



## **TASK FORCE POLICY INSTITUTE SURVEYS LGBT COMMUNITY PRIORITIES DURING 2006 PRIDE CELEBRATIONS**

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**The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has released the results of its survey of the policy concerns of 1,440 attendees of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) pride celebrations.**

The survey, conducted in six cities during pride season 2006, listed 10 policy priorities for the LGBT community and provided a space to write in more, asking participants to circle three. The 10 priorities were immigration, anti-LGBT discrimination, hate violence/harassment, marriage equality/partner recognition, media representations, HIV/AIDS, same-sex domestic violence, health issues, elder issues and youth and education issues. This survey is based on a convenience sample and is not representative of the LGBT community as a whole.

Overall, responses showed that marriage equality/partner recognition, anti-LGBT discrimination and hate violence/harassment were the most frequently chosen policy concerns. (HIV/AIDS and youth and education issues were fourth and fifth, respectively.)

In addition to the central findings, the study also reflects differences in policy priorities by race, gender and sexual orientation. Marriage/partner recognition was the most frequently chosen policy priority for respondents in all five racial categories (black, white, Hispanic and Latino/a, Asian, and other/multiracial). Anti-LGBT discrimination was the second most popular priority for white, Latino/a and other/multiracial respondents.

Hate violence was the second most frequently chosen priority for black respondents; for whites, Hispanics and Latino/as, and people of "other" or multiracial backgrounds, it was the third highest priority. Women prioritized marriage/partner recognition at higher rates than did male respondents.

The survey was conducted in the late spring and early summer of 2006 at seven LGBT pride parades and celebrations in six cities: Washington, D.C., (D.C. Black Pride and D.C. Capitol Pride); Long Beach, Calif.; Kansas City, Mo.; Los Angeles; New York; and San Francisco.

Previous Task Force surveys have found similar results. A 2003 survey of 1,471 participants in three LGBT pride celebrations (New York, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C.) found a similar set of priorities: marriage/partner recognition, nondiscrimination laws, and hate violence and HIV/AIDS (tied for third place). A 2000 survey of more than 2,600 black LGBT people found that HIV/AIDS, hate violence and marriage/domestic partnership were the top three concerns.