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# Axios-Ipsos poll: "No clear agreement" on Americans' LGBTQ opinions



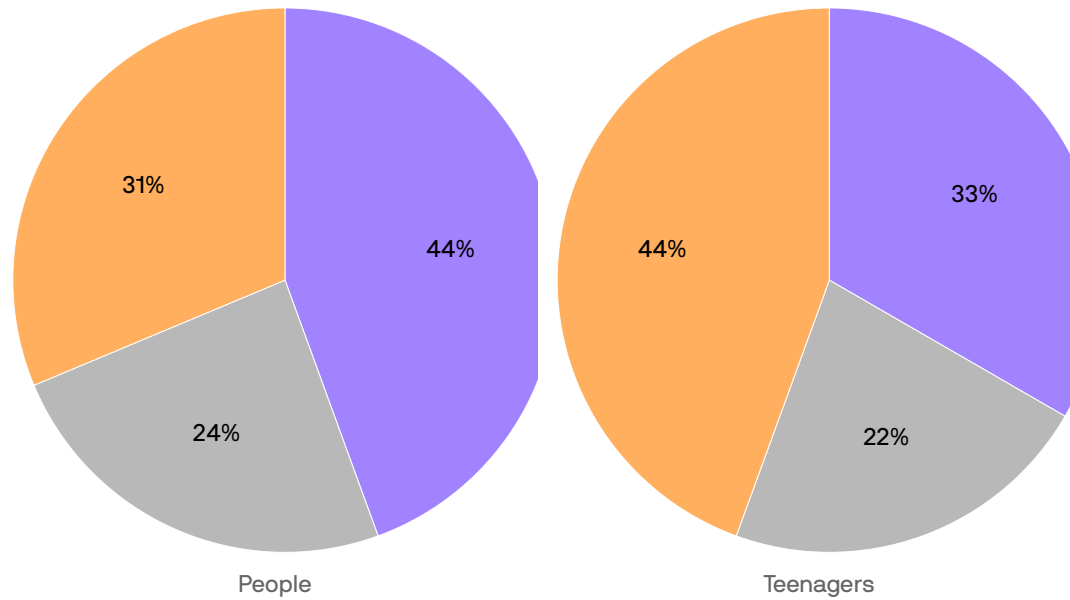
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## choose their own gender identity

Survey of 1,095 adults conducted May 12-15, 2023

Strongly/somewhat agree  
Neither  
Somewhat/strongly disagree



Data: Axios/Ipsos poll; Chart: Axios Visuals

Many Americans lack fully developed views on LGBTQ issues and sexual identity as [more states enact laws](#) restricting access to [transgender health care](#), according to the latest [Axios-Ipsos American Health Index](#).

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- There's "no clear agreement" among Americans around how a person chooses to identify, said Mallory Newall, vice president of Ipsos U.S. Public Affairs.
  - While 63% of Americans say they feel comfortable around LGBTQ people, "that level of comfort and their own attitudes toward gender identity and gender expression are not yet fully formed," she added.

**The big picture:** A plurality of Americans believe that people should be able to decide their gender identity, but when asked specifically about teenagers, support wained.

- 44% agree that people should be able to choose their gender identity, 31% disagree and 24% don't take a position.
- When it comes to teens choosing, 44% disagree, 33% agree and 22% neither agree nor disagree.

**Between the lines:** Most legislation limiting access to gender-affirming care focuses on prohibiting health providers from offering it to trans youth.

- While politicians restricting access say that gender-affirming care is "experimental," it is endorsed by major medical groups, including the [American Medical Association](#), the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#), the [Endocrine Society](#) and the [World Health Organization](#).

- 24% don't take a position.

**Yes, but:** The biggest division was along partisan lines, with 64% of Democrats supporting people's ability to choose their gender identity, compared to 24% of Republicans.


- Asked specifically about teenagers, 55% of Democrats said they should choose their gender identify while just 12% of Republicans took that position.
- There were less pronounced divisions by age and educational attainment.

*Methodology: This Axios/Ipsos Poll was conducted May 12-15 by Ipsos' KnowledgePanel. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,095 general population adults age 18 or older.*

- *The margin of sampling error is  $\pm 3.1$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults.*

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Former President Donald Trump greets supporters at a Team Trump volunteer leadership training event held at the Grimes Community Complex on June 01, 2023 in Grimes, Iowa. (Photo by Scott Olson/Getty Images)

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of justice in a federal classified documents probe.

**Driving the news:** The two-minute video uses actor Matt Damon's monologue from "[Air](#)" as narration.

- Ben Affleck's biographical sports drama "Air" tells the story of Nike's rise to sneaker dominance.

**Of note:** Trump's post also includes a link to donate money.

**What they're saying:** "No matter how viciously they attack me, I will NEVER, EVER SURRENDER," Trump said.

- "With your support, we will once again surge even higher and prove that our America First movement truly is UNSTOPPABLE," he added.

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## Now on the 2024 ballot: Trump's freedom



Former President Trump arrives at Trump Tower in New York City in May. Photo: James Devaney/GC Images

For Donald Trump, the 2024 campaign is more than a race to return to the White House — it's a fight to stay out of prison.

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## Why Trump can legally run for president despite indictments





Former President Donald Trump greets supporters on June 1 at a Team Trump volunteer leadership training event in Grimes, Iowa, after giving an unscripted speech. Photo: Scott Olson/Getty Images

Former President Trump has [been indicted twice](#) — and faces potential criminal convictions — but he's not barred from running for or assuming presidential office.

**Why it matters:** While Trump is the first former U.S. president to [face criminal charges](#), his legal peril doesn't endanger his legally viable path to a second term — and could even be a boon politically, experts told Axios.

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