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ATTITUDES ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BY RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

Among people who are religiously unaffiliated, a solid majority have supported same-sex marriage since 2001.

Roughly six-in-ten Catholics (58%) now support same-sex marriage, as do nearly two-thirds of white mainline Protestants (64%).

Support for same-sex marriage among black Protestants and white evangelical Protestants remains lower than it is among other religious groups. Both groups, however, have become somewhat more accepting of same-sex marriage over the last decade.

Year	White evangelical Protestants	White mainline Protestants	Black Protestants	Catholics	Unaffiliated
2001	13%	38%	30%	40%	61%
2003	12%	35%	25%	38%	59%
2004	11%	34%	19%	36%	61%
2005	14%	39%	25%	39%	60%
2006	12%	41%	21%	39%	63%
2007	14%	43%	24%	40%	60%
2008	16%	44%	24%	43%	62%
2009	15%	36%	28%	42%	63%
2010	20%	48%	29%	46%	62%
2011	16%	54%	31%	53%	69%
2012	19%	52%	35%	54%	73%
2013	23%	55%	32%	54%	74%
2014	21%	60%	41%	57%	77%
2015	24%	62%	34%	57%	82%
2016	27%	64%	39%	58%	80%

Source: Survey conducted March 17-27, 2016. Trend lines show aggregated data from polls conducted in each year.

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