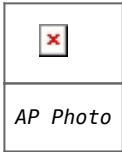


Study: Majority of Americans Favor Traditional Marriage



As the tense topic of gay marriage continues to circulate the country, a new study shows that 62 percent of Americans believe

“marriage should be defined only as a union between one man and one

woman.” Fifty-three percent “strongly agree.”

The scientific survey, which polled 1,500 adults between May 16

and May 19, was sponsored by the Alliance Defense Fund and completed

by Public Opinion Strategies. The research also included 14 focus

groups completed across the country.

“Americans recognize that marriage provides a strong foundation

for a thriving society,” says ADF Senior Counsel Brian Raum.

“The

union between husband and wife benefits society—especially children—in unique ways that cannot be duplicated by any other relationship. Throughout history, diverse cultures and faiths have recognized this universally defined ideal as the best way to

promote healthy, natural families for the good of future generations.”

The results reflect voter behavior of Americans who are faced with

the decision to either affirm marriage in their state

constitutions

or leave it open to legal challenges or other attacks.

“These numbers are not surprising,” Public Opinion Strategies partner and the survey’s director, Gene Ulm, says. “More than 63

million Americans in 31 state elections have voted on constitutional

marriage amendments. Forty million Americans in all—63 percent of

total voters—have voted to affirm marriage as a union between a man

and a woman.”

“Americans strongly affirm the lifelong, faithful union of a man

and a woman as the fundamental building block of civilization,”

Raum explains. “This survey, along with the nearly 80 percent win

rate in ADF marriage cases, shows the opposition has created an

illusion of momentum but not a real base of support or track record

of victory in the courts.”

The survey results summary may be viewed [here](#).