

THE TRANSGENDER SCHOOL DIRECTIVE

Analyzing Montana Opinions

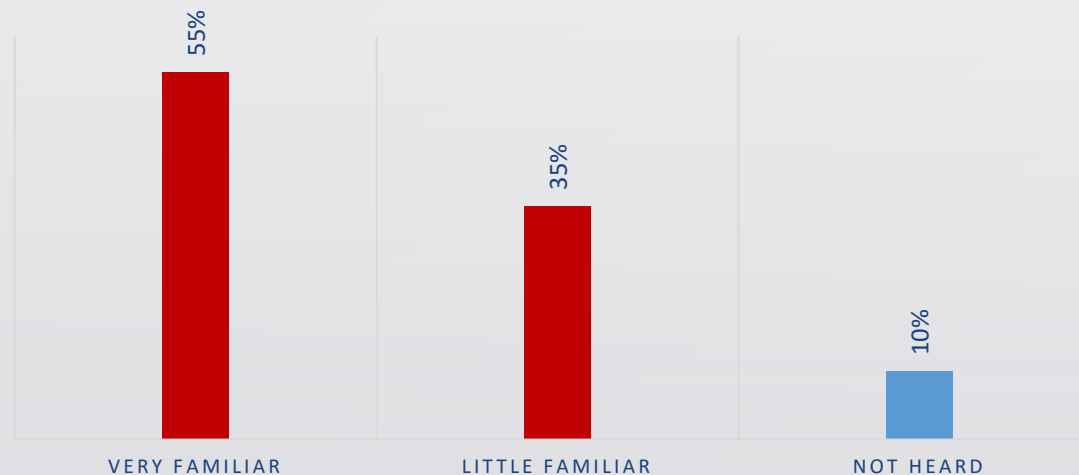
Polling Population Data

- Montana Statewide Live Interview Poll conducted May 23-26, 2016
- n=450 (+/- 4.62%)
- Landline: 75% / Cell Phone: 25%
- (Sex) Male: 48% / Female: 52%
- (Age) 18-34: 13% / 35-44: 14% / 45-54: 17% / 55-64: 27% / 65+: 29%
- (Voter Propensity) High: 55% / Average: 25% / Low: 20%

Many Montanans know about the Transgender School Directive.

Q 1: “President Obama has directed the Departments of Justice and Education to issue a joint statement about transgender students to all public schools in the United States. The directive instructs schools to treat any child who self-identifies as a transgender or gender-fluid no differently than biological boys and girls. In other words, boys who self-identify as girls should be treated like girls, and girls who self-identify as boys should be treated like boys. If public schools do not follow this directive, it is possible that federal funds could be withheld. Are you familiar with this directive?”

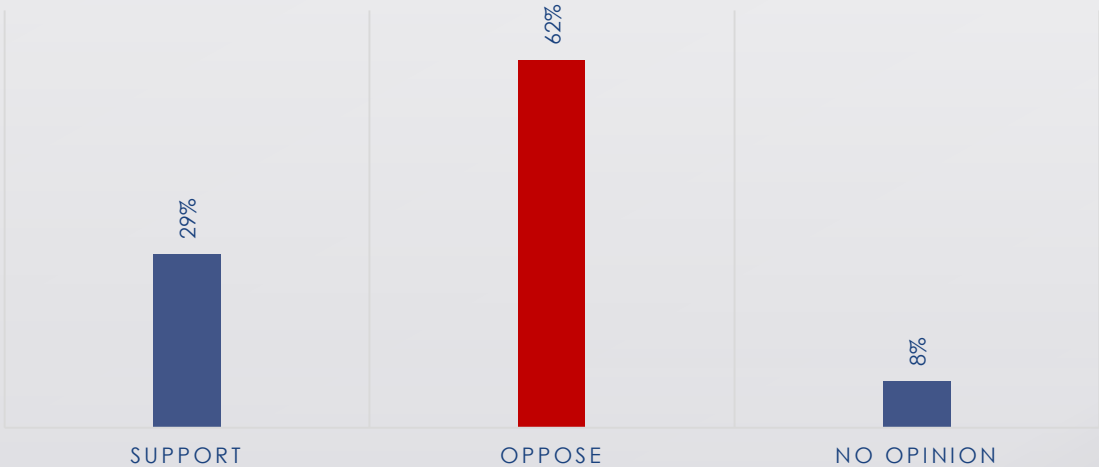
Q 1: Familiarity with Obama Transgender Directive



Montanans OPPOSE the Transgender Directive (Pre-Argument).

People oppose the transgender directive by a 2 to 1 margin prior to hearing any arguments on the issue. These are extremely strong numbers.

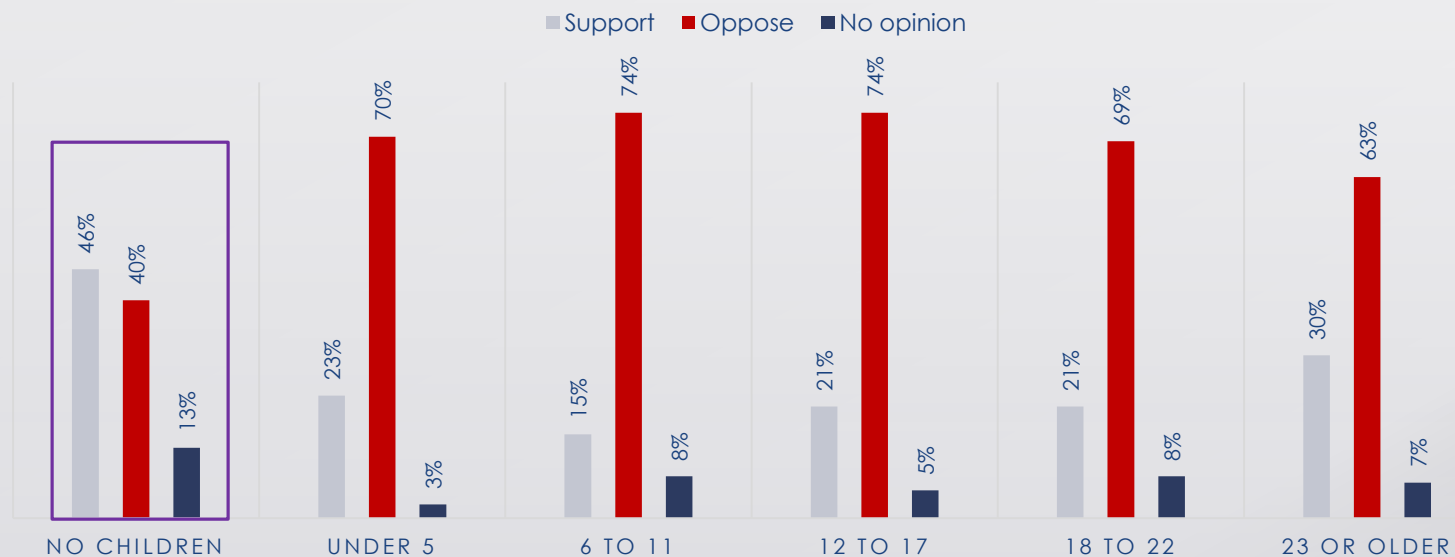
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The margins between parents and non-parents are striking. Parents of school-age children were extremely opposed to the measure. Those without children were slightly supportive, but this margin evaporated after arguments from both sides were heard.

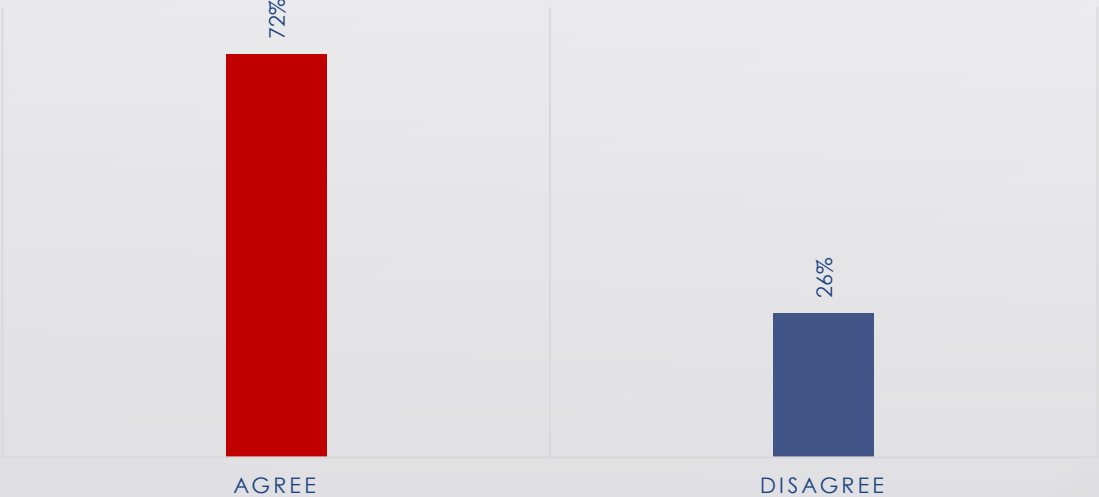
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Children and teens should delay the question of gender until adulthood.

Q 5: “Opponents of the directive point out that it is morally wrong to allow a child who has not yet hit puberty to make the life-altering decision of changing his or her gender. If a child is not mature enough to drive, smoke or drink alcohol; then that child’s decision to change genders should also be delayed until adulthood.”

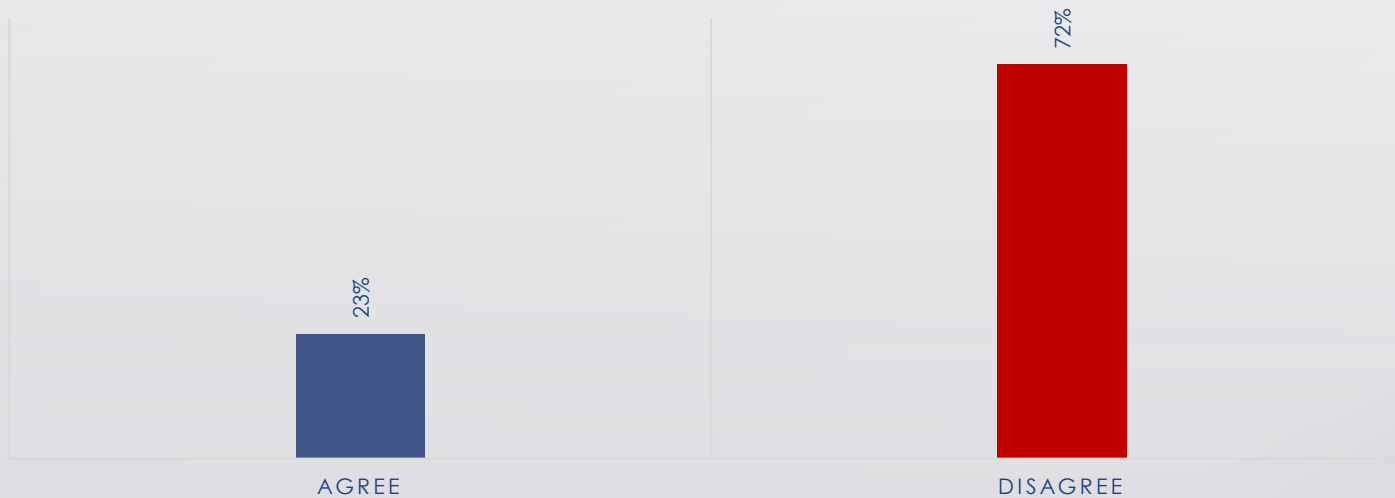
Q 5: Opponents believe a child shouldn't be deciding his or her gender until adulthood.



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This was the weakest argument supporting the transgender school directive. Montanans do not believe transgender discrimination is a major problem in Montana. This suggests that the directive is a poor solution for a non-existent problem.

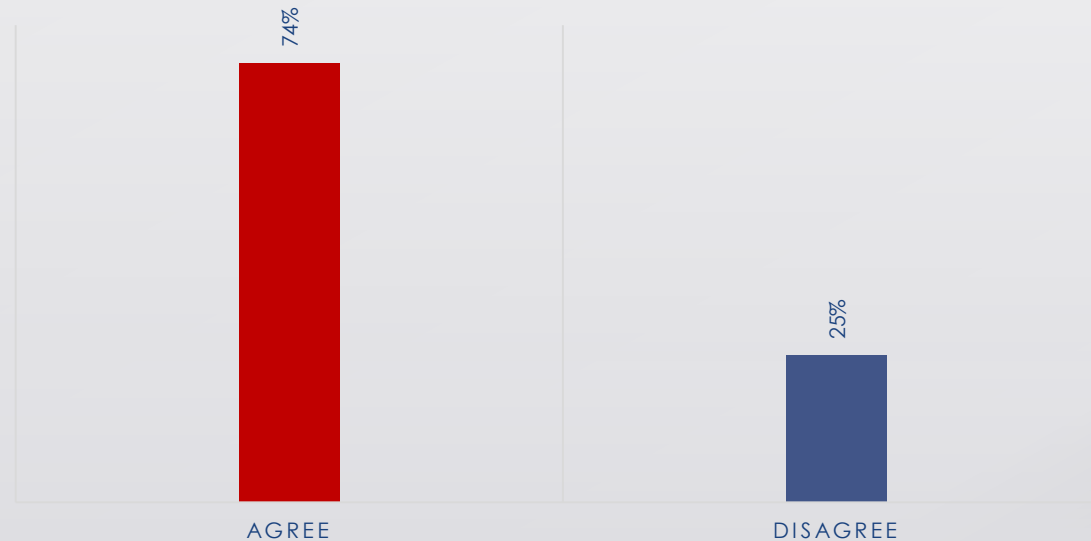
Q 10: Supporters of the directive say that transgender and gender-fluid discrimination is a major problem in Montana. They suggest that this directive is absolutely necessary, even if it creates other minor problems.



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Q 15: “Opponents of the directive believe that the designers of the rule did not think through any of the consequences. Will boys who self-identify as girls be eligible for female athletic or academic scholarships? How will a school handle a child that decides to ‘work the system’ and get access to the boys and girls locker rooms by self-identifying as gender-fluid? This directive is going to cause far more problems than it solves.”

Q 15: Opponents suggest the designers of the directive did not think through the consequences and more problems will be created, than solved.



Most believe that the directive could ruin girls sports (even Democrats).

Q 9: “Opponents of the directive point to the fact that boys who self-identify as girls will be encouraged to play on organized sports teams with biological girls, despite the boys’ likely anatomical advantage in height, weight and strength. This has the potential to invalidate Title Nine protection for girls, since biological sex assigned at birth is no longer a clear line. This will have a dramatic effect on women’s sports.”

Q 9: Opponents point out that boys who identify as girls will be playing on biological girls sports teams, despite obvious physical advantages.

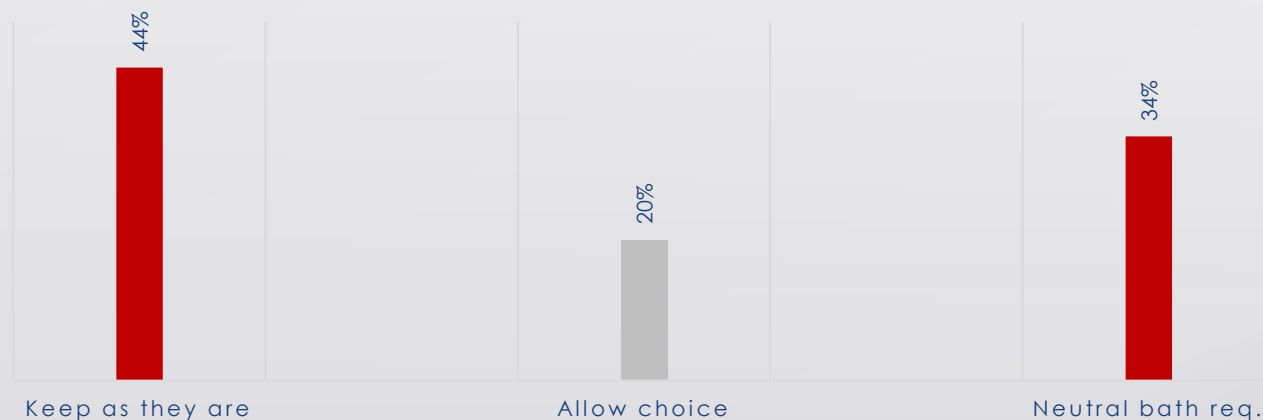


Many want traditional public bathroom rules, but some are open to a neutral third option.

Q 21: Recently, the debate over transgender and gender-fluid people's use of public bathrooms has dominated the headlines. Some companies, like Target, have publicly announced that their bathrooms are open to the transgendered, while some states, like North Carolina, have passed laws requiring people utilize the facilities associated with their birth certificate sex. Which of the following best describes your position?

- a) They should just keep things as they are and people should use the restroom for the gender indicated on their birth certificate.
- b) They should change their policy and make it so transgender and gender-fluid people can use whichever bathroom they feel fits them best.
- c) They should be required to have a gender-neutral bathroom in addition to male and female restrooms.

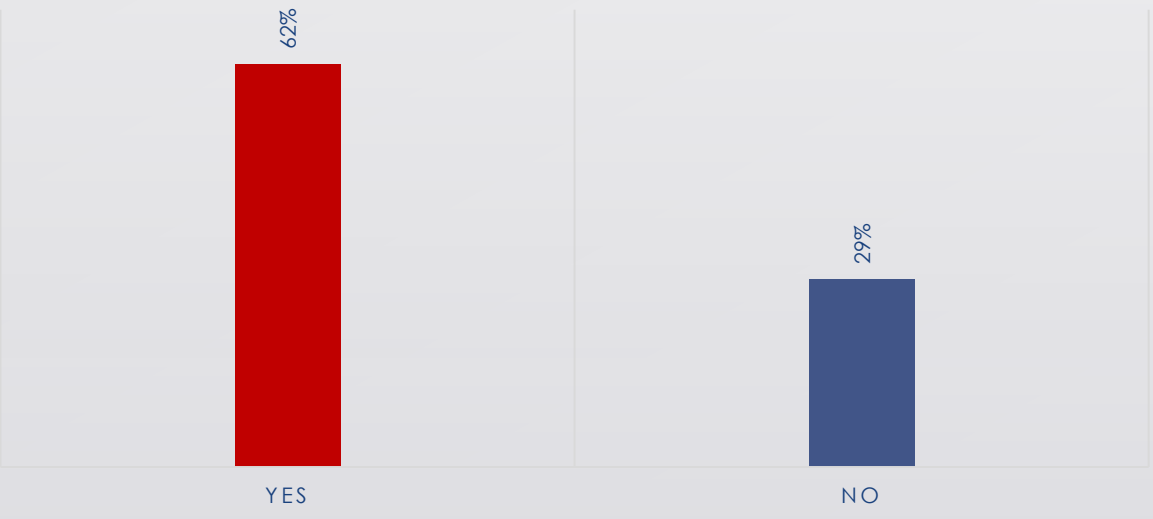
Q 21: Which of the following do you think is the best way to deal with transgender bathrooms in public places?



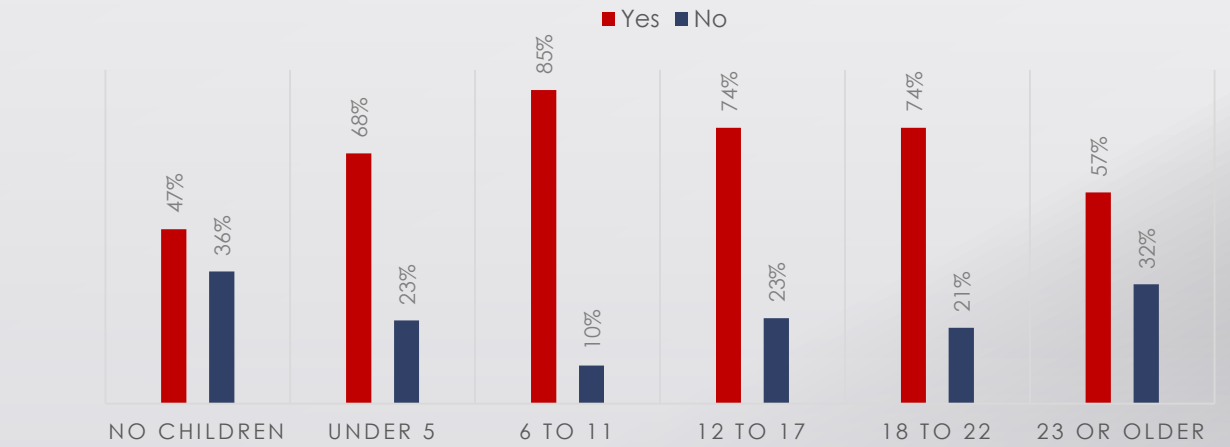
Focus on the parents.

The poll clearly demonstrates that parents (and even non-parents) become very opposed to the transgender school directive when their kids are put in the position as victims and forced participants.

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Voters Much Less Likely To Vote For Directive Supporters.

A total of 68% of those polled would be LESS LIKELY to support a candidate that supported the transgender school directive.

Q 22: Are you more or less likely to vote for a candidate running for public office that supports the transgender directive?

