

Marriage Survey Results Summary

A national survey of 1,500 adults completed May 16-19, 2011, shows 62% of Americans agreeing with the following statement (actual wording):

“I believe marriage should be defined ONLY as a union between one man and one woman.”

Importantly, a majority (53%) of Americans strongly agreed with the statement. Only 35% disagreed.

The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.53%. The national survey of adults (18+) was stratified by region and included a mix of both land-lines and cell phones. Forty-three percent of the sample was under the age of 45. Eleven percent of the sample was African American while 11% was Hispanic or of Spanish-speaking background.

The survey was sponsored by the [Alliance Defense Fund](#) and completed by [Public Opinion Strategies](#) May 16-19, 2011. The survey was part of a broad and comprehensive effort examining American attitudes toward marriage. In addition to the national survey, the effort included 14 focus groups completed across the country.

Public Opinion Strategies is a nationally-known public opinion research firm. In addition to polling for Fortune 100 companies, 80 members of Congress, 19 senators, and six governors, the firm’s partners poll (in conjunction with two other firms) for NBC News/*Wall Street Journal* and National Public Radio.