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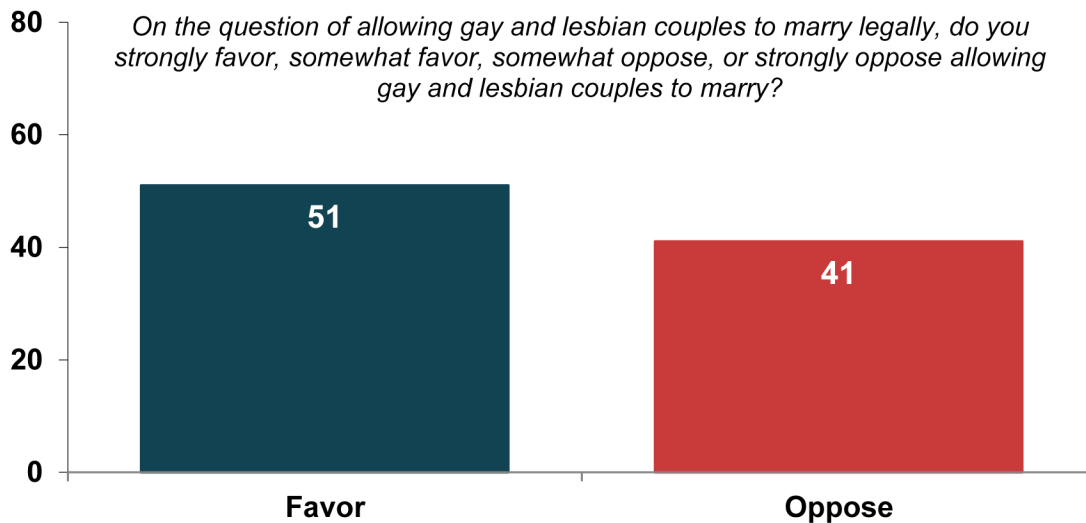
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To: Freedom to Marry

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Re: Majority Support for the Freedom to Marry in Non-Marriage States

A December 2013 poll conducted by Anzalone Liszt Grove<sup>1</sup> in states where marriage for gay and lesbian couples is not yet legal finds growing momentum in support of the freedom to marry. A majority of registered voters living in these states now support allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry, 51% - 41%.



Support is strongest in the Central and Western states: Voters living in the central region<sup>2</sup> of non-marriage states support the freedom to marry by a 23-point margin (59% support – 36% oppose), while voters in the west<sup>3</sup> support marriage by a 19-point margin (53% support – 34% oppose). In the South<sup>4</sup>, voters are split evenly 46% favor – 46% oppose.

Regardless of their personal views on marriage, registered voters in non-marriage states feel that legal marriage for gay and lesbian couples is inevitable. A majority (56%) believes that it is likely that marriage for gay and lesbian couples will be legal in their state in a couple of years. Even among marriage opponents, 49% believe they will see legal marriage in their state within that time frame.

Very few voters in these states fear negative consequences of legal marriage. Seventy-eight percent (78%) of voters believe marriage will either have a minimal impact or positive impact on them personally. Only 21% believe that marriage will have a negative impact.

<sup>1</sup> Anzalone Liszt Grove Research conducted a telephone survey of 800 registered voters living in states where it was not legal for gay and lesbian couples to marry as of Dec 1, 2013. Interviews were conducted Dec. 2-8, 2013. The margin of error for the sample as a whole is plus or minus 3.46 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. The margin of error for subgroups varies and is higher. Please note that since the survey was conducted, legal decisions have been issued in NM, UT and OK.

<sup>2</sup> Central states: IN, KS, MI, MO, NE, ND, OH, PA, SD, WI

<sup>3</sup> Western states: AK, AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WY

<sup>4</sup> Southern States: AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV