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## **Utah opposes same-sex marriage, but not all recognition**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – By more than a 2-1 margin, Utah voters oppose legal same-sex marriage. 66% think it should be illegal, while only 27% think it should be legal. However, even in Utah, a 42-39 plurality of voters 18-29 support legal same-sex marriage. There is a stark divide between Mormons and non-Mormons on the issue. Mormons oppose legal same-sex marriage 81-13, while those of another religion support it 63-29. When civil unions are included as an option, those opposing all recognition are in the minority with 23% favoring marriage, 37% civil unions, and 39% opposing all recognition.

While the Mormon church has a history of supporting polygamy and opposing interracial marriage, this rests firmly in the past for Utah voters. By a 75-14 margin, voters feel polygamy should be illegal. This margin is actually greater among Mormons than non-Mormons. Mormons oppose legal polygamy 78-14 compared to 70-16 for non-Mormons. Similarly, Utah voters have moved forward on interracial marriage with 88% feeling it should be legal, compared to only 5% who feel it should be illegal.

Utah's freshman senator, Mike Lee, has only a tepid 35-31 approval rating despite Republicans outnumbering Democrats 50-22 in Utah. Lee is a polarizing figure with a 53-12 rating among Republicans and a 6-60 rating among Democrats. Independents also see Lee poorly, rating him only 24-44. Bob Bennett, Lee's predecessor who was ousted in the Utah Republican convention, is seen more favorably with a 48-34 favorability rating. Even Democrats like him, giving Bennett a 42-34 rating. With such crossover appeal, one might expect Bennett to be enormously popular in Utah, but Republicans see Bennett favorably by only a 50-32 margin.

Utah voters are divided over their favorite college sports team with 35% for BYU to 33% for Utah, 11% for Utah State, 5% for Southern Utah, 4% for Weber State, and 1% for Utah Valley. While Mormons support BYU by a strong 48-21 margin over Utah, only 3% of non-Mormons support BYU compared to 61% who support Utah.

PPP surveyed 732 Utah voters from July 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.6%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.



## Utah Survey Results

- Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Mike Lee's job performance?  
*Approve* .....35% *Not sure* .....34%  
*Disapprove*.....31%
- Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Bob Bennett?  
*Favorable*.....48%  
*Unfavorable* .....34%  
*Not sure* .....19%
- Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rob Bishop?  
*Favorable*.....32%  
*Unfavorable* .....30%  
*Not sure* .....38%
- Q4** Do you think same-sex marriage should be legal or illegal?  
*Legal*.....27% *Not sure* .....7%  
*Illegal* .....66%
- Q5** Which of the following best describes your opinion on gay marriage: gay couples should be allowed to legally marry, or gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry, or there should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship?  
*Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry*.....23% *There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship* .....39%  
*Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry*.....37% *Not sure* .....1%
- Q6** Do you think interracial marriage should be legal or illegal?  
*Legal*.....88% *Not sure* .....7%  
*Illegal* .....5%
- Q7** Do you think polygamy should be legal or illegal?  
*Legal*.....14% *Not sure* .....10%  
*Illegal* .....75%
- Q8** What college do you most root for in sports: Brigham Young, Southern Utah, Utah, Utah State, Utah Valley, or Weber State?  
*BYU* .....35%  
*Southern Utah*.....5%  
*Utah* .....33%  
*Utah State*.....11%  
*Utah Valley*.....1%  
*Weber State*.....4%  
*Not sure* .....10%
- Q9** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?  
*Very liberal*.....8%  
*Somewhat liberal* .....14%  
*Moderate*.....25%  
*Somewhat conservative*.....29%  
*Very conservative* .....23%
- Q10** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.  
*Woman* .....53%  
*Man*.....47%
- Q11** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.  
*Democrat* .....22%  
*Republican*.....50%  
*Independent/Other*.....28%



**Q12** If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

*White* ..... 94%  
*Other*..... 6%

**Q13** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

*18 to 29*..... 10%  
*30 to 45*..... 30%  
*46 to 65*..... 37%  
*Older than 65*..... 23%

**Q14** Are you a Mormon or another religion?

*Mormon*..... 70%  
*Another religion*..... 30%



**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Lee Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	35%	12%	6%	14%	48%	65%
<b>Disapprove</b>	31%	61%	65%	48%	15%	4%
<b>Not sure</b>	34%	27%	29%	38%	37%	31%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Bennett Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	48%	28%	46%	56%	58%	33%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	34%	48%	35%	27%	22%	51%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	24%	19%	17%	21%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Bishop Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	15%	14%	20%	42%	49%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	30%	55%	55%	46%	17%	7%
<b>Not sure</b>	38%	31%	32%	34%	41%	44%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Same-Sex Marriage</b>						
<b>Legal</b>	27%	83%	68%	36%	6%	2%
<b>Illegal</b>	66%	10%	25%	51%	91%	95%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	7%	7%	13%	4%	3%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition</b>						
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	23%	85%	58%	28%	4%	-
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	37%	7%	35%	44%	43%	31%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	39%	8%	7%	26%	51%	68%
Not sure	1%	-	-	2%	2%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Interracial Marriage</b>						
Legal	88%	97%	88%	88%	89%	84%
Illegal	5%	-	8%	7%	4%	3%
Not sure	7%	3%	3%	5%	7%	12%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Polygamy</b>						
Legal	14%	28%	13%	17%	11%	12%
Illegal	75%	64%	73%	71%	81%	79%
Not sure	10%	9%	14%	12%	8%	9%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Fave College Team</b>						
BYU	35%	3%	11%	28%	45%	56%
Southern Utah	5%	8%	9%	3%	4%	6%
Utah	33%	58%	50%	40%	26%	15%
Utah State	11%	4%	7%	15%	14%	9%
Utah Valley	1%	3%	3%	0%	2%	1%
Weber State	4%	6%	7%	3%	3%	3%
Not sure	10%	19%	13%	10%	7%	10%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Lee Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	35%	30%	39%
<b>Disapprove</b>	31%	30%	32%
<b>Not sure</b>	34%	39%	28%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Bennett Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	48%	49%	46%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	34%	30%	38%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	21%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Bishop Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	29%	35%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	30%	27%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	38%	45%	30%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Same-Sex Marriage</b>			
<b>Legal</b>	27%	29%	26%
<b>Illegal</b>	66%	65%	66%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	6%	7%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition</b>			
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	23%	25%	21%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	37%	32%	41%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	39%	41%	37%
Not sure	1%	2%	0%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Interracial Marriage</b>			
Legal	88%	89%	87%
Illegal	5%	3%	6%
Not sure	7%	7%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Polygamy</b>			
Legal	14%	9%	20%
Illegal	75%	82%	69%
Not sure	10%	9%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Fave College Team</b>			
BYU	35%	37%	32%
Southern Utah	5%	4%	6%
Utah	33%	32%	34%
Utah State	11%	10%	12%
Utah Valley	1%	1%	2%
Weber State	4%	4%	3%
Not sure	10%	10%	11%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Lee Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	35%	6%	53%	24%
<b>Disapprove</b>	31%	60%	12%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	34%	35%	35%	32%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Bennett Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	48%	42%	50%	48%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	34%	34%	32%	37%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	24%	18%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Bishop Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	12%	45%	24%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	30%	53%	11%	47%
<b>Not sure</b>	38%	36%	43%	29%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Same-Sex Marriage</b>				
<b>Legal</b>	27%	66%	6%	36%
<b>Illegal</b>	66%	29%	89%	52%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	5%	4%	12%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition</b>				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	23%	58%	4%	30%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	37%	29%	38%	39%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	39%	12%	57%	28%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	2%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Interracial Marriage</b>				
Legal	88%	92%	86%	89%
Illegal	5%	4%	6%	4%
Not sure	7%	3%	8%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Polygamy</b>				
Legal	14%	12%	10%	23%
Illegal	75%	76%	81%	65%
Not sure	10%	12%	8%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Fave College Team</b>				
BYU	35%	13%	51%	24%
Southern Utah	5%	3%	5%	6%
Utah	33%	57%	19%	40%
Utah State	11%	8%	12%	13%
Utah Valley	1%	2%	1%	1%
Weber State	4%	4%	2%	6%
Not sure	10%	12%	9%	11%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Lee Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	<b>35%</b>	35%	21%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>31%</b>	31%	45%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>34%</b>	34%	34%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Bennett Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>48%</b>	48%	37%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>34%</b>	33%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>19%</b>	19%	19%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Bishop Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>32%</b>	33%	16%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>30%</b>	29%	42%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>38%</b>	38%	42%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Same-Sex Marriage</b>			
<b>Legal</b>	<b>27%</b>	27%	36%
<b>Illegal</b>	<b>66%</b>	67%	53%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>7%</b>	6%	12%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition</b>			
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	23%	23%	28%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	37%	36%	48%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	39%	40%	20%
Not sure	1%	1%	5%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Interracial Marriage</b>			
Legal	88%	90%	65%
Illegal	5%	4%	19%
Not sure	7%	6%	16%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Polygamy</b>			
Legal	14%	14%	25%
Illegal	75%	76%	60%
Not sure	10%	10%	15%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Fave College Team</b>			
BYU	35%	36%	23%
Southern Utah	5%	4%	16%
Utah	33%	32%	45%
Utah State	11%	11%	9%
Utah Valley	1%	2%	-
Weber State	4%	4%	2%
Not sure	10%	11%	5%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Lee Approval</b>					
Approve	35%	19%	37%	35%	38%
Disapprove	31%	45%	29%	33%	26%
Not sure	34%	35%	35%	32%	36%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Bennett Favorability</b>					
Favorable	48%	39%	40%	51%	55%
Unfavorable	34%	32%	37%	34%	30%
Not sure	19%	29%	23%	15%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Bishop Favorability</b>					
Favorable	32%	13%	26%	38%	38%
Unfavorable	30%	52%	26%	31%	25%
Not sure	38%	35%	48%	31%	37%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Same-Sex Marriage</b>					
Legal	27%	42%	29%	28%	19%
Illegal	66%	39%	68%	67%	73%
Not sure	7%	19%	3%	5%	8%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition</b>					
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	23%	40%	24%	23%	15%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	37%	27%	34%	40%	38%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	39%	33%	41%	35%	45%
Not sure	1%	-	1%	1%	1%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Interracial Marriage</b>					
Legal	88%	94%	91%	92%	75%
Illegal	5%	3%	4%	4%	9%
Not sure	7%	3%	5%	4%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Polygamy</b>					
Legal	14%	19%	17%	15%	8%
Illegal	75%	68%	72%	76%	82%
Not sure	10%	13%	10%	10%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Fave College Team</b>					
BYU	35%	32%	30%	34%	44%
Southern Utah	5%	10%	7%	4%	3%
Utah	33%	35%	32%	37%	27%
Utah State	11%	6%	14%	11%	10%
Utah Valley	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%
Weber State	4%	6%	3%	3%	4%
Not sure	10%	6%	11%	10%	12%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Religion	
		Mormon	Another religion
<b>Lee Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	35%	43%	15%
<b>Disapprove</b>	31%	22%	54%
<b>Not sure</b>	34%	35%	31%

	Base	Religion	
		Mormon	Another religion
<b>Bennett Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	48%	52%	36%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	34%	29%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	18%	20%

	Base	Religion	
		Mormon	Another religion
<b>Bishop Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	40%	12%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	30%	21%	53%
<b>Not sure</b>	38%	39%	35%

	Base	Religion	
		Mormon	Another religion
<b>Same-Sex Marriage</b>			
<b>Legal</b>	27%	13%	63%
<b>Illegal</b>	66%	81%	29%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	6%	9%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Religion	
		Mormon	Another religion
<b>Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition</b>			
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	23%	9%	58%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	37%	41%	26%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	39%	49%	15%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%

	Base	Religion	
		Mormon	Another religion
<b>Interracial Marriage</b>			
Legal	88%	87%	90%
Illegal	5%	5%	5%
Not sure	7%	8%	5%

	Base	Religion	
		Mormon	Another religion
<b>Polygamy</b>			
Legal	14%	14%	16%
Illegal	75%	78%	70%
Not sure	10%	9%	14%

	Base	Religion	
		Mormon	Another religion
<b>Fave College Team</b>			
BYU	35%	48%	3%
Southern Utah	5%	4%	7%
Utah	33%	21%	61%
Utah State	11%	14%	6%
Utah Valley	1%	2%	1%
Weber State	4%	4%	3%
Not sure	10%	7%	18%

