

**FALL 2015**  
**COLONEL'S CANVASS POLL**

**Centre College**  
**Danville, Kentucky**  
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Interviews with 487 adult Americans conducted by telephone at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky on September 24 – October 1, 2015. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.

The sample includes interviews from both landline respondents (62% of all respondents) and cell phone respondents (38% of all respondents).

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## **Survey Methods**

Results for this survey are based on telephone interviews conducted at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky on September 24 – October 1, 2015, with a random sample of 487 adults, aged 18 and older, living in the lower 48 U.S. states (not including Alaska and Hawaii).

This survey sampled both landline and cellphone respondents. 62% of total respondents were landline numbers while 38% of total respondents were cellphone numbers. Landline and cellphone numbers were selected using random-digit-dial methods.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4.5\%$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level. All other margins of error as shown.

All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for age and race.

In all, 34% of sample respondents identify as Democrats, 26.7% identify as Republican, 28% identify as Independents, with 6.2% identifying as no/other party. Also, 47% identify as Democrats or Independent-lean-Democrats and 38.2% identify as Republicans or Independent-lean Republicans.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

Approve	45.5%
Disapprove	48.9%
Don't know	4.0%

[ASKED OF "DISAPPROVE" RESPONDENTS, SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 6.5%]

Do you disapprove because you think his policies and actions are too liberal or because you think they're not liberal enough?

Too liberal	79.3%
Not liberal enough	8.6%
Other	12.1%

Democrats and Democratic leaners: 69.7% too liberal, 27.3% not liberal enough [MoE +/- 17.1%]

Independents: 57.7% too liberal, 7.7% not liberal enough [MoE +/- 19.2%]

Republicans and Republican leaners: 84.9% too liberal, 5.0% not liberal enough [MoE +/- 7.8%]

[ASKED OF REPUBLICANS AND INDEPENDENT-LEAN-REPUBLICANS, SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 7.7%]

Now thinking of the 2016 presidential primary election, who would be your preference at this time for the Republican Party's nominee of the following choices: Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, Rand Paul, Rick Santorum, Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio, John Kasich, Bobby Jindal, Mike Huckabee, Chris Christie, Ben Carson, Carly Fiorina, Lindsey Graham, Jim Gilmore, George Pataki, or some other? [RANDOMIZE NAMES]

Jeb Bush	8.1%
Ben Carson	13.4%
Chris Christie	0.5%
Mike Huckabee	3.2%
Rand Paul	5.9%
Marco Rubio	11.3%
Donald Trump	23.1%
Ted Cruz	8.1%
Bobby Jindal	1.1%
Carly Fiorina	9.1%
John Kasich	1.6%
Rick Santorum	0.5%
Don't know	12.9%

*Lindsey Graham, Jim Gilmore, and George Pataki were selected by none of the respondents.*

Regardless of your personal preferences, who do you THINK will win the Republican nomination for president?

Jeb Bush	6.4%
Ben Carson	8.1%
Chris Christie	4.3%
Rand Paul	1.1%
Marco Rubio	7.5%
Donald Trump	36.0%
Ted Cruz	1.1%
Carly Fiorina	4.8%
John Kasich	0.1%
Don't know	29%

*All other candidates were selected by no one.*

[ASKED OF DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENT-LEAN-DEMOCRATS, SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 6.5%]

Now thinking of the 2016 presidential primary election, who would be your preference at this time for the Democratic Party's nominee of the following choices: Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley, Bernie Sanders, Lincoln Chaffee, Jim Webb, or some other? [RANDOMIZE NAMES]

Joe Biden	15.0%
Hillary Clinton	31.3%
Martin O'Malley	0.8%
Bernie Sanders	30.4%
Lincoln Chaffee	1.3%
Don't know	15.4%

*Jim Webb was selected by none of the respondents.*

Regardless of your personal preferences, who do you THINK will win the Democratic nomination for president?

Now thinking of the 2016 presidential primary election, who would be your preference at this time for the Democratic Party's nominee of the following choices: Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley, Bernie Sanders, Lincoln Chaffee, Jim Webb, or some other? [RANDOMIZE NAMES]

Joe Biden	12.2%
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Hillary Clinton	45.9%
Bernie Sanders	12.2%
Lincoln Chaffee	0.4%
Jim Webb	0.8%

Don't know 26.6%

*Martin O'Malley was selected by no one.*

[ASKED OF ALL RESPONDENTS]

In general, when there's a conflict between someone's religious beliefs and the need to treat everyone equally under the law, which do you think is more important?

Respecting religious beliefs	14.9%
Treat equally under the law	73.8%
Don't know	9.4%

Among Democrats and leaners: 7.2% respect beliefs; 92.8% treat equally [MoE +/- 6.8%]

Among Independents: 14.0% respect beliefs; 86.0% treat equally [MoE +/- 13%]

Among Republicans and leaners: 31.2% respect beliefs; 68.8% treat equally [MoE +/- 7.8%]

Among Evangelical Protestants: 30% respect beliefs; 70% treat equally [MoE +/- 7.3%]

Among Mainline Protestants: 10.8% respect beliefs; 89.2% treat equally [MoE +/- 16.1%]

Among Catholics: 15.6% respect beliefs; 84.4% treat equally [MoE +/- 12.3%]

Among frequent church attenders (once a month or more): 31.5% respect beliefs; 68.5% treat equally [MoE +/- 7.2%]

Among infrequent church attenders (few times a year or less): 6.2% respect beliefs; 93.8% treat equally [MoE +/- 6.3%]

[ASKED OF ALL RESPONDENTS]

For the following statements, please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat DISagre, or strongly disagree:

Those who provide wedding services such as photographers and bakers should not be required to offer services to same-sex marriages ceremonies if doing so would conflict with sincerely held religious beliefs.

Strongly agree	29.4%
Somewhat agree	16.6%
Somewhat disagree	10.5%

Strongly disagree 34.2%  
Don't know 6.5%

Strongly/somewhat agree: 46.0%  
Strongly/somewhat disagree: 44.7%

County clerks should not be required to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples if doing so would conflict with sincerely held religious beliefs.

Strongly agree 16.4%  
Somewhat agree 10.2%  
Somewhat disagree 12.0%  
Strongly disagree 53.6%  
Don't know 4.7%

Strongly/somewhat agree: 26.6%  
Strongly/somewhat disagree: 65.6%

Pastors and priests should not be required to offer marriage ceremonies for same-sex couples if doing so would conflict with sincerely held religious beliefs.

Strongly agree 45.1%  
Somewhat agree 18.0%  
Somewhat disagree 9.3%  
Strongly disagree 19.6%  
Don't know 6.1%

Strongly/somewhat agree: 63.1%  
Strongly/somewhat disagree: 28.9%

A pharmacist should not be required to fill customer prescriptions for contraceptive devices if doing so would conflict with sincerely held religious beliefs.

Strongly agree 16.2%  
Somewhat agree 9.2%  
Somewhat disagree 15.3%  
Strongly disagree 50.2%  
Don't know 5.9%

Strongly/somewhat agree: 25.4%  
Strongly/somewhat disagree: 65.5%

A restaurant server should not be required to serve alcohol to customers if doing so would conflict with sincerely held religious beliefs.

Strongly agree 18.2%  
Somewhat agree 10.4%  
Somewhat disagree 14.6%

Strongly disagree	49.8%
Don't know	5.3%

Strongly/somewhat agree:	28.6%
Strongly/somewhat disagree:	64.4%

An employer should not be required to hire an otherwise qualified gay employee if doing so would conflict with sincerely held religious beliefs.

Strongly agree	16.9%
Somewhat agree	9.5%
Somewhat disagree	12.8%
Strongly disagree	53.4%
Don't know	4.7%

Strongly/somewhat agree:	26.4%
Strongly/somewhat disagree:	66.2%

A landlord should not be required to offer apartment leases to same-sex couples if doing so would conflict with sincerely held religious beliefs.

Strongly agree	20.2%
Somewhat agree	8.1%
Somewhat disagree	12.1%
Strongly disagree	48.2%
Don't know	7.6%

Strongly/somewhat agree:	28.3%
Strongly/somewhat disagree:	60.3%