

Support for Same-Sex Marriage Continues to Decline

A new poll revealed that support for same-sex marriage is continuing to decline. The poll, conducted by the Economist/YouGov, asked Americans if they believe same-sex marriage should be legal.

While same-sex marriage has been legal since the 2015 decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, some states have pushed back and have urged for it to be a states' rights issue. According to the survey results, 54% of Americans believe it should be legal, while 32% it should not be legal. 13% of respondents were unsure.

The poll further asked Americans if they believe Israel is committing genocide, if Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu should be arrested, if a nuclear war is likely to occur in the next five years, and various questions pertaining to President Trump, among other topics.



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A June poll from Gallup similarly found that support for same-sex marriage is on the decline compared to previous years. The survey found that 65% of Americans favor same-sex marriages, down from its peak in 2022 and 2023. The poll said Republicans are the cause of the downward shift. Most of the recent changes in LGBTQ+ attitudes have occurred among Republicans. "For example, in 2021 and 2022, 55% of Republicans said they favored legal same-sex marriage, but today, the figure is 37%," Gallup wrote. "Among independents, support has dropped six points, to 67%, while Democrats' views are the same as in 2022 (87% in favor)."

Justice Clarence Thomas has expressed an interest in revisiting the Obergefell decision. In his concurring opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned *Roe v. Wade*, Thomas argued that the Court should "reconsider all of this Court's substantive due process precedents," suggesting that the legal foundations of same-sex marriage could be subject to future challenges.

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