

PRRI/RNS March 2012 Survey
March 7 – 11, 2012
N = 1,007

Now we'd like to ask you a few questions about a couple of important issues in the U.S., religious liberty and separation of church and state...

ROTATE Q1/Q1a & Q2/Q2a

Q.1 In America today, do you believe that the right of religious liberty is being threatened, or not?

39	Yes
56	No
4	Don't know (VOL.)
*	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF "YES" (Q1=1), ASK [N=425]:

Q.1a In just a few words, in what way is the right of religious liberty being threatened?

23	Removing religion from the public square
20	General government interference in religion
10	Hostility towards Christians/religion
9	Changing culture
6	Personal liberties threatened
6	Contraception mandate
4	Other sexuality issues
19	Other
2	Don't know
100	Total

And...

Q.2 In America today, do you believe that the principle of separation of church and state is being threatened, or not?

45	Yes
48	No
6	Don't know (VOL.)
1	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q2a HELD FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS ROTATE Q3 AND Q4

Q.3 There is currently a debate over what kinds of health care plans employers, including religiously affiliated employers, should be required to provide. Do you think **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** should be required to provide their employees with health care plans that cover contraception or birth control at no cost, or not? What about **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**?

IF NECESSARY REPEAT: Do you think **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** should be required to provide their employees with health care plans that cover contraception or birth control at no cost, or not?

a. Religiously affiliated colleges and universities

54	Yes, should have provide
42	No, should not have to provide
3	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Religiously affiliated hospitals

57	Yes, should have provide
38	No, should not have to provide
4	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Churches and other places of worship

42	Yes, should have provide
52	No, should not have to provide
4	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Privately owned small businesses

53	Yes, should have provide
43	No, should not have to provide
3	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. Publicly-held corporations

62	Yes, should have provide
33	No, should not have to provide
4	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

f. Religiously affiliated social service agencies

52	Yes, should have provide
43	No, should not have to provide
3	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.4 In some states there is a debate over whether religiously affiliated adoption agencies should be able to use religious beliefs to determine which families are eligible to adopt children. Do you think **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** should be able to refuse to place children with qualified gay and lesbian couples, or not? What about...**[INSERT]**

a. Religiously affiliated agencies that receive federal funding

32	Yes, should be able to refuse
63	No, should not be able to refuse
4	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Religiously affiliated agencies that receive NO federal funding

44	Yes, should be able to refuse
50	No, should not be able to refuse
4	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.5 I'd like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today. All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose...
[INSERT; RANDOMIZE] What about...?

a. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally

22	Strongly favor
30	Favor
19	Oppose
25	Strongly oppose
4	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Allowing methods of birth control to be generally available to teenagers age 16 or older without parental approval

25	Strongly favor
27	Favor
20	Oppose
26	Strongly oppose
2	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to adopt children

23	Strongly favor
31	Favor
19	Oppose
21	Strongly oppose
4	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.6 IF OPPOSE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE OR DK, (Q5A=3,4,8,9), ASK [N=538]:

Please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree, or completely disagree with the following statement. If the law guaranteed that no church or congregation would be required to perform marriages for gay and lesbian couples, I would support allowing them to legally marry.

4	Completely agree
9	Mostly agree
22	Mostly disagree
57	Completely disagree
5	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Note: Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding

Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) RDD telephone interviews conducted between March 7, 2012 and March 11, 2012 by professional interviewers under the direction of Social Science Research Solutions (SSRS). Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 1,007 adults 18 years of age or older in the continental United States (300 respondents were interviewed on a cell phone).

The final sample was weighted to five different parameters—age, sex, geographic region, education and telephone usage¹—to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the total adult population.

The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.5 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context and order effects.

¹ Telephone usage refers to whether respondents have only a landline telephone, only a cell phone or both types and the frequency with which they use each type.