



This Washington Post-University of Maryland poll was conducted online May 4-17, 2022, among a random national sample of 1,503 adults. The sample was drawn through SSRS's Opinion Panel, an ongoing survey panel recruited through random sampling of U.S. households. Overall results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus three percentage points, including design effects due to weighting. Sampling, data collection and tabulation was conducted by SSRS of Glen Mills, Pa. The survey was conducted in partnership with the University of Maryland's Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement and the Shirley Povich Center for Sports Journalism.

(Full methodological details and sampling error margins for subgroups appended at the end.)

*= less than 0.5 percent

Questions 1-4 held for release.

5. On another topic, people who are transgender identify as a gender that is different from the sex they were assigned at birth. Aside from acquaintances, do you personally know someone who is transgender, or not? (Select all that apply)

	----- Yes -----							No
	NET	Myself	NET Close friend/family	A close friend	A family member	Someone else	No opinion	
5/17/22	40	3	16	9	8	25	60	*

Compare to:

Now thinking about the people that you know, do you have a close friend or family member who is transgender?

	----- Yes -----						No
	Myself	NET Close friend/family	A close friend	A family member	No	opinion	
4/20/19*	0	24	18	7	75	1	
2/19/17	NA	21	NA	NA	77	2	
6/7/15	NA	11	NA	NA	85	4	
12/13	NA	9	NA	NA	89	2	
8/11	NA	11	NA	NA	86	3	

*2019 and prior PRRI

Now thinking about the people that you know, do you have a close friend or family member who is gay?

	----- Yes -----						No
	Myself	NET Close friend/family	A close friend	A family member	No	opinion	
4/20/19*	3	68	48	34	30	1	
2/19/17	NA	70	NA	NA	30	2	
6/7/15	NA	65	NA	NA	34	1	
12/13	NA	58	NA	NA	35	2	
5/11	NA	54	NA	NA	45	1	

*2019 and prior PRRI

6. Do you think the greater social acceptance of transgender people is:

	- Good for society --		Neither good nor bad	-- Bad for society --		No opinion		
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very		
5/17/22	40	26	14	35	25	14	11	*
7/18/21*	38	23	15	29	32	14	18	1

*Pew Research Center "Do you think each of the following is generally good or bad for our society? Greater social acceptance of people who are transgender (people who identify as a gender that is different from the sex they were assigned at birth)"

7. Thinking about transgender women and girls - people whose sex was classified as male at birth but who currently identify as female - do you think transgender women and girls should or should not be allowed to compete in sports with other women and girls at each of the following levels?

5/17/22 -- Summary table

	Should be allowed	Should not be allowed	No opinion
a. Professional sports	28	58	15
b. College sports	28	58	15
c. High school sports	30	55	15
d. Youth sports	33	49	17

8. If transgender girls are not allowed to compete with other girls in youth sports, how concerned are you that the mental health of transgender girls will suffer?

	----- Concerned -----			----- Less concerned -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	
5/17/22	52	17	35	48	25	22	*

9. If transgender girls are allowed to compete with other girls in youth sports, do you think:

	Transgender girls would have a competitive advantage over other girls	Other girls would have a competitive advantage over transgender girls	Neither would have an advantage	No op.
5/17/22	68	2	30	*

10. Are you a parent or guardian of a child of any age, including adult children?

	Yes	No	No opinion
5/17/22	64	35	*

11. (AMONG PARENTS) Are any of your children: (Select all that apply)

	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-binary	Gender nonconforming
5/17/22	72	74	2	1	1

NET 10/11

----- Parents -----								
	NET	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-binary	Gender nonconforming	No	No opinion
5/17/22	64	47	48	1	1	1	35	*

12. (AMONG PARENTS) Are any of your children under the age of 18?

	Yes	No	No opinion
5/17/22	41	59	0

NET 10/12

----- Parents -----					
	NET	Under 18	Over 18	No	No opinion
5/17/22	64	26	38	35	*

Questions 13-40 held for release.

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as...?

	A Democrat	A Republican	An independent	Other	No opinion
5/17/22	28	26	30	16	*
3/18/21	31	25	34	10	*

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and the University of Maryland, including the Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement and the Shirley Povich Center for Sports Journalism. The poll is a random sample of U.S. adults living in the United States. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish.

The questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Demographic questions are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Phrases surrounded by parentheticals within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

SSRS conducted sampling, interviewing and tabulation for the survey. The survey was conducted online among a sample from the SSRS Opinion Panel, an ongoing survey panel recruited through random sampling of U.S. households through both address-based sampling and random digit dialing of cell/landline phones.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for differential probability of selection based on phone type or geographic strata. The sample was also

weighted to match the demographic makeup U.S. adults age 18 or older by age, race/ethnicity, gender, education, region, population density, civic engagement and party affiliation.

Sources of weighting benchmarks are listed below:

U.S. Census Bureau's 2019 American Community Survey: Age by gender, education by age, education by gender, race/ethnicity, region, and population density

U.S. Census Bureau's 2019 Current Population Survey: Civic engagement (volunteering and talking to neighbors)

Washington Post-ABC News polls: Party affiliation

The margin of sampling error for the overall sample including the design effect is plus or minus three percentage points. For results based on subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.6. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

Group	Unweighted sample size	Error margin
All adults	1,503	+/- 3 points
Sports fans	1,264	3.5
Parents of children of any age	973	4
Parents of children <18	442	6

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