

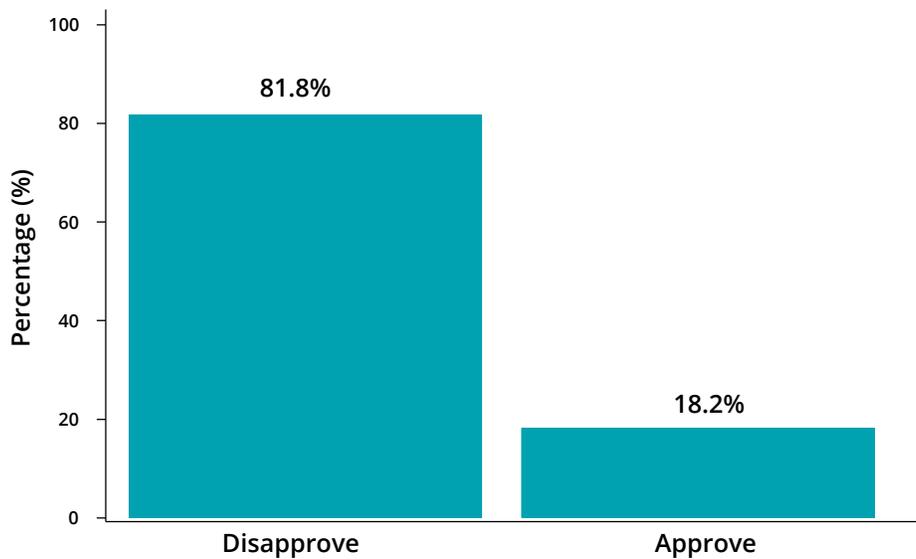
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# Spotlight on Approval of Same-Sex Marriage in the Dominican Republic

Fewer than one-fifth of individuals in the Dominican Republic approve of same-sex marriage

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Approval of Same-Sex Marriage in the Dominican Republic, 2021



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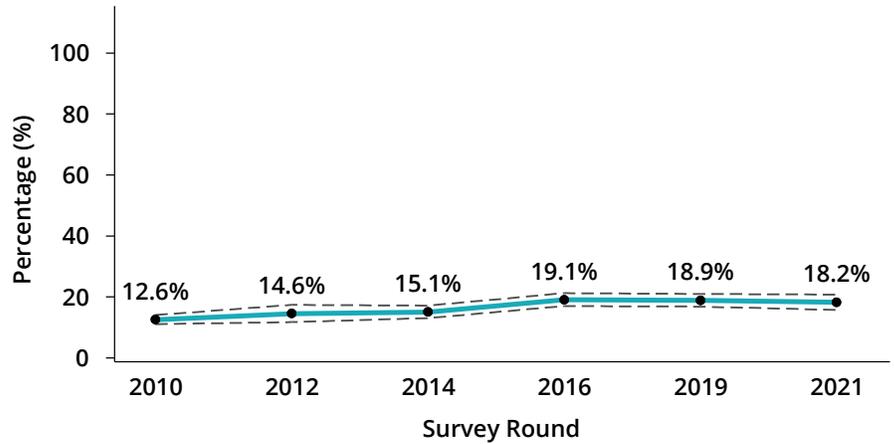
Since 2010, LAPOP's AmericasBarometer has measured approval of same-sex marriage in the Dominican Republic by asking the following question: **D6. To what extent do you approve or disapprove of same-sex couples' right to marriage?** Participants were asked to respond on a scale of 1 "strongly disapprove" to 10 "strongly approve." Here, we recode responses into a dichotomous variable, which allows us to estimate the percentage of people in the Dominican Republic that approve of same-sex marriage. Specifically, responses of 8 through 10 were combined to indicate approval, and values 1 through 7 were combined to represent a group that does not approve of same-sex marriage.

Less than one in five (18.2%) approve of same-sex marriage. The vast majority of Dominicans (81.8%) do not approve of the right of same-sex couples to marry.

## Approval of same-sex marriage has remained low in the last decade

Approval of same-sex marriage in the Dominican Republic reached its highest level in the 2016 round of the AmericasBarometer, when 19.1% of individuals indicated that they approve of the right to same-sex marriage. Since then, approval of same-sex marriage has remained relatively stable at less than one in five.

### Approval of Same-Sex Marriage in the Dominican Republic, 2010-2021



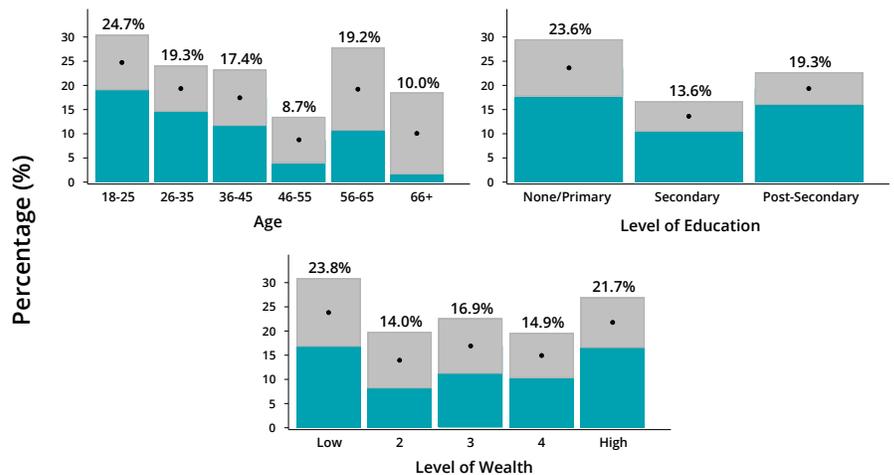
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## Approval of same-sex marriage is highest among young adults, those living in the lowest household wealth bracket, and individuals who have no or primary-level education

What characteristics of individuals predict approval of same-sex marriage in the Dominican Republic? The youngest respondents, those age 18-25, have significantly higher approval (24.7%) compared to their older counterparts (those age 46-55 and 66+). Those with none/primary or post-secondary education have a significantly higher level of approval than those with secondary education. Those in the lowest household wealth bracket demonstrate higher approval (23.8%) than those from the second and fourth wealth categories. Gender is not a statistically significant determinant of individuals' approval of same-sex marriage.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The variable for place of residence (ur1new) has been omitted for this round of Spotlight Reports due to a change in survey mode for the 2021 AmericasBarometer.

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