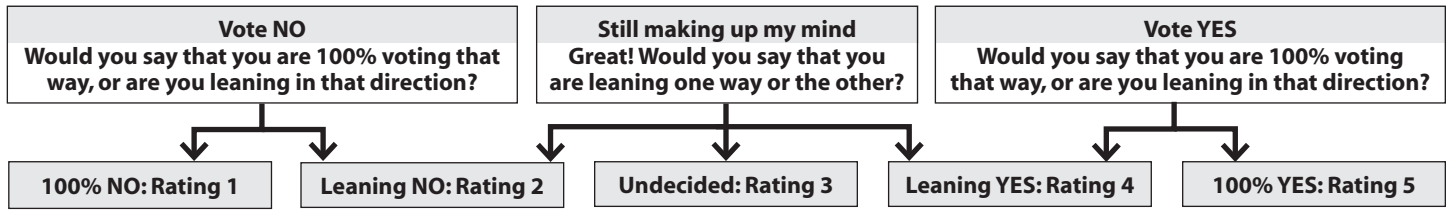


Hi, is this \_\_\_\_\_? Hey my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm a volunteer from \_\_\_\_\_ calling with Minnesotans United for All Families, and we're talking to voters about their opinion on marriage for same-sex couples. We're calling people today because in November we will all be voting on a constitutional amendment placed on the ballot by the legislature. The ballot question will be titled, "Limiting The Status Of Marriage To Opposite Sex Couples," and the question will read: *Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota?*

**If you had to vote today, would you:**  
**vote no and leave our constitution as is, vote yes and amend our constitution, or are you still making up your mind?**



Okay. And which of the following is closest to your point of view, that same-sex couples should: A) be allowed full marriage rights; B) be allowed some legal recognition such as domestic partnerships or civil unions but not full marriage rights; or C) have no legal relationship recognition at all?



• That's great! I also support marriage for all couples. I've decided to take action and volunteer with Minnesotans United because (share personal story).

• Is defeating the amendment a high priority for you? Why?

• You know, 30 states have lost campaigns like the one we're fighting in MN right now, and we have a chance to be the very first state to defeat an amendment like this! We need 100,000 people to pledge to vote NO against the amendment. Can we count on your pledge to vote NO? [If yes, check "Pledge: Vote NO" activist code.]

• What is the best phone-number to reach you at? How about email?

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If they don't commit to pledge, or you feel this person could move away from us, and could benefit from an additional conversation, check the "Check Back" box. **END CALL.**

• What concerns you about marriage for same-sex couples?

• Are you married? Why did you get married/want to get married? What does marriage mean to you?

• When you think about people getting married, what are the reasons that come to mind?

• Do you know any gay people? How do you know them? Are any in a long-term, committed relationship?

• Do you think [this couple/gay people] want to get married for similar reasons to the ones you described? How do you think it would feel for them if they were able to get married?

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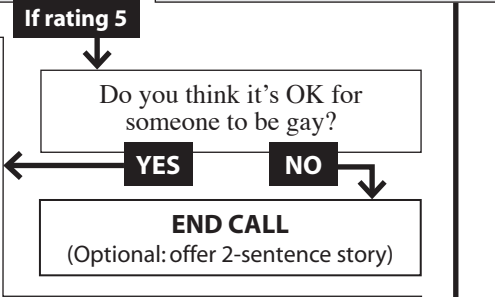
(Please write notes about a personal story related to yourself or a gay person you know)

In my life/experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>WRAP UP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For all people love is really important—and you don't get to choose who you love. It just happens or is something you feel. Does it make sense to exclude a loving, committed couple, like _____ from marriage?</li> <li>Passing the amendment to our constitution would limit the freedom to marry for _____ and all future generations of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minnesotans. Is that something you're comfortable with?</li> <li>Voting no on this amendment allows us to keep the conversation about this open for future generations. How do you feel about that?</li> <li>Do you have any questions for me?</li> </ul>
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**After talking more, if you had to vote today, would you plan to vote yes and amend our constitution or vote no and leave our constitution as is?**



If they say undecided, ask: If you had to vote on the amendment today, would you say you lean more towards opposing or supporting it?

**Thank them for their time!**

### RESPONDING to Religion

- Many people of good faith are on both sides of this issue. What faith do you belong to? (record religious affiliation in margin)
- Thanks. In our coalition, there are congregations who want freedom to marry same-sex couples. If this amendment were to pass, they will be prevented from choosing which relationships they want to honor. No congregation would ever be forced to conduct a marriage they don't recognize. Do you think it's okay to prevent congregations from exercising their freedoms in this way?
- **OPTIONAL** In my experience .... [examples: my brother converted to Catholicism so he could get married in his wife's church; my friends [insert names] couldn't get married in either of their faith communities because one of them is Jewish and the other is Catholic.]

### RESPONDING to Civil Unions

- When you really love someone, there's just no substitute for marriage. Nothing else provides the same protections or clearly says "we've made a lifetime commitment to each other" in the same way. What do you think about that?
- Have you ever been excluded from something other people were part of? What was that like for you?
- I know that \_\_\_\_ would never trade [his/her] marriage for something called a domestic partnership, and neither would I. Would you? Why is it important to you that gay and lesbian couples have something different?
- Many people feel strongly that limiting same-sex couples from marriage (or from the freedom to marry) tells those couples that their love and commitment to each other is somehow less real or valuable. How do you feel about that?

### RESPONDING to concerns about Children

In MN students learn about different types of families, including those with 2 moms or 2 dads, to promote respect for differences.

- What do you think is inappropriate for (your) children to learn about?
- When you first learned about gay people how did that influence you? What did you learn?
- Kids already hear the word "gay" at school. When a kid hears that, what do you want them to know about that word?
- What do your kids know about gay people (in your life)? How has that impacted them?

Here's what I learned about gay people (in school)...

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Do we have civil unions in Minnesota?**

A: No. We do not have any form of civil union.

**Q: Do we have Domestic Partnerships in Minnesota?**

A: Domestic Partnerships registries are city by city, municipality by municipality and grant few rights if any.

**Q: Will this amendment make marriage legal for same-sex couples?**

A: No. We already have a state law that prohibits marriage for same-sex couples.

**Q: Who is Minnesotans United for All Families?**

A: We're the campaign to defeat the amendment to the Minnesota constitution that would limit the freedom to marriage for same-sex couples. Minnesotans United for All Families is the coalition group of over 515 organizations, including faith committees, representation from all major political parties, businesses, nonprofits, labor, and others!

**Q: Are donations tax deductible?**

A: No.