Backlash Survey Experiment (Gay Marriage v2)

inform Hello! We are a team of researchers at
Princeton University, Trinity University, and the University of California.

We are doing a research study to better understand public attitudes on a variety of subjects.

You are being asked to fill out a brief survey.

The study will take about 15 minutes.

Upon completion of the survey you will be compensated as per the Amazon Mechanical Turk Task Agreement.

Some people feel uncomfortable with sharing their opinions.

We hope society will benefit from the knowledge gained. Taking part in this study is voluntary. You can stop at any time.

Any opinions you share will be collected anonymously. Your contact information will never be associated with the survey and will only be used for the purposes of providing compensation through Amazon's Mechanical Turk system.

If you have any questions about your rights as a research subject, please contact the Princeton University Office of Research Integrity and Assurance; Email: irb@princeton.edu; Phone: (609) 258-3077

consent Do you give your
permission to participate in this study?

1. Yes (1)
2. No (0)

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regvote Are you currently registered to vote?

3. Yes (1)
4. No (0)
5. Not sure (99)

state In which state do you currently reside?

6. Alabama (1)
7. Alaska (2)
8. Arizona (3)
9. Arkansas (4)
10. California (5)
11. Colorado (6)
12. Connecticut (7)
13. Delaware (8)
14. District of Columbia (9)
15. Florida (10)
16. Georgia (11)
17. Hawaii (12)
18. Idaho (13)
19. Illinois (14)
20. Indiana (15)
21. Iowa (16)
22. Kansas (17)
23. Kentucky (18)
24. Louisiana (19)
25. Maine (20)
26. Maryland (21)
27. Massachusetts (22)
28. Michigan (23)

29. Minnesota (24)
30. Mississippi (25)
31. Missouri (26)
32. Montana (27)
33. Nebraska (28)
34. Nevada (29)
35. New Hampshire (30)
36. New Jersey (31)
37. New Mexico (32)
38. New York (33)
39. North Carolina (34)
40. North Dakota (35)
41. Ohio (36)
42. Oklahoma (37)
43. Oregon (38)
44. Pennsylvania (39)
45. Puerto Rico (40)
46. Rhode Island (41)
47. South Carolina (42)
48. South Dakota (43)
49. Tennessee (44)
50. Texas (45)
51. Utah (46)
52. Vermont (47)
53. Virginia (48)
54. Washington (49)
55. West Virginia (50)
56. Wisconsin (51)
57. Wyoming (52)
58. I do not reside in the United States (53)

female Are you

59. Male (0)
60. Female (1)
61. Other (99)

pkhouse Please provide your best guess without looking up the answer elsewhere.

Which political party currently has a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives?

62. Democratic Party (97)
63. Republican Party (1)
64. Another political party (98)
65. Don't know (99)

pkconst Please provide your best guess without looking up the answer elsewhere.Whose
responsibility is it to determine if a law is constitutional or not? Is it the

66. President (99)
67. Congress (98)
68. Supreme Court (1)

pkbiden Please provide your best guess without looking up the answer elsewhere.What job or political
office is now held by Joe Biden?

69. Vice President (1)
70. Speaker of the House (95)
71. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (96)
72. President (97)
73. Secretary of State (98)
74. Don't Know (99)

pkparty Please provide your best guess without looking up the answer elsewhere.Which one of our two major, national political parties is more conservative?

75. Democratic Party (97)
76. Republican Party (1)
77. Another political party (98)
78. Don't Know (99)

pkveto Please provide your best guess without looking up the answer elsewhere. How much of a majority is required for the U.S. Senate and House to override a presidential veto?

79. Two-thirds (1)
80. Three-fifths (96)
81. Three-fourths (97)
82. Four-fifths (98)
83. Don't Know (99)

follow Generally speaking, how closely do you follow politics and current events?

84. Very closely (2)
85. Somewhat closely (1)
86. Not at all (0)

news How
often do you read the news or watch news on TV?

87. Everyday (4)
88. A few times a week (3)
89. Once a week (2)
90. A few times a month (1)
91. Never (0)

SDO Please indicate
how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Some groups of people are simply not the equals of others. (1)	92.	93.	94.	95.	96.
Some people are just more worthy than others. (2)	97.	98.	99.	100.	101.
Some people are just more deserving than others. (4)	102.	103.	104.	105.	106.
It is not a problem if some people have more of a chance in life than others. (5)	107.	108.	109.	110.	111.
Some people are just inferior to others. (6)	112.	113.	114.	115.	116.
To get ahead in life, it is sometimes necessary to step on others. (7)	117.	118.	119.	120.	121.

coerce

A police officer has heard on the radio that a young male stole some small items from a drugstore. Thinking he sees a youth who fits the description just a few blocks from where the reported crime took place, the officer confronts the suspect. Which actions are acceptable for the officer to take?

Please check ALL that apply:

1. Ask the suspect to stop and explain himself (1)
2. Physically detain the suspect (2)
3. Put him in handcuffs and threaten to arrest him (3)
4. Force the suspect to sit in a police car for a while (4)
5. Push the suspect up against a wall or a fence (5)
6. Beat the suspect so that he does not do it again (6)
7. Shoot the suspect if he fails to stop (7)

SWB Society

can be organized in a number of different ways. For each pair of statements below, choose the one that comes CLOSEST to your views about how society works best.

SWBa Society works best when...

122. We take care of our own people first OR (1)
123. We realize people everywhere deserve our help (2)

SWBb Society works best when...

124. People live according to traditional values OR (1)
125. People adjust their values to fit changing circumstances (2)

SWBc Society works best when...

126. People join together to help others OR (2)
127. People take primary responsibility for their own welfare (1)

SWBd Society works best when...

128. Those who break the rules are punished OR (1)
129. Those who break the rules are forgiven (2)

relserv Lots of things come up that
keep people from attending religious services even if they want to. Thinking about your life these days, do you ever attend religious services, apart from occasional weddings, baptisms or funerals? Do you go to religious services

130. Never (0)
131. A few times a year (1)
132. Once or twice a month (2)
133. Almost every week (3)
134. Every week (4)
135. More than once a week (5)

bornagain Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

136. Yes (1)
137. No (0)
138. Decline to answer (99)

relid What religion do you identify with, if any?

139. Baptist—any denomination (1)
140. Protestant (e.g., Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Episcopal) (2)
141. Catholic (3)
142. Mormon (4)
143. Jewish (5)
144. Muslim (6)
145. Hindu (7)
146. Buddhist (8)
147. Pentecostal (9)
148. Eastern Orthodox (10)
149. Other Christian (11)
150. Other non-Christian (12)
151. None (13)

pray People
practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, do you pray

152. Several times a day (5)
153. Once a day (4)
154. A few times a week (3)
155. About once a week (2)
156. Less than once a week (1)
157. Never (0)

threat1 Please indicate how
strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

American identity is being threatened by gays and lesbians. (1)	158.	159.	160.	161.	162.
Gays and lesbians are a threat to American culture. (2)	163.	164.	165.	166.	167.
American norms and values are being threatened by gays and lesbians. (3)	168.	169.	170.	171.	172.
The American way of life is being threatened by gays and lesbians. (4)	173.	174.	175.	176.	177.
The values and beliefs of gays and lesbians are similar to Americans. (5)	178.	179.	180.	181.	182.
Because of the presence of gays, Americans have more difficulty finding a job. (6)	183.	184.	185.	186.	187.
Because of the presence of gays, Americans have more difficulty finding a place to live. (7)	188.	189.	190.	191.	192.

Because of the presence of gays, unemployment in the US will increase. (8)	193.	194.	195.	196.	197.
Because of the presence of gays, crime in the US has increased. (9)	198.	199.	200.	201.	202.
Because of gays, the American people are less safe. (10)	203.	204.	205.	206.	207.

threat2 Please indicate
how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

I would feel uncomfortable when interacting with a gay person. (2)	208.	209.	210.	211.	212.
When interacting with a gay person, I would feel relaxed. (3)	213.	214.	215.	216.	217.

stype On a scale from 0 to 10 where 0 means "not well at all" and 10 means "extremely well," how well do the following characteristics describe gays?

Well-dressed (1)	218.	219.	220.	221.	222.	223.	224.	225.	226.	227.	228.
Promiscuous (2)	229.	230.	231.	232.	233.	234.	235.	236.	237.	238.	239.
Mentally ill (3)	240.	241.	242.	243.	244.	245.	246.	247.	248.	249.	250.
Effeminate (4)	251.	252.	253.	254.	255.	256.	257.	258.	259.	260.	261.
Pedophiles (5)	262.	263.	264.	265.	266.	267.	268.	269.	270.	271.	272.
Industrious (6)	273.	274.	275.	276.	277.	278.	279.	280.	281.	282.	283.
Immoral (7)	284.	285.	286.	287.	288.	289.	290.	291.	292.	293.	294.
A burden on society (8)	295.	296.	297.	298.	299.	300.	301.	302.	303.	304.	305.
Hard working (9)	306.	307.	308.	309.	310.	311.	312.	313.	314.	315.	316.

stroop We're interested in making sure that you read this survey carefully. Please indicate the COLOR of the FONT in the word below:

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tcourt Please read the following excerpt about recent events carefully.

You may be asked to answer questions about it.

You will be able to press the button to continue with the survey after a short reading period.

Court Overturns Gay Marriage Ban

In a highly anticipated decision in Salem today, the Oregon State Supreme Court voted to legalize gay marriage. The 6-3 decision, which goes into effect immediately, takes a major step toward legalizing gay marriage by overturning a longstanding prohibition banning it. Unless overturned by the United States Supreme Court, the ruling promises to grant gays and lesbians all of the protections and benefits extended to heterosexual couples.

tleg Please read the following excerpt about recent events carefully.

You may be asked to answer questions about it.

You will be able to press the button to continue with the survey after a short reading period.

Legislature Overturns Gay Marriage Ban

In a highly anticipated decision in Salem today, the Oregon State House of Representatives and Senate voted to legalize gay marriage by overturning a longstanding prohibition banning it. The vote passed both chambers by a 60-30 margin and the governor has promised to sign it immediately. Unless overturned by the United States Supreme Court, the ruling promises to grant gays and lesbians all of the protections and benefits extended to heterosexual couples.

tgun

Please read the following excerpt about recent events carefully.

You may be asked to answer questions about it.

You will be able to press the button to continue with the survey after a short reading period.

Court Overturns Concealed Carry Policy

In a highly anticipated decision in Salem today, the Oregon State Supreme Court voted to ban the carrying of concealed weapons on college campuses. The 6-3 decision, which goes into effect immediately, overturns a long standing University of Oregon policy allowing ‘concealed carry’ for permit-holders. Unless overturned by the United States Supreme Court, the ruling would prevent Oregonians with a concealed weapons permit to carry a gun on any of the state college campuses.

tpride Please read the following excerpt about recent events carefully.

You may be asked to answer questions about it.

You will be able to press the button to continue with the survey after a short reading period.

Thousands Attend Gay Pride Parade

Thousands of people filled the streets on Saturday for Salem's 41st annual Gay Pride Parade. The festivities began at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and were still going on well into the evening.

If there ever was a day in Oregon where just about anything goes, this is it. Whether a person is clothed, on a float, on a bike, on the sidewalk dancing or just plain watching, the 41st annual Gay Pride Parade kicked off in all its feathered and rainbow glory.

While Oregon politicians were out in full force on Saturday, it was the parade's celebrity grand marshal Chaz Bono who won over the crowd.

Police say it's been nothing but a calm and festive event.

tref Please read the following excerpt about recent events carefully.

You may be asked to answer questions about it.

You will be able to press the button to continue with the survey after a short reading period.

Referendum Overturns Gay Marriage Ban

In a highly anticipated special election today, the citizens of Oregon voted to legalize gay marriage. The 60-40 result, which goes into effect immediately, takes a major step toward legalizing gay marriage by overturning a longstanding prohibition banning it. Unless overturned by the United States Supreme Court, the referendum promises to grant gays and lesbians all of the protections and benefits extended to heterosexual couples.

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gaymar Would you favor or oppose a law in your state
that would allow gays and lesbians to marry a partner of the same sex? Please indicate how strongly you favor or oppose

317. Strongly favor (4)
318. Somewhat favor (3)
319. Somewhat oppose (2)
320. Strongly oppose (1)
321. Don't know (98)
322. Decline to answer (99)

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importance On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 indicates that you don't care at all, and 10 indicates that it is the most important issue to you, how strongly do you feel about such a policy?

soc Next, we have some
questions about society in general.
Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree.

We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country (1)	323.	324.	325.	326.	327.
This country would have many fewer problems if there were more emphasis on traditional family values (2)	328.	329.	330.	331.	332.
Our society should do whatever is necessary to make sure that everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed (3)	333.	334.	335.	336.	337.
We should be more tolerant of people who choose to live according to their own moral standards, even if they are different from our own (4)	338.	339.	340.	341.	342.
Over the past few years, minorities have gotten more economically than they deserve (5)	343.	344.	345.	346.	347.

Over the past few years, Gays/Lesbians have received more legal rights than they deserve (6)	348.	349.	350.	351.	352.

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therm1 On a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 is extremely cold or negative feelings toward, 100 is extremely warm or positive feelings toward, and 50 is neutral feelings toward, how would you rate the following individuals or groups? Of course you can use any number between zero and 100.

Evangelical or Born Again Christians (22) Gays and Lesbians (23) Gun Owners (24) Unemployed People (25) Catholics (27) Conservatives (28) Democrats (29)	

Q58 Timing

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therm2 On a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 is extremely cold or negative feelings toward, 100 is extremely warm or positive feelings toward, and 50 is neutral feelings toward, how would you rate the following individuals or groups? Of course you can use any number between zero and 100.

Protestants (21) Liberals (22) Republicans (23) The Military (24) Blacks (25) Gay and Lesbian Organizations (26) Immigrants (27)	

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gayreact Thinking about gays and lesbians, is your first reaction positive, negative, or neither positive nor negative?

353. Positive (2)
354. Negative (0)
355. Neither positive nor negative (1)
356. Don't know (98)
357. Decline to Answer (99)

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education We have just a few more questions. What is the highest grade of school or year of college that you have completed?

358. Less than high school/ no formal education (1)
359. 9th-12th grade (no diploma) (2)
360. High school graduate (diploma or GED) (3)
361. Some college, no degree (4)
362. Associate degree (5)
363. Bachelor's degree (6)
364. Master's degree (7)
365. Professional or Doctorate degree (8)

empstatus Are you currently

366. Working – as a paid employee (1)
367. Working – self employed (2)
368. Not working – on a temporary layoff from a job (3)
369. Not working – looking for work (4)
370. Not working – retired (5)
371. Not working – disabled (7)
372. Not working – other (8)
373. Not working - student (6)

marstatus Are you

374. Married (1)
375. Divorced (2)
376. Separated (3)
377. Widowed (4)
378. Never married (0)

age What is your age?

race What racial or ethnic group or groups best describe you?

8. White, Non-Hispanic (1)
9. Black, Non-Hispanic (2)
10. Hispanic or Latino (3)
11. Asian (4)
12. Native American (5)
13. Pacific Islander (6)
14. Other (7) _____

income Please provide your best estimate
of your total household income in the previous year. This should include
salaries, wages, pensions, dividends, interest, and all other income.

379. Less than $5,000 (1)
380. $5,000 to $7,499 (2)
381. $7,500 to $9,999 (3)
382. $10,000 to $12,499 (4)
383. $12,500 to $14,999 (5)
384. $15,000 to $19,999 (6)
385. $20,000 to $24,999 (7)
386. $25,000 to $29,999 (8)
387. $30,000 to $34,999 (9)
388. $35,000 to $39,999 (10)
389. $40,000 to $49,999 (11)
390. $50,000 to $59,999 (12)
391. $60,000 to $74,999 (13)
392. $75,000 to $84,999 (14)
393. $85,000 to $99,999 (15)
394. $100,000 to $124,999 (16)
395. $125,000 to $149,999 (17)
396. $150,000 to $174,999 (18)
397. $175,000 to $199,999 (19)
398. $200,000 or more (20)

gayrel Do you have a family member who is gay or lesbian?

399. Yes (1)
400. No (0)
401. Don't know (98)
402. Decline to answer (99)

gayfrnd Do you have a friend or colleague who is gay or lesbian?

403. Yes (1)
404. No (0)
405. Don't know (98)
406. Decline to answer (99)

manygay Approximately how many friends, colleagues, or family members do you have who are gay or lesbian?

407. 0 (0)
408. 1-2 (1)
409. 3-4 (2)
410. 5 or more (3)
411. Don't know (98)
412. Decline to answer (99)

gayles Are you gay or lesbian?

413. Yes (1)
414. No (0)
415. Decline to answer (99)

partyid Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a

416. Democrat (1)
417. Republican (2)
418. Independent (3)
419. Another party; please specify: (4) _____
420. No preference (5)

Answer If Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat Is Selected Or Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican Is Selected

partystren Would you call yourself a

421. Strong ${q://QID39/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices} (2)
422. Not very strong ${q://QID39/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices} (1)

Answer If Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Independent Is Selected Or Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Another party; please specify: Is Selected Or Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a No preference Is Selected

partylean Do you think of yourself as closer to the

423. Democratic Party (1)
424. Republican Party (2)
425. Equally close to both parties (3)

ideologya In general, do you think of yourself as

426. Extremely liberal (1)
427. Liberal (2)
428. Slightly liberal (3)
429. Moderate, middle of the road (4)
430. Slightly conservative (5)
431. Conservative (6)
432. Extremely conservative (7)

ideologyb In general, do you think of yourself as

433. Extremely conservative (7)
434. Conservative (6)
435. Slightly Conservative (5)
436. Moderate, middle of the road (4)
437. Slightly liberal (3)
438. Liberal (2)
439. Extremely liberal (1)

manip1 Thinking about the newspaper excerpt we asked you to read, was this excerpt about a

440. Court decision (1)
441. Bill that passed the legislature (2)
442. Parade (3)
443. Sports team (4)
444. Referendum (special election) (5)

manip2 Thinking some more about the news excerpt we asked you to read, did this excerpt deal with

445. Gay and lesbian rights (1)
446. Gun control (2)
447. Education (3)
448. The Economy (4)
449. Immigration (5)

openend Please feel free to provide us with any reactions or feedback related to our survey or the newspaper excerpt we asked you to read