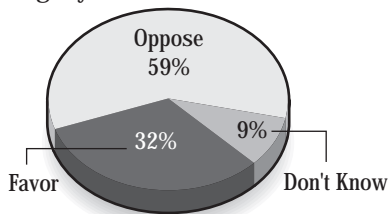


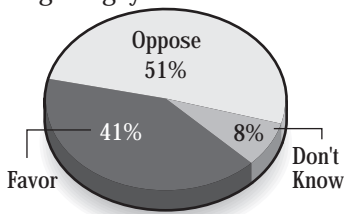
Most Americans oppose gay marriage

The Washington-based Pew Research Center for The People & The Press and the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life conducted a national survey between Oct. 15-19 of 1,515 adult Americans and found that the proportion of Americans who oppose legalizing gay marriage has risen to a margin of nearly 2-1 since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in June that states cannot ban homosexual acts.

Should gays and lesbians be allowed to marry legally?*



Should there be legal agreements giving many of the same rights as marriage to gays and lesbians?



Opinions on gay marriage by region

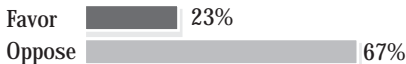
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*In July, shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court decision on sodomy, the public opposed gay marriage by a smaller margin (53%-38%).