



## **RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

### **MISSOURI STATEWIDE**

**2015**

Survey conducted August 25 through August 26, 2015. 831 likely voters participated in the survey. Survey weighted to match expected turnout demographics for the 2016 General Election. Margin of Error is +/- 3.4% with a 95% level of confidence. Totals do not always equal 100% due to rounding.

Survey conducted by Remington Research Group on behalf of Missouri Alliance for Freedom.

**Q:** In your opinion should the government be able to force priests and pastors to perform same-sex weddings if same-sex marriage violates the clergy's religious beliefs and the teachings of the church?

Yes.....15%  
No.....78%  
Unsure.....7%

**Q:** In your opinion should churches, synagogues, mosques, or other religious property such as a schools be forced to host same-sex weddings or events if it violates the religious convictions of the religious institution?

Yes.....15%  
No.....79%  
Unsure.....6%

**Q:** In your opinion, do you believe the government should be able to force a private business, like a baker or a florist, to provide services for a same-sex wedding if it violates his/her religious beliefs?

Yes.....24%  
No.....71%  
Unsure.....6%

**Q:** In your opinion, should elected officials such as county Recorders of Deeds or Judges be forced to issue same-sex marriage licenses if doing so contradicts his/her deeply held religious beliefs and is violation of his/her conscience?

Yes.....43%  
No.....50%  
Unsure.....7%

**Q:** In your opinion, should the federal and state government be able to require by law that a private citizen provides services or provide their private property for an event that is contrary to their religious beliefs?

Yes.....15%  
No.....76%  
Unsure.....9%

**Q:** In your opinion, which of the following do you believe is most important? Protecting religious liberties, protecting same-sex rights, or are they equally important?

Protecting religious liberties.....66%  
Protecting same-sex rights.....8%  
Equally important.....8%  
Unsure.....17%

**Q:** In your opinion, should a private employee be required to submit dues to a labor organization if that labor organization donates money to an organization whose practices conflict with the employee's religious beliefs?

Yes.....29%  
No.....54%  
Unsure.....18%

**Q:** In your opinion should the government be able to force priests and pastors to perform same-sex weddings if same-sex marriage violates the clergy's religious beliefs and the teachings of the church?

BY DMA

Column %	Columbia	Joplin	Kansas City	Kirkville	Cape Girardeau	Hannibal	Springfield	St. Joseph	St. Louis
<b>Yes</b>	15%	7%	17%	14%	6%	24%	8%	25%	17%
<b>No</b>	77%	77%	76%	86%	90%	69%	90%	62%	74%
<b>Unsure</b>	8%	16%	7%	0%	4%	7%	3%	13%	9%

BY PARTY

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
<b>Yes</b>	10%	21%	15%
<b>No</b>	85%	70%	78%
<b>Unsure</b>	5%	9%	7%

BY GENDER

Column %	Female	Male
<b>Yes</b>	16%	14%
<b>No</b>	76%	80%
<b>Unsure</b>	8%	6%

BY RACE

Column %	White	African-American	Other
<b>Yes</b>	14%	20%	23%
<b>No</b>	80%	70%	63%
<b>Unsure</b>	6%	10%	14%

BY AGE

Column %	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-69	70+
<b>Yes</b>	19%	21%	16%	13%	12%
<b>No</b>	75%	70%	75%	82%	78%
<b>Unsure</b>	6%	9%	9%	5%	10%

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BY DMA

Column %	Columbia	Joplin	Kansas City	Kirkville	Cape Girardeau	Hannibal	Springfield	St. Joseph	St. Louis
<b>Yes</b>	20%	4%	17%	0%	3%	24%	9%	29%	18%
<b>No</b>	78%	85%	76%	100%	94%	76%	89%	68%	74%
<b>Unsure</b>	2%	11%	7%	0%	3%	0%	3%	3%	8%

BY PARTY

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
<b>Yes</b>	10%	23%	13%
<b>No</b>	89%	66%	81%
<b>Unsure</b>	1%	11%	6%

BY GENDER

Column %	Female	Male
<b>Yes</b>	16%	15%
<b>No</b>	77%	81%
<b>Unsure</b>	7%	4%

BY RACE

Column %	White	African-American	Other
<b>Yes</b>	15%	17%	23%
<b>No</b>	80%	73%	70%
<b>Unsure</b>	5%	11%	7%

BY AGE

Column %	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-69	70+
<b>Yes</b>	27%	20%	14%	14%	10%
<b>No</b>	64%	76%	79%	83%	81%
<b>Unsure</b>	10%	4%	6%	4%	9%

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<b>Yes</b>	26%	18%	21%	0%	13%	24%	18%	35%	29%
<b>No</b>	70%	78%	72%	86%	81%	69%	79%	62%	64%
<b>Unsure</b>	4%	4%	7%	14%	6%	7%	2%	3%	7%

BY PARTY

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
<b>Yes</b>	11%	40%	20%
<b>No</b>	87%	51%	73%
<b>Unsure</b>	3%	8%	7%

BY GENDER

Column %	Female	Male
<b>Yes</b>	25%	23%
<b>No</b>	68%	73%
<b>Unsure</b>	7%	4%

BY RACE

Column %	White	African-American	Other
<b>Yes</b>	22%	32%	32%
<b>No</b>	72%	58%	66%
<b>Unsure</b>	6%	10%	2%

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<b>Yes</b>	42%	39%	46%	14%	25%	24%	29%	44%	50%
<b>No</b>	50%	57%	48%	86%	65%	71%	67%	51%	40%
<b>Unsure</b>	8%	4%	6%	0%	10%	5%	3%	5%	10%

BY PARTY

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<b>Yes</b>	24%	64%	42%
<b>No</b>	68%	30%	49%
<b>Unsure</b>	8%	6%	9%

BY GENDER

Column %	Female	Male
<b>Yes</b>	43%	42%
<b>No</b>	48%	52%
<b>Unsure</b>	8%	6%

BY RACE

Column %	White	African-American	Other
<b>Yes</b>	40%	56%	56%
<b>No</b>	52%	36%	37%
<b>Unsure</b>	7%	9%	7%

BY AGE

Column %	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-69	70+
<b>Yes</b>	61%	46%	54%	38%	29%
<b>No</b>	37%	47%	37%	55%	59%
<b>Unsure</b>	2%	6%	9%	7%	12%

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<b>Unsure</b>	13%	9%	10%	0%	4%	0%	6%	10%	9%

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Protecting same-sex rights	7%	6%	8%	8%	4%	4%	5%	17%	7%
Equally important	8%	6%	9%	2%	3%	2%	4%	5%	14%
Unsure	17%	15%	18%	12%	14%	5%	14%	12%	18%

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<b>Yes</b>	25%	25%	23%	0%	12%	22%	20%	28%	28%
<b>No</b>	62%	58%	57%	100%	73%	67%	64%	48%	51%
<b>Unsure</b>	13%	17%	20%	0%	15%	11%	17%	24%	21%

BY PARTY

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
<b>Yes</b>	12%	45%	25%
<b>No</b>	73%	35%	54%
<b>Unsure</b>	15%	21%	21%

BY GENDER

Column %	Female	Male
<b>Yes</b>	24%	24%
<b>No</b>	55%	61%
<b>Unsure</b>	21%	14%

BY RACE

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<b>No</b>	59%	48%	45%
<b>Unsure</b>	18%	20%	18%

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<b>Yes</b>	38%	26%	27%	25%	20%
<b>No</b>	45%	44%	59%	58%	60%
<b>Unsure</b>	17%	30%	13%	17%	21%

## DEMOGRAPHICS

DMA	%
Columbia	8%
Joplin	3%
Kansas City	24%
Kirksville	1%
Cape Girardeau	6%
Hannibal	1%
Springfield	15%
St. Joseph	2%
St. Louis	41%

PARTY	%
Republican	43%
Democrat	38%
Non-Partisan	19%

Gender	%
Female	54%
Male	46%

AGE	%
18-29	11%
30-39	14%
40-49	16%
50-69	41%
70+	18%

Race	%
White	85%
African-American	9%
Other	6%