Arizona voters oppose an anti-LGBTQ agenda

On behalf of the Human Rights Campaign, Change Research surveyed 645 likely voters in Arizona from March 9 - 10 to understand their reaction to legislation on LGBTQ issues being proposed in the Arizona state legislature. The survey’s key findings are that:

- **Voters object to HB 2706.** When asked “Which of the following comes closest to your point of view?” about HB 2706, legislation on transgender athletes recently passed by the Arizona House, 55%, including 58% of independents, believe that “Supporters of this bill are further stigmatizing already vulnerable children to push their political agenda and further divide us.”

- **Voters, including Republicans, are not demanding laws like this.** Less than 1% of all voters, including less than 1% of Republican voters, say that “regulating transgender rights” is among their top issues for Arizona’s government to address, by far the least important priority tested.

- **Voters want other issues addressed instead.** 64% believe that “Legislators are too focused on divisive issues and should be focusing on pressing issues that will actually have an impact on all Arizonans, like education” rather than focusing on transgender athletes.

- **Voters do not trust Arizona Republican lawmakers on LGBTQ issues.** 55% of the electorate, including a majority of independents, disapprove of the job Republicans in the legislature are doing on LGBTQ issues. Only 34% believe that these lawmakers are performing well at respecting the rights of LGBT people.

- **Arizonans want more inclusion of people who are LGBTQ.**
  - 79%, including 59% of Republicans and 84% of independents, support “protecting LGBT people against discrimination in the workplace.”
  - 73% oppose “allowing adoption and foster agencies to turn away applicants if they have a religious objection, including LGBT couples.”
  - 69% believe that “We need to stop stigmatizing transgender people as a society.”
  - 62% of Arizonans oppose “allowing small businesses to discriminate against LGBTQ people based on their religious beliefs.”

- **Arizonans overwhelmingly know people who are LGBTQ or transgender.** 84% “personally know or work with someone who is gay or lesbian, or bisexual” while 43% “personally know or work with someone who is transgender.”