California Voters Overwhelmingly Oppose “Gender Identity” Policies that Harm Women and Sterilize Children

Findings from a Groundbreaking Survey of 600 Likely California Voters

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Methodology

Our California statewide survey was conducted by SPRY Strategies, among a random sample of 600 extremely likely (98.5%) or somewhat likely (1.5%) voters using interactive voice response (IVR) and online mobile interviews between August 29 and September 1, 2020.

The survey has a margin of error of +/- 4.0 percentage points. Results are weighted. Some percentages in crosstab reports and the following summary for this poll may not add to 100% due to rounding.

The political orientation of survey respondents is consistent with recent presidential election polls of California voters. Likely Trump voters comprise 39.02% of the respondents for this poll; likely Biden supporters comprise 56.21% of respondents; Undecided voters comprise 4.77% of respondents.
Key Findings

• Our poll revealed **overwhelming cross-partisan disapproval (74.83%)** for policies and practices that encourage children who say they identify as transgender to undergo physical sex change surgeries or to take potentially sterilizing hormones while they are under the age of 18.

• California likely voters **strongly disapprove of AB 2218**, the bill to fund a taxpayer-subsidized fund to pay for sex change surgeries and hormones that cause sterilization for minors and adults.

• California voters **oppose policies that allow men to be placed in women’s prisons**, such as bill SB 132.
Child “sex change” (Q12)

“Should children who say they identify as transgender be allowed to undergo physical sex change surgeries or take potentially sterilizing hormones while they are under the age of 18?”

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Funding for sterilizing “sex change” surgeries and hormones: Assembly Bill 2218 (Q6)

“California lawmakers are currently debating Assembly Bill 2218, which would establish an “Transgender Wellness Fund,” a taxpayer-subsidized fund to pay for sex change surgeries and hormones that cause sterilization for minors and adults. Generally speaking, do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of this legislation?”

64.21% disapproval
Men in women’s prisons (Q8)

“Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Someone who was born male but identifies as a woman commits a crime and is sentenced to prison should serve their sentence in a women’s prison.”

- Strongly approve: 136 (22.72%)
- Somewhat agree: 93 (15.56%)
- Somewhat disapprove: 193 (32.15%)
- Strongly disapprove: 86 (14.36%)
- Unsure or No Opinion: 91 (15.2%)

Total: 600 (100%)

Disapproval: 46.51%
Other Notable Findings

- **Males in women’s and girls’ sports (Q11)**: *74.79% disagree* that boys and men who say they identify as transgender should be allowed to compete in girls’ and women’s athletics.

- **Men in Female Changing Rooms (Q7)**: *54.06% oppose* policies that allow someone who was born male but identifies as a woman to use female changing rooms where women and girls are changing and/or showering.

- **Men in Female Homeless and Domestic Violence Shelters (Q9)**: *46.61% disagree* that someone who was born male but identifies as a woman should be admitted to women-only homeless or domestic violence shelters.

- **Intimate Healthcare Provider (Q10)**: *44.58% disagree* that a doctor or nurse who was born male but identifies as female should be allowed to perform intimate medical exams or procedures if a female patient has requested a female practitioner.