

HRC

Frequency Questionnaire

July 16-19, 2011

800 Respondents (900 Unweighted)

152 Youth, Ages 18-29 (106 Unweighted)

470 Midwest and Southern Region (604 Unweighted)

Q.1 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Yes.....	82	63	83
No	18	37	17
(ref:SCREEN1)			

Q.2 How often would you say that you vote?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Always.....	53	37	52
Nearly always.....	22	13	23
Part of the time.....	10	13	10
Seldom.....	9	21	10
(Never)	6	15	6
(Other).....	0	0	0
(Don't know/Refused).....	0	1	0
(ref:VOTEFREQ)			

Q.3 Many people weren't able to vote in the 2008 election for president between Barack Obama and John McCain. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Voted.....	79	47	80
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young.....	4	16	5
Did not vote.....	16	36	14
(Can't remember/Don't know)	1	1	1
(Refused)	0	-	0
(ref:VOTE08)			

Q.4 As you may know, there was an election last November for Congress and other offices. Many people weren't able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Voted.....	64	40	62
Did not vote.....	29	45	31
(Can't remember/Don't know)	2	2	2
(Refused)	0	-	0
Not registered/ineligible/too young.....	4	13	5
(ref:VOTE10)			

Q.5 I know it is a long way off, but what are the chances of your voting in the election for President and Congress in 2012: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Almost certain	82	65	82
Probably	7	13	8
50-50.....	6	17	5
Will not vote	4	5	4
(Don't know)	1	-	1
(Refused)	-	-	-
(ref:CP10)			

Q.6 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people, groups and ideas, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person, group or idea. If you have no opinion or never heard of that person or group, please say so.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
6 Barack Obama	48	44	44	99
Youth	49	47	39	99
Midwest/South	44	40	48	98
7 Gay and lesbian people	54	40	25	95
Youth	61	48	21	98
Midwest/South	48	33	31	94
[400 Respondents]				
8 (SPLIT A) Conservative political groups	50	37	32	92
Youth	47	34	39	95
Midwest/South	51	38	29	92
9 Labor unions	52	40	35	96
Youth	58	46	26	96
Midwest/South	51	37	36	94
10 Gay rights groups	49	37	35	96
Youth	59	48	26	96
Midwest/South	43	30	42	96
11 John Boehner - the Republican leader of the House	48	35	33	84
Youth	47	26	34	73
Midwest/South	49	36	30	83
12 Sarah Palin	39	30	51	95
Youth	39	30	49	94
Midwest/South	41	33	47	96
13 The Tea Party Movement	47	35	37	90
Youth	48	27	28	85
Midwest/South	47	37	36	89
14 The N.R.A., or National Rifle Association	60	49	25	93
Youth	64	47	21	90
Midwest/South	62	53	22	92
15 Democrats in Congress	47	36	43	98
Youth	51	36	37	98
Midwest/South	46	33	46	97

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
16 Republicans in Congress	48	37	39	97
Youth	50	38	39	97
Midwest/South	48	39	37	96
17 Transgender people	45	26	36	90
Youth	50	32	35	93
Midwest/South	40	20	41	90
[400 Respondents]				
18 (SPLIT B) Evangelical Christians	53	36	28	87
Youth	50	24	21	76
Midwest/South	56	41	24	88
19 Bisexual people	51	35	28	94
Youth	57	46	25	100
Midwest/South	45	28	35	93
(ref:THERM2)				

Q.20 Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. After I read each pair, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
20 I have a lot in common with gay people.										
I have nothing in common with gay people.	29	13	18	30	1	4	4	43	48	-6
Youth	32	16	19	30	2	0	1	48	49	-2
Midwest/South	27	13	19	33	0	3	4	40	53	-13
21 Homosexuality is not a sin.										
Homosexuality is a sin.	37	11	8	36	1	3	5	48	43	5
Youth	39	11	4	37	2	2	4	51	42	9
Midwest/South	31	10	9	41	1	3	5	41	50	-9
22 Politicians who campaign against gay marriage and condemn gay rights are more concerned with cheap politics than real issues.										
Politicians who campaign against gay marriage are trying to protect our values and core institutions.	36	12	13	31	1	4	4	47	44	3
Youth	36	17	18	22	3	1	2	53	40	13
Midwest/South	36	10	16	31	1	3	3	46	47	-1
23 Gay people do not have too much political power in this country.										
Gay people have too much political power in this country.	38	21	10	21	1	4	6	59	30	29
Youth	50	20	8	14	0	3	4	70	23	47
Midwest/South	36	21	8	24	0	4	7	56	32	24

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
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24 (SPLIT C) Gay jokes
are never acceptable.

So long as no one gets
hurt, gay jokes are an
acceptable form of humor.

41	9	16	29	0	2	3	50	45	5	
Youth	26	8	15	48	2	2	-	33	64	-30
Midwest/South	45	10	15	25	-	2	2	56	40	16

25 Gay people are born
gay.

Gay people choose to be

gay.	35	10	9	33	4	2	7	45	42	3
Youth	25	12	14	39	6	-	3	38	53	-15
Midwest/South	29	9	8	40	4	2	8	38	48	-10

26 It would not bother me
if one of my children or
grandchildren turned out to
be gay.

It would bother me a great
deal if one of my children
or grandchildren turned

out to be gay.	44	13	13	27	1	1	2	57	40	17
Youth	44	15	13	26	1	-	0	60	39	20
Midwest/South	40	13	12	32	1	1	2	52	44	8

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27 (SPLIT D) My friends
generally never tell
anti-gay jokes.

Some of my friends will
occasionally tell an

anti-gay joke.....	42	10	25	19	1	1	1	53	44	9
Youth	28	2	41	29	-	-	-	30	70	-40
Midwest/South	38	12	24	22	0	2	2	50	46	5

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
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28 (ASK MEN) I could be
close friends with a gay
man.

I could not be close friends
with a gay man.....

	58	19	7	15	0	0	1	77	22	55
Youth	60	16	5	18	-	-	1	76	23	53
Midwest/South	57	19	8	15	-	0	1	76	22	54

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29 (ASK WOMEN) I could
be close friends with a
lesbian.

I could not be close friends
with a lesbian.

	67	14	5	10	1	1	2	81	15	65
Youth	58	21	5	10	-	3	3	79	15	64
Midwest/South	63	15	5	14	0	1	2	78	19	60

30 I could be close friends
with someone who is
transgender.

I could not be close friends
with someone who is
transgender.

	45	20	12	18	-	2	3	64	31	34
Youth	56	13	13	16	-	2	-	68	29	39
Midwest/South	40	22	10	21	-	2	4	62	32	31

(ref:PAIR1)

Q.31 Please tell me if you favor or oppose the following:

	Strng Fav	Smwt Fav	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	DK/ Ref	Total Fav	Total Opp	Fav - Opp
31 Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally.....	37	14	9	37	3	51	46	5
Youth	48	19	10	21	2	67	31	36
Midwest/South	28	14	10	44	3	43	54	-11

	Strng Fav	Smwt Fav	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	DK/ Ref	Total Fav	Total Opp	Fav - Opp
32 Allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into legal agreements with each other that would give them many of the same rights as married couples	52	19	7	20	2	71	27	44
Youth	52	18	8	21	1	70	30	40
Midwest/South	45	19	8	26	2	64	33	31
33 Allowing gay and lesbian couples to adopt children	39	19	9	28	4	58	38	20
Youth	48	16	5	26	4	64	31	33
Midwest/South	31	20	10	34	5	51	43	8
34 Requiring the federal government to recognize same-sex marriages performed in states where gay marriage is legal when it comes to such issues as tax benefits, Social Security and federal health benefits	40	18	12	26	4	58	38	20
Youth	40	23	14	20	2	64	34	29
Midwest/South	32	19	13	32	4	51	45	6
35 Protecting gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people from discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations.	63	17	7	11	3	79	18	61
Youth	68	11	8	12	1	79	20	60
Midwest/South	56	18	8	13	4	75	22	53
36 Passing a law to prohibit bullying and harassment against minority groups in schools, including gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students or the children of gay, lesbian or transgender parents	60	13	6	17	3	73	24	50
Youth	63	13	8	15	1	76	23	53
Midwest/South	57	14	6	20	3	71	26	46

(ref: COREBAT)

Q.37 Based on what you know, how many states allow gay and lesbian couples to be legally married?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
0-5.....	50	58	49
6-10.....	20	16	21
11-20.....	6	5	5
21-30.....	1	0	1
31-40.....	1	2	1
41-50.....	0	2	-
(Don't know/Refused).....	22	16	23
(ref:STATES)			

Q.38 Setting aside your views on these issues, over the last five or ten years, have your feelings towards gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender people become much more accepting, somewhat more accepting, somewhat less accepting, much less accepting or have they not changed?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Much more accepting.....	18	22	16
Somewhat more accepting	22	26	22
Somewhat less accepting	3	4	3
Much less accepting	3	2	3
Have not changed.....	52	44	54
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	1	2
Total More	40	49	38
Total Less	6	6	6
More - Less	34	43	31
(ref:CHANGE1)			

Q.39 Regardless of how you feel about the issue, do you believe gay and lesbian couples will be allowed to legally marry in most states sometime in the next five years, sometime in the next 5 to 10 years, in more than 10 years or never?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Next 5 years.....	20	25	20
Next 5-10 years.....	41	46	39
More than 10 years	23	23	22
Never	12	5	14
(Don't know/refused)	4	2	5
(ref:INEVIT)			

Q.40 Do you believe lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people are part of the MAINSTREAM in this country or OUTSIDE THE MAINSTREAM in this country.

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Part of the mainstream.....	54	57	56
Outside the mainstream.....	41	39	38
(Don't know/refused)	5	4	6
(ref:MAIN1)			

Q.41 Do you believe discrimination against gays and lesbians as well as homophobia are major problems in this country, minor problems, not much of a problem or no problem at all?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Major problem	35	38	31
Minor problem	44	46	44
Not much of a problem.....	13	15	15
No problem at all.....	5	1	6
(Don't know/refused)	3	-	3
Major/Minor.....	79	84	76
Not much/No.....	18	16	21
Major/Minor - Not much/No	62	68	55
(ref:DESPROB2)			

Q.42 Do you believe discrimination against transgender people as well as transphobia are major problems in this country, minor problems, not much of a problem or no problem at all?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Major problem	33	36	28
Minor problem	42	40	43
Not much of a problem.....	14	17	16
No problem at all.....	7	4	8
(Don't know/refused)	5	2	5
Major/Minor.....	74	77	71
Not much/No.....	21	21	24
Major/Minor - Not much/No	54	56	46
(ref:DESPROB1)			

Q.43 How supportive do you think your religion is of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people-very supportive, somewhat supportive, not very supportive, not at all supportive?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Very supportive	13	17	11
Somewhat supportive	24	32	25
Not very supportive	19	11	17
Not at all supportive	34	32	38
(Don't know/refused)	10	8	8
Very/Somewhat	37	50	37
Not Very/Not	53	42	55
(ref:SUPREL1)			

Q.44 Would you prefer your religion be MORE supportive of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, less supportive of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people or do you not feel strongly about it either way?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
More supportive	28	33	26
Less supportive	14	6	16
Don't feel strongly about it.....	48	53	50
(Don't know/refused)	10	8	9
More - Less	14	27	10
(ref:SUPREL2)			

Q.45 Do you believe gay people can be made straight through intensive psychological therapy or prayer?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Yes.....	24	31	28
No	69	62	64
(Don't know/refused)	8	7	8
(ref:THERAPY)			

Q.46 Which ONE or TWO of the following do you believe is the biggest problem facing gay and lesbian people in this country?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Anti-gay violence and threat of violence	17	20	17
Discrimination in the work place and public accommodations.....	11	15	11
Bullying of gay and lesbian students in schools.....	29	33	27
Lack of legal protection for couples in a relationship	16	14	13
Alienated from family and community	21	27	21
Lack of recognition and validation of committed relationships among friends, family and community	15	20	14
Lack of protections for the children of same-sex couples.....	9	10	10
(None)	5	2	6
(All).....	7	4	6
(Don't know/refused)	7	2	9
(ref:PROBLIST)			

Q.47 Finally, I'd like to ask you a few questions strictly for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
1 - 11th grade.....	6	8	6
High School graduate	24	35	26
Non-college post H.S.	2	4	3
Some college	26	35	25
College graduate.....	30	16	27
Post-graduate school	11	2	13
(Don't know/Refused).....	0	-	0
(ref:EDUC)			

Q.48 In what year were you born?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
18 - 24.....	12	62	10
25 - 29.....	7	38	8
30 - 34.....	8	-	8
35 - 39.....	10	-	10
40 - 44.....	9	-	8
45 - 49.....	10	-	11
50 - 54.....	8	-	8
55 - 59.....	9	-	9
60 - 64.....	8	-	8
65 and over.....	17	-	18
(No answer)	2	-	2
(ref:AGE)			

Q.49 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or as a member of another political party?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Strong Democrat.....	20	14	20
Weak Democrat	11	12	8
Independent-lean Democrat	14	20	12
Independent	10	11	11
Independent-lean Republican	15	18	16
Weak Republican.....	12	12	13
Strong Republican	17	10	19
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	2	1
(ref:PTYID1)			

Q.50 Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you generally consider yourself to be:
 Liberal Moderate Conservative

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Liberal	22	24	17
Moderate	34	37	33
Conservative	39	29	45
(Don't know/refused)	5	10	5
(ref:IDEO1)			

Q.51 Do you personally know or work with someone who is gay or lesbian?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Yes	69	61	66
No	30	37	33
(Don't know/refused)	1	2	2
(ref:KNOWGAY)			

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Q.52 (IF YES IN KNOWGAY) How many gay or lesbian people do you personally know or work with?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
One person	6	6	7
Two people	10	6	11
Three people	10	10	13
Four to six people	28	30	24
Seven to ten people	14	17	16
More than ten people	30	29	26
(Don't know/refused)	2	2	3
(ref:KNOWGAY4)			

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Q.53 (IF YES IN KNOWGAY) Thinking about the gay person you know best, how would you describe your relationship with this person -- is this person a member of your immediate family, your non-immediate family, a friend, a co-worker, a neighbor, or an acquaintance?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
(Myself/I'm gay/my partner)	0	-	1
Immediate family	15	8	16
Non-immediate family	12	6	12
Friend	38	65	34
Co-worker	20	12	22
Neighbor	2	-	3
Acquaintance	10	7	11
(Another person not mentioned)	0	-	0
(Don't know/refused)	1	2	1
(ref:KNOWGAY5)			

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Q.54 (IF YES IN KNOWGAY AND NOT 1 IN KNOWGAY5) Thinking of that same gay or lesbian person you know best, how would you describe your relationship with him or her? Is it very close, close, somewhat close, or not close at all?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Very close	23	31	19
Close	27	28	27
Somewhat close	35	32	38
Not close at all	14	7	15
(Don't know/refused)	1	2	1
(ref:KNOWGAY7)			

Q.55 What is your religion -- Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, another Christian religion, another religion, or do you not have a religious affiliation?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Protestant	36	30	46
Catholic	24	21	16
Jewish	2	1	1
Muslim/Islam	1	-	1
Other Christian (WRITE-IN)	16	24	17
Other religion (WRITE-IN)	4	5	4
Not affiliated or nothing in particular	14	18	11
(Don't know/refused)	2	2	3
(ref:RELIG1A)			

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Q.56 (IF CHRISTIAN/OTHER/DON'T KNOW/REFUSED) Would you describe yourself as a born-again or Evangelical Christian, or not?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Yes	37	42	50
No	59	51	46
(DK/REF)	4	8	4
(ref:BORNAGIN)			

Q.57 Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services, more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
More than once a week.....	12	10	16
Once a week	24	16	27
Once or twice a month	13	13	13
A few times a year	19	24	17
Seldom.....	17	21	16
Never	12	14	9
(DK/REF)	2	2	2
Weekly or more	36	26	43
(ref:RELIG2)			

Q.58 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
White.....	67	51	70
African-American or Black	12	15	16
Hispanic or Latino	14	23	8
Native American.....	1	-	1
Asian	2	5	1
(Other).....	2	3	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	2	2
(ref:RACETHN)			

Q.59 For statistical reasons only, I need to ask, do you consider yourself to be heterosexual or straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender?

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Straight or heterosexual.....	93	86	93
Gay	1	1	0
Lesbian	1	2	1
Bisexual	2	5	1
Transgender.....	1	3	1
(Don't know/refused)	4	4	4
(ref:LGBT)			

Q.60 Record respondent's gender

	Total	Youth	Midwest/ South
Male	47	52	48
Female	53	48	52
(ref:GENDER)			