



**Issue Survey
Chicago, Illinois
September 24th - 26th, 2006
Final Results with Crosstabs**

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Executive Summary

TeleResearch Corporation conducted random telephone interviews of 624 adults in Chicago on the dates of September 24-26, 2006. The survey asked questions about recent state and federal court decisions, issues pertaining to the gay community, level of voting interest in the upcoming election, and national security. The results contain a margin of error of +/- 4.0.

The voting preferences of the respondents reflect the predominantly Democratic majority in the nation's third largest city, as 51% of all respondents said they voted Democratic "normally." That compares to 14% for Republicans and 35% for Independents. Among African-Americans, 72% indicated they were Democrats, 22% said they were Independents, and only 6% responded Republican.

Over half of the respondents, 54% were women, and 46% were men. African-Americans accounted for 22% of the total sample, Caucasians were 67%, and Hispanics 3% and 8% answered "Other." The breakdown by religious preference was 26% Catholic, 23% Protestant, 10% Jewish, 1% Muslim, 7% Atheist, and 26% responded "Other," while 7% declined to answer the question.

Age Range	
18 - 34	14%
35 - 49	29%
50 - 64	34%
65+	22%

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When asked, “Do you feel same sex couples should be able to adopt children?” there was overwhelming overall support at 76% (50% “strongly support” and 26% “somewhat support”). The strongest opposition was among Republicans and African-Americans as 59% of Republicans and 60% of African-Americans supported same-sex couple adoption, but 41% of Republicans and 40% of African-Americans opposed adoption.

On the question, “Do you feel same sex couples should be afforded the opportunity to make medical decisions for one another if the need were to arise?” overall a whopping 89% agreed. When asked, “Do you feel that individuals choose to be gay or that sexual orientation is genetically predisposed at birth?” overall 20% answered, “Chose to be gay” compared to 60% that chose “Genetic predisposition.” Again, African-Americans and Republicans held similar views, as 43% of Republicans answered “Chose” along with 35% of African-Americans.

The question posing the primary issue as to why they vote for someone, the responses were evenly distributed among the four options. Party differences were contrasted when 24% of the Democrats said “Social issues” to just 9% of Republicans that answered accordingly.

On the question of motivation for this year’s election, the Democrats and the Republicans are not far apart on the surface as 55% Democrats answered “More motivated” to 50% for Republicans. The most significant response for “More motivated” was registered among African-Americans at 65%. That is an extremely high number for an off year election, which should bode well for the Democrats.

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We asked the respondents how they thought the current controversy over the situation with Iran would ultimately be settled. Overall, “Uncertain” ruled with a 49% response, “Diplomacy” received 19%, “U.N. sanctions” got 13%, and “Military action” got 19%. “Military action” was the clear choice among Republicans at 45%, compared to 22% for the Independents, and only 9% for the Democrats.

The greatest difference among voting preferences was manifest on the final question, “Do you feel the country is more safe or less safe since the attacks on September 11, 2001?” Overall, 40% feel we are “More safe”, 60% said “Less safe.” Democrats and Independents were very close as 31% of the Democrats voted “safer” compared to 36% of the Independents. Among Republicans, a whopping 82% answered “More safe.”

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1.) First, we'd like to know how you normally vote. Please select one of the following three options.

	Overall	(D)	(R)	(I)	M	F	African-Amer.	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other
Democrat	51%				43%	58%	72%	46%	63%	35%
Republican	14%				14%	15%	6%	18%	0%	15%
Independent	35%				43%	27%	22%	36%	38%	50%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
Democrat	42%	49%	51%	59%	52%	37%	61%	50%	57%	60%	42%
Republican	21%	17%	10%	14%	18%	25%	10%	0%	9%	6%	11%
Independent	37%	33%	38%	27%	30%	38%	29%	50%	35%	33%	47%

2.) Next, a few quick questions about you.

	Overall	(D)	(R)	(I)	M	F	African-Amer.	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other
Male	46%	38%	43%	57%			40%	48%	38%	42%
Female	54%	62%	57%	43%			60%	52%	63%	58%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
Male	35%	56%	46%	38%	42%	48%	55%	100%	57%	45%	21%
Female	65%	44%	54%	62%	58%	52%	45%	0%	43%	55%	79%

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3.) Next we'd like to know your race or ethnicity.

	Overall	(D)	(R)	(I)	M	F	African-Amer.	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other
African-American	22%	31%	9%	14%	19%	24%				
Caucasian	67%	60%	82%	71%	71%	64%				
Hispanic	3%	3%	0%	3%	2%	3%				
Other	8%	6%	9%	13%	8%	9%				

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
African-American	26%	16%	22%	26%	16%	32%	13%	50%	4%	27%	16%
Caucasian	53%	70%	70%	67%	78%	59%	84%	0%	83%	55%	63%
Hispanic	7%	5%	0%	2%	3%	1%	0%	50%	0%	4%	5%
Other	14%	9%	8%	6%	4%	7%	3%	0%	13%	14%	16%

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4.) Next we'd like to know your religious preference.

	Overall	(D)	(R)	(I)	M	F	African-Amer.	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other
Catholic	26%	26%	32%	22%	23%	27%	18%	30%	25%	12%
Protestant	23%	17%	41%	26%	25%	23%	35%	21%	13%	19%
Jewish	10%	12%	7%	9%	12%	9%	6%	13%	0%	4%
Muslim	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	13%	0%
Athiest	7%	8%	5%	8%	9%	6%	2%	9%	0%	12%
Other	26%	31%	11%	25%	26%	26%	32%	21%	38%	42%
No Answer	7%	5%	5%	9%	3%	9%	5%	6%	13%	12%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
Catholic	33%	22%	22%	32%							
Protestant	16%	20%	27%	29%							
Jewish	7%	11%	10%	11%							
Muslim	4%	1%	1%	1%							
Athiest	9%	7%	7%	6%							
Other	24%	30%	26%	17%							
No Answer	7%	9%	8%	5%							

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5.) Next, we'd like to know your age range.

	Overall	(D)	(R)	(I)	M	F	African-Amer.	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other
18-34	14%	12%	20%	16%	11%	17%	17%	11%	38%	23%
35-49	29%	28%	34%	28%	36%	23%	22%	30%	50%	31%
50-64	34%	35%	25%	39%	35%	35%	35%	37%	0%	31%
65+	22%	25%	20%	17%	18%	25%	26%	22%	13%	15%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
18-34					18%	10%	10%	0%	17%	15%	16%
35-49					25%	24%	32%	50%	26%	33%	42%
50-64					30%	39%	35%	50%	30%	35%	42%
65+					27%	27%	23%	0%	26%	17%	0%

6.) Do you feel same-sex couples should be able to adopt children?

	Overall	(D)	(R)	(I)	M	F	African-Amer.	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other
Strongly Support	50%	55%	39%	50%	52%	49%	28%	58%	50%	46%
Somewhat Support	25%	23%	20%	28%	25%	24%	32%	22%	13%	27%
Somewhat Oppose	13%	15%	14%	12%	12%	15%	20%	11%	25%	15%
Strongly Oppose	11%	8%	27%	11%	12%	12%	20%	9%	13%	12%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
Strongly Support	58%	54%	49%	44%	47%	39%	55%	0%	74%	60%	37%
Somewhat Support	26%	24%	25%	23%	23%	25%	35%	50%	17%	22%	21%
Somewhat Oppose	9%	9%	16%	18%	21%	7%	10%	50%	9%	13%	21%
Strongly Oppose	7%	13%	10%	15%	9%	28%	0%	0%	0%	5%	21%

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7.) Next, do you feel same-sex couples should be afforded the opportunity to make medical decisions for one another if the need were to arise?

	Overall	(D)	(R)	(I)	M	F	African-Amer.	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other
Strongly Agree	75%	76%	59%	80%	76%	74%	62%	80%	50%	77%
Somewhat Agree	14%	14%	18%	13%	15%	13%	17%	13%	25%	8%
Somewhat Disagree	3%	3%	5%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	0%	4%
Strongly Disagree	4%	4%	11%	3%	2%	7%	9%	2%	13%	8%
Uncertain	4%	4%	7%	3%	4%	4%	9%	2%	13%	4%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
Strongly Agree	77%	73%	75%	68%	70%	63%	90%	50%	90%	79%	68%
Somewhat Agree	13%	16%	11%	12%	18%	15%	4%	30%	4%	12%	16%
Somewhat Disagree	6%	5%	6%	3%	4%	3%	2%	16%	3%	3%	5%
Strongly Disagree	2%	3%	6%	3%	1%	13%	4%	3%	1%	4%	5%
Uncertain	2%	3%	2%	14%	6%	6%	0%	1%	2%	3%	5%

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8.) Do you feel that individuals choose to be gay or that sexual orientation is genetically predisposed at birth? As a voter, which of the following do you consider to be the most important issue when deciding whom to cast your vote for?

	Overall	(D)	(R)	(I)	M	F	African-Amer.	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other
Choose to be Gay	20%	19%	43%	13%	21%	20%	35%	15%	25%	27%
Genetic	60%	63%	50%	59%	58%	62%	40%	67%	50%	54%
Uncertain	19%	18%	7%	28%	21%	18%	25%	18%	25%	19%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
Choose to be Gay	26%	18%	21%	20%	19%	34%	6%	98%	13%	14%	26%
Genetic	56%	66%	57%	59%	64%	52%	68%	0%	74%	64%	32%
Uncertain	19%	16%	22%	21%	17%	14%	26%	2%	13%	22%	42%

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9.) As a voter, which of the following do you consider to be the most important issue when deciding whom to cast your vote for?

	Overall	(D)	(R)	(I)	M	F	African-Amer.	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other
Domestic	26%	26%	30%	25%	24%	28%	20%	26%	13%	50%
Foreign Policy	27%	25%	32%	30%	33%	23%	15%	33%	25%	15%
Social	16%	21%	9%	12%	15%	17%	17%	17%	25%	8%
Moral	10%	10%	18%	5%	7%	12%	17%	8%	0%	8%
Other	20%	18%	11%	28%	20%	20%	31%	16%	38%	19%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
Domestic	23%	32%	26%	21%	26%	24%	29%	2%	30%	22%	47%
Foreign Policy	30%	18%	30%	33%	34%	27%	26%	93%	13%	32%	0%
Social	23%	22%	12%	11%	10%	14%	23%	0%	39%	15%	16%
Moral	7%	8%	10%	14%	13%	17%	1%	4%	4%	4%	16%
Other	16%	20%	22%	21%	17%	18%	22%	1%	13%	27%	21%

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10.) For the upcoming election cycle, how motivated are you to vote this year as compared to years past?

	Overall	(D)	(R)	(I)	M	F	African-Amer.	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other
More Motivated	51%	55%	50%	46%	56%	47%	65%	47%	63%	46%
Less Motivated	9%	9%	9%	10%	10%	9%	9%	9%	13%	8%
Same	39%	36%	41%	45%	34%	45%	26%	44%	25%	46%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
More Motivated	51%	49%	47%	61%	60%	55%	35%	71%	65%	45%	32%
Less Motivated	9%	11%	10%	6%	8%	8%	3%	3%	4%	14%	16%
Same	40%	39%	44%	33%	32%	37%	61%	26%	30%	41%	53%

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11.) Next, what do you feel will be the outcome in regards to the situation with Iran?

	Overall	(D)	(R)	(I)	M	F	African-Amer.	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other
Diplomacy	19%	21%	9%	19%	23%	16%	15%	19%	50%	15%
U.N. Sanctions	13%	16%	7%	13%	12%	15%	12%	13%	0%	23%
Military	19%	9%	45%	22%	23%	16%	15%	20%	25%	19%
Uncertain	49%	54%	39%	46%	43%	54%	57%	48%	25%	42%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
Diplomacy	14%	20%	18%	23%	17%	20%	19%	50%	17%	19%	21%
U.N. Sanctions	16%	10%	16%	11%	14%	8%	13%	0%	22%	14%	16%
Military	23%	25%	16%	12%	23%	25%	19%	50%	17%	12%	5%
Uncertain	47%	45%	50%	55%	45%	46%	48%	0%	43%	55%	58%

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12.) Finally, do you feel the country is more safe or less safe since the attacks on September 11th, 2001?

	Overall	(D)	(R)	(I)	M	F	African-Amer.	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other
Significantly More Safe	13%	8%	41%	9%	15%	11%	14%	14%	13%	0%
Somewhat More Safe	27%	23%	41%	27%	23%	31%	25%	28%	25%	27%
Somewhat Less safe	34%	38%	7%	39%	31%	35%	37%	30%	38%	50%
Significantly Less Safe	26%	31%	11%	25%	31%	23%	25%	27%	25%	23%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
Significantly More Safe	12%	15%	11%	14%	18%	18%	6%	1%	3%	6%	16%
Somewhat More Safe	37%	26%	25%	26%	32%	31%	29%	8%	14%	26%	11%
Somewhat Less safe	26%	33%	31%	42%	31%	30%	32%	34%	22%	44%	37%
Significantly Less Safe	26%	25%	32%	18%	18%	21%	32%	57%	61%	24%	37%