



**Issue Survey
Marion County, Indiana
September 29th - 30th, 2006
Final Results with Crosstabs**

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Executive Summary

The TeleResearch Corporation of Indianapolis conducted a confidential random telephone survey of adults in Marion County on September 29-30, 2006. The survey contains the opinions of 657 respondents and has a margin of error of +/- 3.9%. 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.

Demographic composition of respondents:

Gender	
Male	44%
Female	56%

Age Range	
18 - 34	18%
35 - 49	35%
50 - 64	32%
65+	15%

Political Affiliation	
Democrat	33%
Republican	37%
Independent	30%

Ethnicity	
African-American	12%
Caucasian	82%
Hispanic	2%
Other	4%

Religious Preference	
Catholic	22%
Protestant	47%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Atheist	3%
Other	20%
No Answer	6%

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The participation by gender (56% women, 46% men) is well within normal voting patterns. The Age ranges are a little under sampled with Seniors at 15%. Marion County is an extremely evenly balanced voting population. When it comes to "Race and ethnicity", the survey is under sampled among African-Americans at 12%, as the actual breakdown in the county is closer to 30% African-Americans. It is widely believed that African-Americans, as a rule, are uncomfortable with "Gay issues." This perception is borne out in some of the survey's questions.

On the question, "Do you feel same-sex couples should be able to adopt children?" ,a clear majority of 56% support it (37% strongly support, 19% somewhat support). The strongest support was among women, of whom, 64% support it. The strongest opposition came among Republicans as 69% are opposed (22% somewhat oppose, 47% strongly oppose).

When asked, "Do you feel same-sex couples should be afforded the opportunity to make medical decisions for one another if the need were to arise?" ,an overwhelming 80% responded affirmatively (strongly agree 59%, somewhat agree 21%).

The question, "Do you feel that individuals choose to be gay or that sexual orientation is genetically predisposed at birth?" ,found very close views for Republicans and African-Americans. Among Republicans, 48% answered, "Chose to be gay" and African-Americans responded with 47%. Overall, 31% answered, "Chose to be gay" compared to 50% that answered "Genetic", and 19% said "uncertain".

Respondents were then asked," As a voter, which of the following choices do you consider to be the most important issue when deciding whom to cast your vote for?", 29% said "domestic policy", 24% answered "foreign policy", 15% said "social issues", 19% responded "moral issues", and 16% said "other." Among Democrats, "Domestic policy and social issues combined for 55%, top issues for Republicans were "foreign policy and moral issues" that came in at 62% (335 foreign, 29% moral). Moreover, among African-Americans, 35% answered "domestic policy" and 25% responded "moral issues".

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The upcoming election question, “How motivated are you to vote this year as compared to year’s past?” Democrats are the most motivated group by voter preference as 48% said they were “more motivated”, compared to 43% for the Independents, and 40% for the Republicans. If the Democrats in Marion County out poll Republicans on Election Day by 8%, an across the board win should go to the Democrats.

The final two questions concerned themselves with foreign policy and national security. Respondents were asked, “What do you feel will be the outcome in regards to the situation with Iran?” They were given the choices: “Diplomacy”, U.N. Sanctions”, Military Action”, or uncertain. The highest response was among Republicans as 49% answered “Military action”, 47% of the Democrats responded “Uncertain”, Independents top choice was “Military action” at 25%. The highest response among men was “Military action” with 40% to women’s 48% “uncertain”. “Military action” among the Jewish respondents polled 63%.

On the last question, “Do you feel the country is more or less safe since the attacks on September 11, 2001?” the partisan differences were significant. Only 32% of the Democrats felt “more safe”, 42% of the Independents said “more safe”, but 83% of the Republicans answered “more safe”. Among seniors, 36% said “more safe” and 64% said “less 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	33%				26%	39%	69%	28%	50%	29%
Republican	37%				41%	34%	8%	43%	33%	12%
Independent	30%				33%	27%	24%	29%	17%	59%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
Democrat	40%	27%	34%	40%	31%	27%	38%	50%	50%	40%	56%
Republican	37%	46%	32%	29%	43%	46%	0%	0%	17%	27%	12%
Independent	23%	27%	35%	32%	26%	27%	63%	50%	33%	33%	32%

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

	Overall	(D)	(R)	(I)	M	F	African-Amer.	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other
Male	44%	34%	48%	49%			41%	43%	67%	59%
Female	56%	66%	52%	51%			59%	57%	33%	41%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
Male	47%	49%	41%	33%	48%	44%	50%	50%	42%	37%	48%
Female	53%	51%	59%	67%	52%	56%	50%	50%	58%	63%	52%

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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	12%	26%	3%	10%	12%	13%				
Caucasian	82%	69%	95%	81%	81%	83%				
Hispanic	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%				
Other	4%	4%	1%	8%	6%	3%				

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
African-American	12%	11%	15%	10%	9%	10%	25%	50%	0%	16%	24%
Caucasian	77%	85%	80%	84%	82%	88%	38%	0%	100%	77%	72%
Hispanic	3%	1%	1%	2%	6%	0%	0%	25%	0%	0%	0%
Other	8%	2%	4%	5%	3%	2%	38%	25%	0%	7%	4%

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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	22%	20%	25%	19%	24%	20%	16%	22%	83%	18%
Protestant	47%	38%	58%	43%	47%	47%	39%	50%	0%	18%
Jewish	2%	2%	0%	4%	2%	2%	4%	1%	0%	18%
Muslim	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	4%	0%	17%	6%
Athiest	3%	4%	1%	3%	3%	3%	0%	4%	0%	0%
Other	20%	23%	14%	22%	17%	22%	25%	18%	0%	35%
No Answer	6%	10%	2%	7%	7%	6%	12%	5%	0%	6%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
Catholic	26%	21%	24%	13%							
Protestant	29%	41%	55%	65%							
Jewish	4%	2%	0%	3%							
Muslim	1%	1%	0%	3%							
Athiest	4%	3%	2%	3%							
Other	29%	27%	14%	6%							
No Answer	7%	6%	5%	6%							

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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	18%	21%	18%	14%	19%	17%	18%	17%	33%	35%
35-49	35%	28%	43%	32%	39%	31%	31%	36%	33%	18%
50-64	32%	33%	27%	38%	31%	34%	39%	32%	17%	29%
65+	15%	18%	12%	16%	12%	18%	12%	16%	17%	18%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
18-34					21%	11%	38%	25%	25%	26%	20%
35-49					34%	30%	38%	25%	33%	47%	36%
50-64					36%	38%	0%	0%	25%	22%	28%
65+					9%	21%	25%	50%	17%	5%	16%

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	37%	55%	17%	43%	31%	43%	24%	40%	50%	29%
Somewhat Support	19%	21%	14%	22%	17%	21%	29%	18%	0%	18%
Somewhat Oppose	17%	13%	22%	16%	23%	13%	18%	16%	33%	24%
Strongly Oppose	27%	11%	47%	19%	30%	24%	29%	26%	17%	29%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
Strongly Support	51%	37%	32%	33%	39%	30%	38%	0%	75%	52%	28%
Somewhat Support	16%	17%	23%	19%	19%	19%	13%	25%	0%	17%	36%
Somewhat Oppose	14%	15%	16%	27%	24%	18%	13%	0%	8%	9%	24%
Strongly Oppose	19%	31%	29%	21%	18%	34%	38%	75%	17%	22%	12%

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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	59%	77%	38%	69%	56%	63%	47%	63%	50%	41%
Somewhat Agree	21%	14%	30%	18%	22%	20%	29%	21%	0%	12%
Somewhat Disagree	8%	4%	14%	4%	11%	5%	8%	6%	50%	18%
Strongly Disagree	9%	4%	14%	7%	9%	9%	12%	8%	0%	24%
Uncertain	3%	1%	4%	2%	2%	3%	4%	2%	0%	6%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
Strongly Agree	67%	59%	56%	60%	60%	53%	63%	50%	92%	72%	60%
Somewhat Agree	15%	22%	26%	17%	28%	23%	0%	0%	0%	15%	24%
Somewhat Disagree	7%	8%	7%	8%	8%	9%	13%	0%	0%	4%	8%
Strongly Disagree	10%	8%	9%	10%	4%	10%	25%	50%	8%	7%	8%
Uncertain	1%	2%	2%	5%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%

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8.) Do you feel that individuals choose to be gay or that sexual orientation is genetically predisposed at birth?

	Overall	(D)	(R)	(I)	M	F	African-Amer.	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other
Choose to be Gay	31%	18%	48%	22%	32%	29%	47%	28%	0%	47%
Genetic	50%	64%	32%	61%	47%	54%	31%	55%	67%	29%
Uncertain	19%	19%	20%	17%	21%	17%	22%	18%	33%	24%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
Choose to be Gay	34%	31%	29%	27%	26%	36%	25%	75%	8%	31%	8%
Genetic	49%	53%	48%	54%	48%	50%	38%	25%	67%	56%	56%
Uncertain	16%	16%	23%	19%	26%	15%	38%	0%	25%	14%	36%

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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	29%	32%	22%	32%	32%	26%	35%	27%	50%	24%
Foreign Policy	24%	21%	33%	18%	27%	23%	12%	26%	33%	29%
Social	15%	23%	9%	13%	11%	18%	14%	16%	0%	0%
Moral	19%	9%	29%	16%	17%	19%	25%	18%	0%	0%
Other	14%	15%	7%	21%	13%	14%	14%	12%	17%	47%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
Domestic	33%	28%	32%	17%	31%	28%	13%	50%	17%	26%	36%
Foreign Policy	11%	22%	32%	32%	29%	26%	25%	25%	17%	20%	16%
Social	23%	13%	11%	17%	16%	12%	13%	0%	58%	17%	8%
Moral	16%	22%	14%	19%	13%	23%	13%	25%	0%	15%	16%
Other	16%	15%	11%	14%	10%	10%	38%	0%	8%	22%	24%

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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	44%	48%	40%	43%	46%	41%	49%	43%	33%	47%
Less Motivated	12%	9%	13%	13%	11%	13%	10%	12%	50%	6%
Same	44%	42%	47%	44%	43%	46%	41%	46%	17%	47%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
More Motivated	45%	42%	42%	48%	38%	41%	38%	25%	50%	51%	56%
Less Motivated	19%	8%	11%	14%	11%	12%	13%	50%	8%	10%	12%
Same	36%	50%	47%	38%	51%	46%	50%	25%	42%	40%	32%

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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	16%	18%	14%	16%	19%	13%	12%	16%	33%	24%
U.N. Sanctions	15%	21%	9%	16%	14%	16%	16%	15%	17%	18%
Military	30%	13%	49%	25%	40%	22%	24%	30%	17%	47%
Uncertain	39%	47%	27%	43%	27%	48%	49%	38%	33%	12%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
Diplomacy	14%	15%	13%	29%	16%	17%	13%	50%	17%	11%	20%
U.N. Sanctions	22%	10%	16%	19%	16%	16%	13%	0%	25%	14%	12%
Military	30%	35%	30%	19%	30%	31%	63%	50%	17%	26%	32%
Uncertain	34%	41%	41%	33%	38%	36%	13%	0%	42%	49%	36%

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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	20%	7%	37%	13%	28%	13%	8%	20%	50%	47%
Somewhat More Safe	34%	25%	46%	29%	32%	35%	22%	37%	0%	12%
Somewhat Less safe	28%	38%	11%	37%	24%	30%	33%	27%	33%	29%
Significantly Less Safe	19%	31%	7%	21%	16%	21%	37%	17%	17%	12%

	18/34	35/49	50/64	65+	Cath.	Prot.	Jewish	Mus.	Ath.	Other	No Answ.
Significantly More Safe	18%	19%	20%	22%	28%	19%	63%	0%	17%	12%	8%
Somewhat More Safe	32%	43%	35%	14%	31%	41%	13%	25%	0%	30%	24%
Somewhat Less safe	32%	26%	22%	40%	29%	24%	25%	25%	58%	25%	44%
Significantly Less Safe	19%	13%	23%	24%	11%	16%	0%	50%	25%	33%	24%