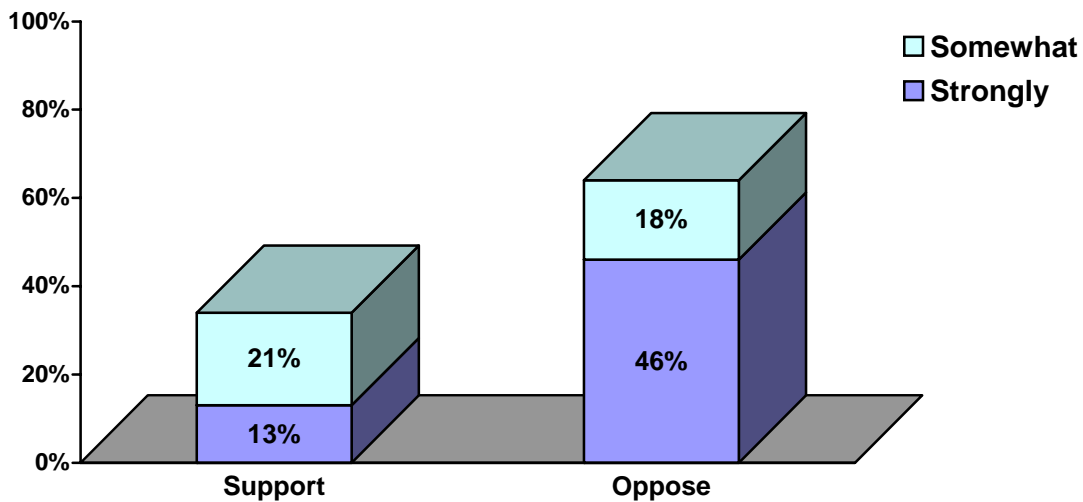


F. Gay Rights and Legalizing Gay Marriage

Catholic voters overwhelmingly agree that advancing gay rights is not a priority they want the next president to focus on. Only five percent rate it as a top priority, and 42% rate the issue as the lowest priority in a list of fifteen issues.

When asked their opinion of legalizing gay marriage, 64% of Catholic voters oppose and 34% support. A near majority of Catholic voters (46%) strongly oppose.

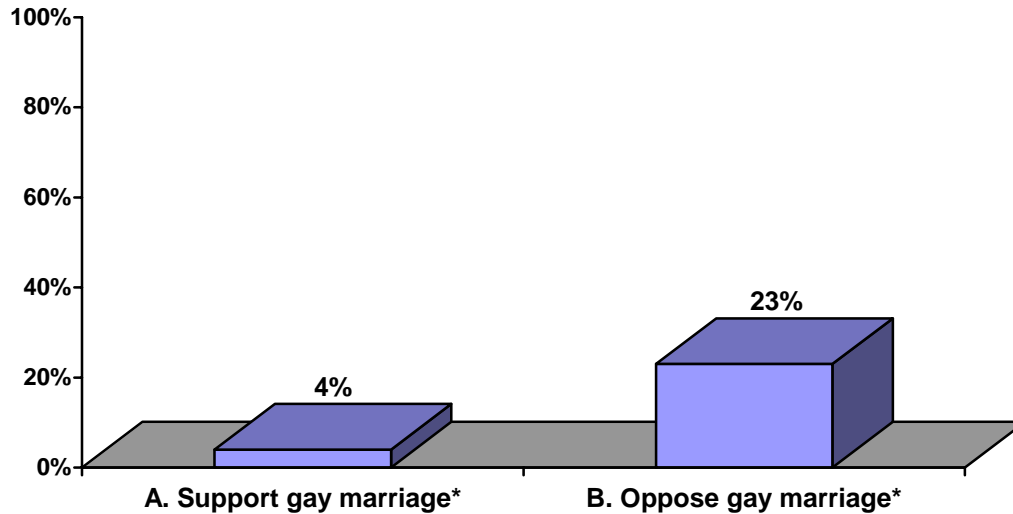
Making Gay and Lesbian Marriage Legal



Q15. Making gay and lesbian marriage legal. Do you support or oppose each of the following:

Of all the issues tested in terms of single-issue voting, legalizing marriage between same-sex couples has the greatest potential to be an issue to affect the votes of some Catholics. Those in opposition are much more likely to vote according to a candidate's position on this issue than those who support marriage. Almost a quarter (23%) of the Catholic electorate feels strongly against legal gay marriage and says it would "definitely" vote against a candidate who disagreed. On the other side, 4% of Catholic voters both strongly support gay marriage and say they would "definitely" vote against a candidate with the opposite view.

Two Sides of Gay Marriage as a Voting Issue



* A. Strongly support making gay and lesbian marriage legal and will definitely vote against the candidate they disagree with. B. Strongly oppose making gay and lesbian marriage legal, and will definitely vote against the candidate they disagree with.

The strongest opponents of making gay and lesbian marriages legal are:

- Men;
- Silent Generation Catholics, especially men;
- Less educated Catholics;
- Frequent church-goers;
- Rural residents;
- Conservatives;
- Republicans; and
- Catholic voters living in the battleground states.

While liberals are the only demographic group where a majority supports legalizing marriage of same-sex couples, the idea wins more than four in ten among:

- Gen X-plus Catholics;
- Large-city residents;
- Liberals; and
- Democrats.

Legalize Gay and Lesbian Marriage

Q15. Making gay and lesbian marriage legal. Do you support or oppose each of the following?

	Support	Oppose	Support		Oppose	
			Strng	Smwt	Smwt	Strng
Total	34%	64	13%	21	18	46
Men	31%	68	12%	19	17	51
Women	38%	61	14%	24	19	42
18-39	41%	58	19%	22	20	38
40-58	37%	63	13%	24	17	46
59+	21%	77	4%	17	15	62
Men 18-39	41%	57	19%	22	18	39
Men 40-58	29%	71	9%	20	17	54
Men 59+	18%	81	5%	13	13	68
Women 18-39	42%	59	19%	23	22	37
Women 40-58	45%	54	17%	28	17	37
Women 59+	24%	73	4%	20	17	56
White men	31%	68	12%	19	17	51
Hispanic men	28%	68	11%	17	16	52
White women	38%	61	14%	24	19	42
Hispanic women	39%	57	22%	17	17	40
<HS/HS	27%	72	9%	18	14	58
Some college	36%	65	12%	24	19	46
College grad+	40%	58	18%	22	20	38
Married	31%	68	11%	20	19	49
Single	50%	49	23%	27	16	33
Other	30%	68	9%	21	16	52
Freq. church-goers	22%	77	9%	13	15	62
Occ. church-goers	42%	56	16%	26	20	36
Never attend church	47%	51	16%	31	15	36
Large city	41%	59	18%	23	20	39
Small city	35%	64	13%	22	18	46
Suburb	32%	65	11%	21	19	46
Town	37%	62	14%	23	13	49
Rural	23%	76	6%	17	16	60
Liberal	65%	34	32%	33	14	20
Moderate	38%	61	11%	27	21	40
Conservative	13%	85	4%	9	16	69
Democrat	46%	54	20%	26	20	34
Independent	43%	55	15%	28	17	38
Republican	17%	81	5%	12	17	64
Bush vote	16%	82	5%	11	16	66
Vote for Kerry	52%	48	23%	29	18	30
Undecided	37%	62	9%	28	23	39
Battleground states	27%	71	8%	19	19	52