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## **To Mark 20 Years Of The Freedom To Marry, Centerline Liberties Releases New Polling Data & Historic Analysis**

*Two Decades Of Data Make Clear That Marriage Equality Enjoys Widespread Support*

**WASHINGTON D.C.** - To mark the 20th anniversary of legal same-sex marriages in the United States, [Centerline Liberties](#), in partnership with [Redbud Consulting](#), led by Republican pollster Alex Lundry, released a demographic analysis analyzing data from the last 20 years, as well as new national polling data demonstrating broad and widespread support for marriage equality.

Highlights of the historic analysis include:

- **Historic Shift in Public Opinion:** Over the last two decades same-sex marriage in America has experienced the largest and fastest shift in the history of opinion research.
  - Gallup put support at 42% in 2004, growing to 71% in 2023, roughly an average annual increase in support of nearly 1.5 percentage points over the last 20 years.
- **Significant Growth Compared to Other Issues:** While hundreds of other issues have stagnated or shifted slightly, Americans have completely reversed course on marriage equality.
- **Substantial Gains Among Conservatives:** While Democrats and Independents continue to be strong supporters of marriage between same-sex couples, Republicans are catching up.
  - Republican net support has grown from -59 in 2002 to +9 in 2022, a shift of 68 points. Now most demographics within the party are distinctly supportive.

Highlights of the new polling data include:

- **Support Remains Incredibly Strong Overall, Across Many Groups:** Support for legal same-sex marriage continues to be both broad and deep. By sweeping margins, Americans of all stripes support same-sex marriage, the Respect for Marriage Act, or the Obergefell ruling. But many Americans continue to mistakenly believe it is mostly opposed by the country.

- A strong bipartisan majority (66%) agrees that “Same-sex couples should have the right to marry one another,” continuing the 20-year trend in growing support as measured by both [Gallup](#) and the [General Social Survey](#).
- Republicans are more positive than negative on same-sex marriage: Republicans are net positive on the issue, and age/generational patterns show support that will only grow as the electorate ages.
  - 50% of Republicans agree that “Same-sex couples should have the right to marry one another” while 44% disagree.
  - 62% of Republican Gen Z voters support marriage between same-sex couples.

Click [here](#) to read more about the historic lookback and new polling data.

“Two decades of marriage equality have seen not only widespread societal benefits for everyone, but also the largest and fastest shift in the history of public opinion,” said **James Dozier**, President of Centerline Liberties. “The facts show that expanding access to the freedom to marry has only resulted in positive outcomes for the economy, families, and public health, so it’s not surprising that even in a divided country, people can agree that the freedom to marry is positive and here to stay.”

“Compiling, reviewing and analyzing data from the last 20 years as well as today provides a comprehensive overview of public opinion on the freedom to marry, and the results are clear: support for same-sex marriage represents the most substantial shift in the modern polling era,” said **Alex Lundry, founder, Redbud Consulting**, who completed both the look back and new polling survey. “While individual polls can vary, by sweeping margins, Americans of all stripes support same-sex marriage, the Respect for Marriage Act, and the Obergefell ruling. These numbers are poised to grow as younger voters become more involved in the political process and more people identify as LGBTQ.”

The data coincides not just with Pride Month and the 20th anniversary of the first legal marriages between same-sex couples in the United States, but also a landmark report from RAND, a leading nonprofit research organization, on the impact of the freedom to marry for same-sex couples, American families and society at large.

The report, which is available [here](#), was covered extensively by [the Wall Street Journal](#).

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