

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Interested Parties  
 From: Alicia Downs, Meredith King, TargetPoint Consulting  
 Date: September 1, 2022  
 Re: Same-sex Marriage – Survey Findings in Wyoming

TargetPoint Consulting conducted a statewide survey in Wyoming among 305 registered voters from August 22-31 to gauge public opinion about same-sex marriage and support for the Respect for Marriage Act (RMA). The survey indicates that a majority of Wyoming voters agree that same-sex marriage should be legal and key voting blocs are more likely to support a Senator who votes yes on the RMA.

**Wyoming Voters Support the Validity and Legalization of Same Sex Marriage**

**55% of Wyoming voters believe same-sex marriages should be recognized as valid by the law. And 61% of voters agree that the current law of the land, maintaining the legalization of same-sex marriage, should remain in place.**

Should Same-Sex Marriage be Legally Valid?		Should Same Sex Marriage Law Remain in Place?		Likelihood to Support a Senator Who Votes for RMA?		
Yes	No	Yes	No	More Likely	No Impact*	Less Likely
55%	32%	61%	27%	34%	37%	29%

- **Key Finding:** Wyoming Republicans are nearly evenly divided on the validity of same-sex marriage, with 41% supportive, 44% opposed, and 14% who do not know.
- **Key Finding:** 50% of Wyoming Republicans believe same sex marriage should remain in place while 37% believe that it should be repealed, and 13% who do not know.

More than 1 in 3 Wyoming voters are more likely to support a Senator who votes for the Respect for Marriage Act. **Overall, 71% of Wyoming voters said they are more likely to support a Senator who votes for the RMA or report no negative impact on their vote.**

- **Key Finding:** 62% of Wyoming Republicans are more likely to support a Senator who votes for the RMA or report no negative impact on their vote.

**Key Voting Blocs are Major Supporters of Same-Sex Marriage and the Respect for Marriage Act**

Young and middle-aged voters, including young conservatives, are the most supportive of gay marriage and the Respect for Marriage Act.

- Among Independents, 64% believe same-sex marriage should be valid and 74% believe the laws allowing same-sex marriage should remain in place.
- 75% of young voters (ages 18-34) agree that legal same-sex marriage should remain in place, as well as 61% of Republicans under 45, and a majority (60%) of small town or rural voters.

- **84% of voters under the age of 35 say they are either more likely to support a Senator who vote for the RMA or report no negative impact on their vote.**
- **79% of Independents say they are either more likely to support a pro-RMA senator or it would have no impact on their vote.**

## **Wyoming Voters Agree that the Freedom to Marry is a Fundamental American Right & Religious Freedoms Will Continue to Be Protected with RMA**

**69% of Wyoming voters agree, 48% of all voters *strongly* agree, and 60% of Republicans agree with the statement:**

*Strong families and lasting relationships strengthen communities and marriage is a fundamental freedom deeply rooted in the history and traditions of our country. American citizens should have the freedom to marry the person they love.*

**66% of Wyoming voters, including 64% of Republicans agree with the statement:**

*People of faith may disagree on same-sex marriage, and religious and personal freedoms will remain protected by the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The Respect for Marriage Act maintains the status quo and no church or religious leader would be forced to consecrate a marriage against their religious or personal beliefs.*

*A total of 305 interviews were conducted among registered voters statewide in Wyoming. Interviews were conducted August 22-31, 2022 with a margin of error of +/- 5.61 %. The survey was conducted using web-based interviews and was weighted to reflect statewide demographics including gender, age, race, education and 2020 Presidential vote.*

*\*Total "no impact" responses also include "don't know" responses.*