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## **Minnesotans' opposition to marriage amendment growing**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Minnesota's constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage now appears to be in serious danger of failing, a reversal from a PPP poll four months ago when it led for passage by a 48/44 margin.

Now only 43% of voters support the proposed amendment, with 49% of voters opposed to it. The shift since then has come with independent voters. After previously supporting the amendment by a 50/40 spread, they're now opposing it 54/37. Republicans continue to strongly favor the amendment (74/21) while Democrats are almost equally strong in their opposition (71/22).

Independents coming a lot closer to Democrats than Republicans on gay rights is becoming something of a constant in our polling. The GOP seriously risks antagonizing voters in the middle if it continues to pursue a far right social agenda.

Minnesota sees the same massive generational gap on this issue that we've found in other states. Voters over 45 support the proposed amendment by a 50/42 spread. But those under 45 oppose it by an even greater 60/34 margin.

Voters in the state think gay marriage should be legal by a 47/42 margin, closely matching the numbers on the amendment. And when you expand the discussion to civil unions 75% of voters support some form of legal recognition for gay couples to only 21% who think there should be none. That includes even 55% of Republicans.

Republicans are headed for better news with their proposed amendment to require voters to show a photo identification when they go to cast their ballots. 58% of voters support that with 34% opposed. Republicans (84/10) are almost unanimously supportive of it.

“The pro-equality side is now winning on gay marriage ballot initiatives in Maryland, Maine, Minnesota, and Washington,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “The landscape has changed significantly since Barack Obama announced his support for gay marriage.”

PPP surveyed 973 Minnesota voters from May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.1%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.



## Minnesota Survey Results

- Q1** Should the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota?
- Yes..... 43%
- No..... 49%
- Not sure..... 7%
- Q2** Do you think same-sex marriage should be legal or illegal?
- Legal..... 47%
- Illegal..... 42%
- Not sure..... 11%
- Q3** 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..... 43%
- Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry..... 32%
- There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship..... 21%
- Not sure..... 4%
- Q4** Should the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require all voters to present valid photo identification to vote and to require the state to provide free identification to eligible voters?
- Yes..... 58%
- No..... 34%
- Not sure..... 8%
- Q5** Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Mark Dayton's job performance?
- Approve..... 49% Not sure..... 15%
- Disapprove..... 36%
- Q6** Do you approve or disapprove of the job the DFL members of the legislature are doing?
- Approve..... 31% Not sure..... 24%
- Disapprove..... 46%
- Q7** Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican members of the legislature are doing?
- Approve..... 21% Not sure..... 19%
- Disapprove..... 61%
- Q8** If there was an election for the legislature today, do you think you would vote for the DFL or Republican candidate from your district?
- DFL candidate..... 48%
- Republican candidate..... 36%
- Not sure..... 16%
- Q9** Do you support or oppose allowing Sunday liquor sales?
- Support..... 59%
- Oppose..... 27%
- Not sure..... 14%
- Q10** Do you approve or disapprove of the Vikings Stadium deal?
- Approve..... 44% Not sure..... 15%
- Disapprove..... 41%
- Q11** Who did you vote for President in 2008?
- John McCain..... 41%
- Barack Obama..... 50%
- Someone else/Don't remember..... 8%





**Q12** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i> .....	11%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i> .....	20%
<i>Moderate</i> .....	32%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i> .....	20%
<i>Very conservative</i> .....	16%

**Q13** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i> .....	50%
<i>Man</i> .....	50%

**Q14** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i> .....	35%
<i>Republican</i> .....	31%
<i>Independent/Other</i> .....	34%

**Q15** If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

<i>White</i> .....	90%
<i>Other</i> .....	10%

**Q16** 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.

<i>18 to 29</i> .....	12%
<i>30 to 45</i> .....	30%
<i>46 to 65</i> .....	38%
<i>Older than 65</i> .....	20%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Marriage Amendment</b>				
Yes	43%	71%	20%	48%
No	49%	22%	74%	38%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%	14%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal</b>				
Legal	47%	20%	72%	30%
Illegal	42%	69%	18%	49%
Not sure	11%	10%	10%	21%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition</b>				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	43%	17%	68%	23%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	32%	42%	23%	39%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	21%	36%	8%	27%
Not sure	4%	5%	2%	12%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Photo ID Amendment</b>				
Yes	58%	84%	36%	64%
No	34%	10%	55%	21%
Not sure	8%	5%	9%	15%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Dayton Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	49%	17%	77%	26%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	67%	11%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	16%	12%	30%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>DFL Leg. Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	31%	9%	51%	12%
<b>Disapprove</b>	46%	73%	22%	61%
<b>Not sure</b>	24%	19%	27%	28%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>GOP Leg. Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	21%	43%	3%	19%
<b>Disapprove</b>	61%	35%	81%	54%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	22%	15%	27%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Generic Leg. Ballot</b>				
<b>DFL candidate</b>	48%	10%	81%	29%
<b>Republican candidate</b>	36%	76%	5%	38%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	14%	14%	33%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Support/Oppose Sunday Liquor Sales</b>				
<b>Support</b>	59%	51%	65%	56%
<b>Oppose</b>	27%	34%	21%	32%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	14%	14%	11%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Viking Stadium Deal Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	44%	36%	52%	34%
<b>Disapprove</b>	41%	49%	33%	51%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	15%	15%	14%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Marriage Amendment</b>						
<b>Yes</b>	43%	10%	17%	32%	71%	84%
<b>No</b>	49%	85%	77%	59%	20%	11%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	5%	7%	9%	9%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal</b>						
<b>Legal</b>	47%	92%	74%	56%	15%	8%
<b>Illegal</b>	42%	7%	14%	31%	72%	83%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	1%	12%	14%	13%	10%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition</b>						
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	43%	91%	71%	51%	10%	7%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	32%	4%	21%	34%	54%	33%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	21%	4%	6%	12%	31%	54%
Not sure	4%	1%	2%	4%	5%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Photo ID Amendment</b>						
Yes	58%	28%	37%	48%	84%	91%
No	34%	66%	53%	42%	7%	6%
Not sure	8%	7%	9%	9%	9%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Dayton Approval</b>						
Approve	49%	92%	72%	62%	17%	5%
Disapprove	36%	3%	11%	23%	63%	82%
Not sure	15%	5%	17%	15%	20%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>DFL Leg. Approval</b>						
Approve	31%	77%	51%	32%	5%	4%
Disapprove	46%	10%	20%	39%	70%	85%
Not sure	24%	12%	29%	29%	26%	11%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>GOP Leg. Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	21%	4%	4%	11%	36%	53%
<b>Disapprove</b>	61%	86%	82%	70%	35%	29%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	11%	14%	19%	29%	18%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Generic Leg. Ballot</b>						
<b>DFL candidate</b>	48%	94%	81%	57%	10%	4%
<b>Republican candidate</b>	36%	2%	4%	20%	71%	88%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	4%	15%	22%	18%	8%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Support/Oppose Sunday Liquor Sales</b>						
<b>Support</b>	59%	77%	63%	64%	53%	40%
<b>Oppose</b>	27%	14%	21%	24%	32%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	8%	16%	12%	15%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Viking Stadium Deal Approval</b>						
<b>Approve</b>	44%	38%	50%	53%	38%	32%
<b>Disapprove</b>	41%	48%	34%	34%	43%	56%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	14%	16%	13%	19%	12%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Marriage Amendment</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	<b>43%</b>	43%	43%
<b>No</b>	<b>49%</b>	49%	50%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>7%</b>	8%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal</b>			
<b>Legal</b>	<b>47%</b>	48%	46%
<b>Illegal</b>	<b>42%</b>	41%	43%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>11%</b>	11%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition</b>			
<b>Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry</b>	<b>43%</b>	45%	42%
<b>Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry</b>	<b>32%</b>	32%	32%
<b>There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship</b>	<b>21%</b>	19%	22%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>4%</b>	4%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Photo ID Amendment</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	<b>58%</b>	57%	59%
<b>No</b>	<b>34%</b>	33%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>8%</b>	9%	7%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Dayton Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	49%	48%	50%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	33%	39%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	19%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>DFL Leg. Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	31%	30%	32%
<b>Disapprove</b>	46%	40%	51%
<b>Not sure</b>	24%	31%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>GOP Leg. Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	21%	19%	22%
<b>Disapprove</b>	61%	57%	64%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	24%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Generic Leg. Ballot</b>			
<b>DFL candidate</b>	48%	49%	48%
<b>Republican candidate</b>	36%	34%	38%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	17%	14%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Support/Oppose Sunday Liquor Sales</b>			
<b>Support</b>	59%	54%	64%
<b>Oppose</b>	27%	30%	24%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	15%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Viking Stadium Deal Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	44%	40%	48%
<b>Disapprove</b>	41%	42%	41%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	18%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Marriage Amendment</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	43%	22%	74%	37%
<b>No</b>	49%	71%	21%	54%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	8%	5%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal</b>				
<b>Legal</b>	47%	70%	14%	53%
<b>Illegal</b>	42%	19%	75%	35%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	11%	10%	12%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition</b>				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	43%	66%	12%	49%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	32%	23%	43%	32%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	21%	8%	40%	17%
Not sure	4%	3%	5%	3%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Photo ID Amendment</b>				
Yes	58%	36%	84%	58%
No	34%	54%	10%	35%
Not sure	8%	10%	6%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Dayton Approval</b>				
Approve	49%	81%	13%	47%
Disapprove	36%	10%	71%	32%
Not sure	15%	9%	16%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>DFL Leg. Approval</b>				
Approve	31%	59%	6%	24%
Disapprove	46%	15%	77%	48%
Not sure	24%	26%	16%	28%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>GOP Leg. Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	21%	3%	50%	12%
<b>Disapprove</b>	61%	81%	31%	66%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	15%	19%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Generic Leg. Ballot</b>				
<b>DFL candidate</b>	48%	92%	5%	41%
<b>Republican candidate</b>	36%	1%	87%	28%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	6%	8%	32%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Support/Oppose Sunday Liquor Sales</b>				
<b>Support</b>	59%	61%	46%	68%
<b>Oppose</b>	27%	22%	38%	23%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	17%	15%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Viking Stadium Deal Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	44%	50%	40%	42%
<b>Disapprove</b>	41%	33%	45%	46%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	17%	15%	13%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Marriage Amendment</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	<b>43%</b>	43%	48%
<b>No</b>	<b>49%</b>	50%	40%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>7%</b>	7%	12%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal</b>			
<b>Legal</b>	<b>47%</b>	48%	41%
<b>Illegal</b>	<b>42%</b>	41%	45%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>11%</b>	11%	15%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition</b>			
<b>Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry</b>	<b>43%</b>	44%	35%
<b>Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry</b>	<b>32%</b>	32%	35%
<b>There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship</b>	<b>21%</b>	20%	29%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>4%</b>	4%	1%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Photo ID Amendment</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	<b>58%</b>	57%	68%
<b>No</b>	<b>34%</b>	35%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>8%</b>	8%	6%





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	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Dayton Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	49%	50%	39%
<b>Disapprove</b>	36%	36%	45%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	15%	17%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>DFL Leg. Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	31%	31%	29%
<b>Disapprove</b>	46%	45%	50%
<b>Not sure</b>	24%	24%	21%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>GOP Leg. Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	21%	20%	26%
<b>Disapprove</b>	61%	61%	56%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	19%	19%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Generic Leg. Ballot</b>			
<b>DFL candidate</b>	48%	49%	43%
<b>Republican candidate</b>	36%	36%	39%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	15%	17%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Support/Oppose Sunday Liquor Sales</b>			
<b>Support</b>	59%	59%	63%
<b>Oppose</b>	27%	27%	29%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	14%	7%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
<b>Viking Stadium Deal Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	44%	45%	34%
<b>Disapprove</b>	41%	39%	60%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	16%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Marriage Amendment</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	43%	32%	35%	49%	52%
<b>No</b>	49%	66%	58%	44%	37%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	2%	7%	8%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal</b>					
<b>Legal</b>	47%	63%	56%	43%	33%
<b>Illegal</b>	42%	32%	30%	48%	54%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	5%	14%	10%	13%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition</b>					
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	43%	63%	50%	39%	30%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	32%	20%	30%	34%	39%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	21%	15%	17%	22%	27%
Not sure	4%	2%	4%	4%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Photo ID Amendment</b>					
Yes	58%	52%	60%	60%	55%
No	34%	39%	34%	31%	36%
Not sure	8%	9%	6%	9%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Dayton Approval</b>					
Approve	49%	50%	48%	47%	51%
Disapprove	36%	33%	39%	37%	33%
Not sure	15%	17%	12%	16%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>DFL Leg. Approval</b>					
Approve	31%	42%	33%	26%	30%
Disapprove	46%	29%	47%	51%	43%
Not sure	24%	29%	20%	23%	27%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>GOP Leg. Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	21%	19%	22%	20%	20%
<b>Disapprove</b>	61%	62%	56%	64%	61%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	19%	22%	16%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Generic Leg. Ballot</b>					
<b>DFL candidate</b>	48%	58%	48%	46%	47%
<b>Republican candidate</b>	36%	28%	39%	37%	36%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	14%	13%	17%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Support/Oppose Sunday Liquor Sales</b>					
<b>Support</b>	59%	70%	76%	54%	37%
<b>Oppose</b>	27%	20%	14%	32%	42%
<b>Not sure</b>	14%	10%	10%	14%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Viking Stadium Deal Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	44%	38%	54%	40%	40%
<b>Disapprove</b>	41%	48%	34%	45%	40%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	14%	12%	15%	20%

