

MARRIAGE “Conscience Exemption” POLL February 2013

CLIENT:	Family First New Zealand
POLL DATES:	Evenings of Thu 14, Sun 17, Thu 21, Sun 24 Feb 2013
SAMPLE SIZE:	1,000 respondents agreed to participate.
SAMPLE SELECTION:	A random selection of 10,000 nationwide phone numbers.
WEIGHTING:	The results are weighted to reflect the overall adult population in terms of gender, age, area and deprivation decile.
SAMPLE ERROR:	Based on this sample of 1,000 respondents, the maximum sampling error (for a result of 50%) is +/- 3.2%, at the 95% confidence level.

MARRIAGE CELEBRANTS

If the Marriage Act is changed to allow same-sex couples to marry, should **all marriage celebrants**, including ministers of all religions, be required to perform same-sex weddings even if these go against their personal convictions?

Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings?

		Count	Col %
Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings?	Yes	145	15%
	No	795	80%
	Unsure/Refuse	59	6%
	Total	998	100%

Only 15% of respondents think marriage celebrants should be forced to perform same-sex weddings if they go against their personal convictions.

Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings? BY Gender + Age

		Gender		Age			Total
		Female	Male	18 - 40	41 - 60	61+	
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	
Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings?	Yes	16%	13%	16%	11%	17%	15%
	No	78%	82%	77%	85%	77%	80%
	Unsure/Refuse	6%	5%	7%	4%	6%	6%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings? BY Area

		Area			
		Metro	Provincial	Rural	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings?	Yes	15%	9%	20%	15%
	No	80%	83%	75%	80%
	Unsure/Refuse	5%	8%	5%	6%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings? BY Deprivation

		Deprivation			
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings?	Yes	12%	13%	18%	15%
	No	85%	80%	74%	80%
	Unsure/Refuse	3%	7%	7%	6%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings? BY Party Vote 2011

		Party Vote 2011				
		National	Labour	Others	Not Vote/Unsure	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings?	Yes	15%	13%	16%	16%	15%
	No	83%	80%	80%	71%	80%
	Unsure/Refuse	3%	6%	5%	14%	6%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

MARRIAGE CEREMONY LOCATIONS

If the Marriage Act is changed to allow same-sex couples to marry, should temples, mosques, churches and other places of faith all be required to allow same-sex 'marriages' in their buildings?

Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings??

		Count	Col %
Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings??	Yes	208	21%
	No	729	73%
	Unsure/Refuse	60	6%
	Total	997	100%

Only 21% of respondents believe churches and other places of faith should be required to allow same-sex marriages in their buildings.

Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings?? BY Gender + Age

		Gender		Age			Total
		Female	Male	18 - 40	41 - 60	61+	
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	
Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings??	Yes	25%	15%	28%	15%	18%	21%
	No	68%	80%	67%	79%	73%	73%
	Unsure/Refuse	7%	5%	5%	5%	9%	6%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings?? BY

Area

		Area			
		Metro	Provincial	Rural	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings??	Yes	21%	17%	25%	21%
	No	74%	76%	67%	73%
	Unsure/Refuse	4%	7%	9%	6%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings?? BY Deprivation

		Deprivation			
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings??	Yes	14%	22%	26%	21%
	No	82%	69%	70%	73%
	Unsure/Refuse	4%	9%	5%	6%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings?? BY Party Vote 2011

		Party Vote 2011				
		National	Labour	Others	Not Vote/Unsure	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings??	Yes	19%	25%	21%	19%	21%
	No	77%	70%	74%	69%	73%
	Unsure/Refuse	4%	6%	6%	11%	6%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

MARRIAGE TEACHING IN FAITH-BASED SCHOOLS

If the Marriage Act is changed to allow same-sex couples to marry, should all faith-based schools - whether, Christian, Jewish or Moslem etc - all be required to teach that same-sex marriage is equal to traditional marriage of a man and a woman.

Should faith-based schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal?

		Count	Col %
Should faith-based schools	Yes	325	33%
have to teach same-sex	No	539	55%
marriage is equal?	Unsure/Refuse	123	12%
	Total	986	100%

33% of respondents believe faith-based schools should be required to teach that same-sex marriage is equal to traditional marriage of a man and a woman, and 55% are opposed.

Should faith-based schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal? BY Gender + Age

		Gender		Age			Total
		Female	Male	18 - 40	41 - 60	61+	
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	
Should faith-based schools	Yes	38%	27%	47%	27%	21%	33%
have to teach same-sex	No	48%	62%	42%	58%	68%	55%
marriage is equal?	Unsure/Refuse	14%	11%	12%	14%	10%	12%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should faith-based schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal? BY Area

		Area			
		Metro	Provincial	Rural	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should faith-based schools	Yes	34%	32%	31%	33%
have to teach same-sex	No	53%	56%	57%	55%
marriage is equal?	Unsure/Refuse	13%	12%	11%	12%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should faith-based schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal? BY Deprivation

		Deprivation			
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should faith-based schools	Yes	30%	38%	29%	33%
have to teach same-sex	No	61%	51%	53%	55%
marriage is equal?	Unsure/Refuse	9%	11%	17%	12%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should faith-based schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal? BY Party Vote 2011

		Party Vote 2011				
		National	Labour	Others	Not Vote/Unsure	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should faith-based schools	Yes	34%	31%	45%	20%	33%
have to teach same-sex	No	58%	51%	43%	65%	55%
marriage is equal?	Unsure/Refuse	8%	18%	12%	15%	12%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

MARRIAGE TEACHING IN STATE SCHOOLS

If the Marriage Act is changed to allow same-sex couples to marry, should individual teachers in state schools who have a personal belief against same-sex marriage be forced to teach their students that same-sex 'marriage' is equal to traditional marriage?

Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal?

		Count	Col %
Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal?	Yes	365	37%
	No	522	53%
	Unsure/Refuse	100	10%
	Total	987	100%

37% support and 53% oppose requiring individual teachers in state schools to teach same-sex marriage is equal to traditional marriage if it goes against their personal beliefs.

Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal? BY Gender + Age

		Gender		Age			Total
		Female	Male	18 - 40	41 - 60	61+	
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	
Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal?	Yes	39%	35%	56%	34%	15%	37%
	No	49%	57%	35%	58%	70%	53%
	Unsure/Refuse	12%	8%	9%	8%	15%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal? BY Area

		Area			
		Metro	Provincial	Rural	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal?	Yes	42%	31%	33%	37%
	No	49%	59%	55%	53%
	Unsure/Refuse	9%	10%	12%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal? BY Deprivation

		Deprivation			
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal?	Yes	36%	37%	37%	37%
	No	51%	55%	53%	53%
	Unsure/Refuse	13%	8%	10%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal? BY Party Vote 2011

		Party Vote 2011				
		National	Labour	Others	Not Vote/Unsure	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal?	Yes	36%	40%	51%	19%	37%
	No	54%	49%	44%	67%	53%
	Unsure/Refuse	11%	11%	4%	14%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

WEIGHTED DEMOGRAPHICS

The results have been weighted to reflect the adult gender, age, area and deprivation distribution.

Gender

		Count	Col %
Gender	Female	548	55%
	Male	453	45%
	Total	1001	100%

Age

		Count	Col %
Age	18 - 40	375	37%
	41 - 60	368	37%
	61+	259	26%
	Total	1001	100%

Area

		Count	Col %
Area	Metro	515	51%
	Provincial	273	27%
	Rural	213	21%
	Total	1001	100%

Metro is defined as Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. Provincial is all other cities in New Zealand. Rural areas are all areas not Metro or Provincial.

Deprivation

		Count	Col %
Deprivation	Deciles 1 - 3	307	31%
	Deciles 4 - 7	395	39%
	Deciles 8 - 10	299	30%
	Total	1001	100%

Party Vote 2011

	Count	Col %
Party Vote 2011 National	400	40%
Labour	266	27%
Others	167	17%
Not Vote/Unsure	168	17%
Total	1001	100%

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