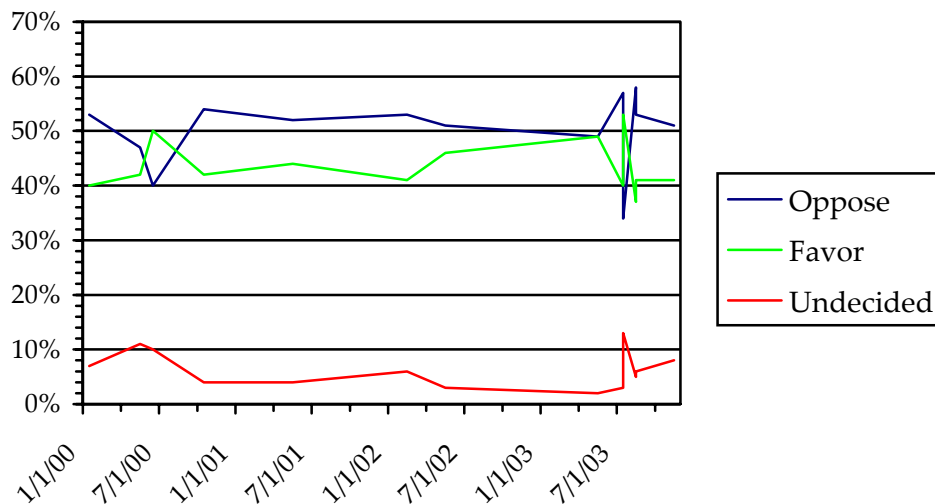
iMAPP Policy Brief

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SUMMARY OF OPINION RESEARCH ON CIVIL UNIONS, DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS, AND MARITAL BENEFITS

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Date	Oppose	Favor	Undecided	Firm	Text
10/4/89	69%	23%	8%	Gallup	"Should homosexual couples have the same legal rights as married couples?"
6/8/93	57%	38%	5%	NBC/WSJ	"Now I would like to read you several more statements about some of the social issues facing America. For each issue, please tell me whether you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly with this statement . . . Homosexual couples should be able to enjoy the full rights granted to married heterosexual couples."

8/5/96	59%	37%	4%	ABC/Wash Post	Do you support or oppose allowing homosexual couples to have the same benefits as married heterosexual couples, such as health benefits, inheritance rights and Social Security survivor benefits?
1/16/00	53%	40%	7%	Gallup	Do you think gay partners who make a legal commitment to each other should or should not be entitled to the same rights and benefits as couples in traditional marriages?
5/21/00	47%	42%	11%	AP	"In general, do you think that gays and lesbians should or should not be allowed to form a domestic partnership that would give the same-sex couple the same rights and benefits as opposite-sex marriages?"
6/13/00	40%	50%	10%	LA Times	What about allowing gay and lesbian couples the same type of rights and benefits that married couples currently enjoy, such as inheritance rights, health care benefits, or a tax break. Do you support or oppose rights and benefits for gay and lesbian couples?
10/28/00	54%	42%	4%	Gallup	"Would you favor or oppose a law that would allow homosexual couples to legally form civil unions, giving them some of the legal rights of married couples?"
5/14/01	52%	44%	4%	Gallup	"Would you favor or oppose a law that would allow homosexual couples to legally form civil unions, giving them some of the legal rights of married couples?"
2/10/02	53%	41%	6%	Gallup	"Would you favor or oppose a law that would allow homosexual couples to legally form civil unions, giving them some of the legal rights of married couples?"
5/9/02	51%	46%	3%	Gallup	"Would you favor or oppose a law that would allow homosexual couples to legally form civil unions, giving them some of the legal rights of married couples?"
5/7/03	49%	49%	2%	Gallup	"Would you favor or oppose a law that would allow homosexual couples to legally form civil unions, giving them some of the legal rights of married couples?"
7/27/03	57%	40%	3%	Gallup	"Would you favor or oppose a law that would allow homosexual couples to legally form civil unions, giving them some of the legal rights of married couples?"
7/27/03	34%	53%	13%	NBC/WSJ	Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into legal agreements with each other that are not marriages, but that would give them many of the same legal and financial relationships as married couples? (Asked of half sample)

8/11/03	58%	37%	5%	Washington Post	"Would you favor or oppose a law that would allow homosexual couples to legally form civil unions, giving them some of the legal rights of married couples?"
8/12/03	53%	41%	6%	AP	"Would you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to form a civil union that would give a same-sex couple the same rights and benefits as a married couple?"
11/18/03	51%	41%	8%	Pew Research Center	"Legal agreements giving many of the same rights as marriage"