

**QUESTION**

*As you may know, there will be a vote in the House of Commons to legalize same-sex marriages. This would give gay and lesbian couples the same legal recognition as heterosexual couples, that is, couples made up of a man and a woman.*

*[ROTATE] Some people think that same-sex couples should be allowed to be legally married and be recognized like couples made up of a man and a woman. Other people think that only marriages between a man and woman should be legally recognized. Which of these two opinions, if either, best reflects your views?*

**POLITICAL IMPACT**

*If your local Member of Parliament had different views from your own on the issue of same-sex marriages, would you vote against your local MP?*

**Canadians Who Support Legalizing Same-sex Marriage (471)**

	%
Yes (vote against MP)	37
No	63

**Canadians Who Believe Marriage is Comprised Only of a Man and a Woman (440)**

	%
Yes (vote against MP)	60
No	40

**THE METHODOLOGY**

Between August 24<sup>th</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003, SES conducted a total of 1,000 telephone interviews across Canada with eligible voters as part of the SES National Quarterly Omnibus. Aggregate results are accurate ± 3.1%, 19 times out of 20. Validation of the demographic profile of respondents indicates that the poll is a fair representation of Canadian voters and the initiative was registered with the Canadian Survey Research Council.

**SAME-SEX MARRIAGES (%)**

	Legalize Same-sex	Unsure	Marriage Man and a Woman
Canada (1,000)	47	9	44
Atlantic (100)	48	5	47
Quebec (250)	53	7	40
Ontario (300)	48	8	44
MB/SK (100)	40	14	46
Alberta (100)	28	9	63
BC (150)	53	13	33
18 to 29 (207)	60	10	30
30 to 39 (224)	58	9	34
40 to 49 (208)	43	11	46
50 to 59 (165)	39	9	52
60 plus (196)	32	6	62
<b>Church Attendance</b>			
Weekly (183)	24	2	74
Most of time (94)	37	2	61
Periodically (286)	50	9	41
Never (385)	58	12	30

**WHO CANADIANS TRUST (%)**

*Thinking about the issue of same-sex marriage, whose opinions do you trust the most... [READ AND ROTATE]... The Supreme Court... Federal Members of Parliament... Your Church and Religious Leaders... None of the above – it's a personal decision... Unsure.*

	Canada (1,000)	Church Weekly (183)	Most of Time (94)	Periodically (286)	Never (385)
None of the above	33	22	25	41	34
Supreme Court	31	16	32	31	39
Church Leaders	23	54	34	17	12
MPs	7	5	4	6	11
Unsure	5	3	5	5	5

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