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68% of Romanians believe that all families should be protected by law in Romania, same-sex families included.

Disagreement

51% 17% 7% 25%

Total  partial partial total

77% of the youth in Romania (18-34 years old) believe that all families should be protected by law in Romania, including same-sex parented families.

Disagreement

60% 16% 5% 19%

Total  partial partial total

All families should be protected by law in Romania, including same-sex families.

Romanians answer:

Agreement

51% 25% 7% 17%

Total  partial partial partial

Young Romanians answer:

Agreement

60% 19% 5% 16%

Total  partial partial partial

In what way do Romanians think that the legalisation of civil marriage for same-sex families in Romania would personally affect them?

Romanians answer:

2% in a positive way
7% rather positively
51% rather negatively
17% in a negative way

Young Romanians answer:

25% in a positive way
8% rather positively
60% rather negatively
19% in a negative way

67% of Romanians consider that it is unfair for gay and lesbian people not to be able to inherit their partner when he or she dies.

Disagreement

51% 16% 10% 24%

Total  partial partial partial

75% of Romanians consider that it is important to be treated with respect and treat others, including gay and lesbian persons, with respect.

Disagreement

62% 13% 6% 19%

Total  partial partial partial
43% of Romanians believe that same-sex families need some form of legal protection in Romania.

56% of young Romanians (18-34 years old) consider that families composed of same-sex persons need some form of legal protection in Romania.

Do same-sex families need some form of legal protection in Romania?

Romanians say: Young Romanians say:
57% NO 44% NO
17% YES, civil partnership 14% YES, civil partnership
26% YES, marriage 42% YES, marriage

What do Romanians think about same-sex families raising children?

52% of Romanians acknowledge the existing or potential status of LGBTI persons as parents.

62% of Romanians who stand for same-sex marriage agree with raising children in same-sex families.

What do Romanians think about raising children in same-sex families?

34% They are equally capable and must be respected according to law
18% They exist and need legal protection
48% It shouldn’t be legal

63% of Romanians who know gay or lesbian persons in the family agree with same-sex marriage.

63% of those who oppose same-sex marriage admit, however, that gay persons can be or are already parents and need protection of the law.

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