

# Membership Standards Study Report

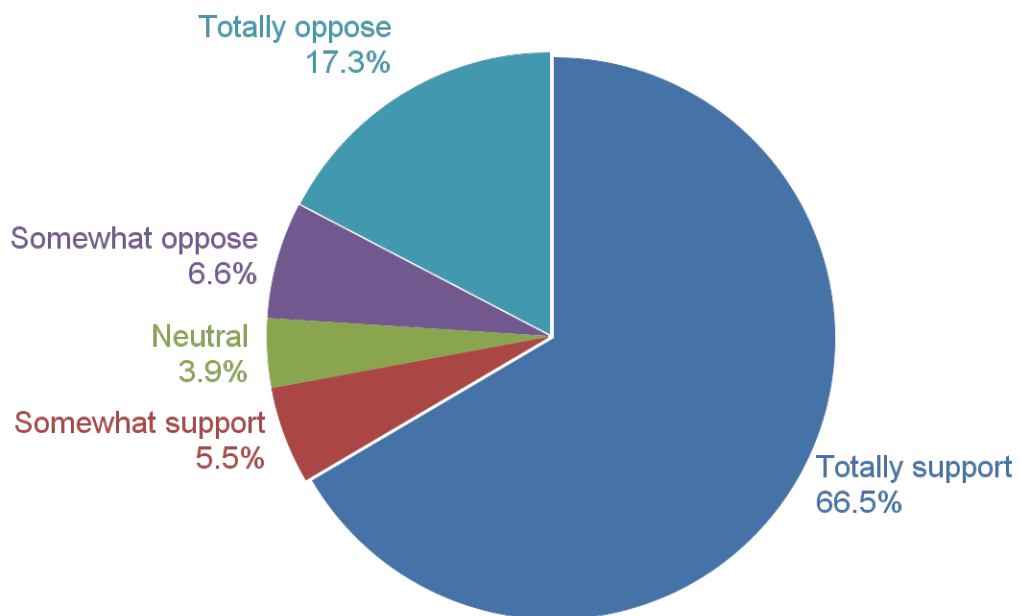
## California Inland Empire 045

Research  
&  
Program Innovation  
Boy Scouts of America

*The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.*



The current Boy Scouts of America requirements, stated above, prohibit open homosexuals from being Scouts or adult Scout leaders. To what extent do you support or oppose this requirement?

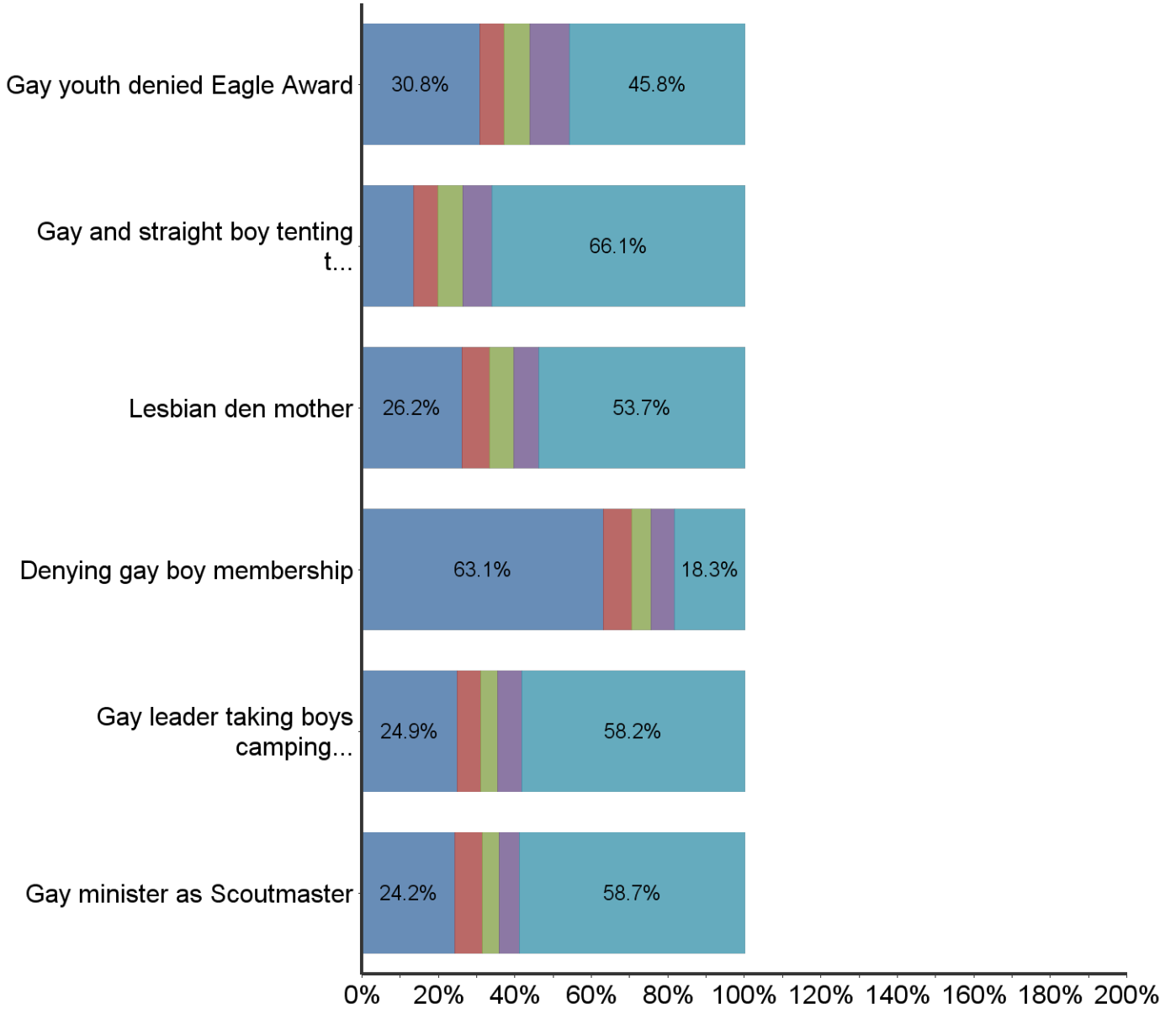


Answer	Responses	%
Totally support	1032	66.5%
Somewhat support	86	5.5%
Neutral	61	3.9%
Somewhat oppose	103	6.6%
Totally oppose	269	17.3%
Total	1551	100.0%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	5	3.97	2.53	1.59	1551	1551

Following are some possible scenarios that could happen if the Boy Scouts keeps or changes its policy. Please tell us the degree to which you believe the actions taken in each scenario are acceptable or unacceptable.

■ Totally acceptable    
 ■ Somewhat acceptable    
 ■ Neutral    
 ■ Somewhat unacceptable    
 ■ Totally unacceptable



**Tom started in the program as a Tiger Cub, and finished every requirement for the Eagle Scout Award at 16 years of age. At his board of review Tom reveals that he is gay. Is it acceptable or unacceptable for the review board to deny his Eagle Scout award based on that admission?**

Totally acceptable	Somewhat acceptable	Neutral	Somewhat unacceptable	Totally unacceptable	Responses	Mean
30.8%	6.3%	6.8%	10.4%	45.8%	1551	2.7

**Bob is 15 years old, and the only openly gay Scout in a Boy Scout troop. Is it acceptable or unacceptable for the troop leader to allow Bob to tent with a heterosexual boy on an overnight camping trip?**

Totally acceptable	Somewhat acceptable	Neutral	Somewhat unacceptable	Totally unacceptable	Responses	Mean
13.5%	6.3%	6.5%	7.6%	66.1%	1551	1.9

**Johnny, a first grade boy, has joined Tiger Cubs with his friends. Johnny's friends and their parents unanimously nominate Johnny's mom, who is known by them to be lesbian, to be the den leader. Johnny's pack is chartered to a church where the doctrine of that faith does not teach that homosexuality is wrong. Is it acceptable or unacceptable for his mother to serve as a den leader for his Cub Scout den?**

Totally acceptable	Somewhat acceptable	Neutral	Somewhat unacceptable	Totally unacceptable	Responses	Mean
26.2%	7.3%	6.3%	6.6%	53.7%	1551	2.5

**David, a Boy Scout, believes that homosexuality is wrong. His troop is chartered to a church where the doctrine of that faith also teaches that homosexuality is wrong. Steve, an openly gay youth, applies to be a member in the troop and is denied membership. Is it acceptable or unacceptable for this troop to deny Steve membership in their troop?**

Totally acceptable	Somewhat acceptable	Neutral	Somewhat unacceptable	Totally unacceptable	Responses	Mean
63.1%	7.5%	5.0%	6.1%	18.3%	1551	3.9

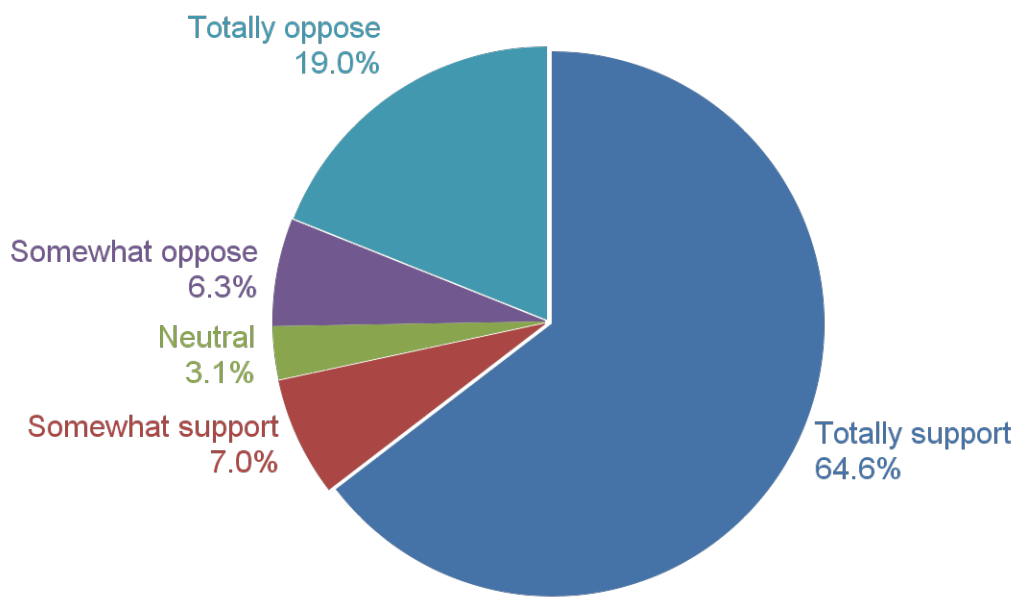
**A gay male troop leader, along with another adult leader, is taking a group of boys on a camping trip following the youth protection guidelines of two-deep leadership. Is it acceptable or unacceptable for the gay adult leader to take adolescent boys on an overnight camping trip?**

Totally acceptable	Somewhat acceptable	Neutral	Somewhat unacceptable	Totally unacceptable	Responses	Mean
24.9%	6.1%	4.4%	6.4%	58.2%	1551	2.3

**A troop is chartered by an organization that does not believe homosexuality is wrong and allows gays to be ministers. The youth minister traditionally serves as the Scoutmaster for the troop. The congregation hires a youth minister who is gay. Is it acceptable or unacceptable for this youth minister to serve as the Scoutmaster?**

Totally acceptable	Somewhat acceptable	Neutral	Somewhat unacceptable	Totally unacceptable	Responses	Mean
24.2%	7.2%	4.5%	5.4%	58.7%	1551	2.3

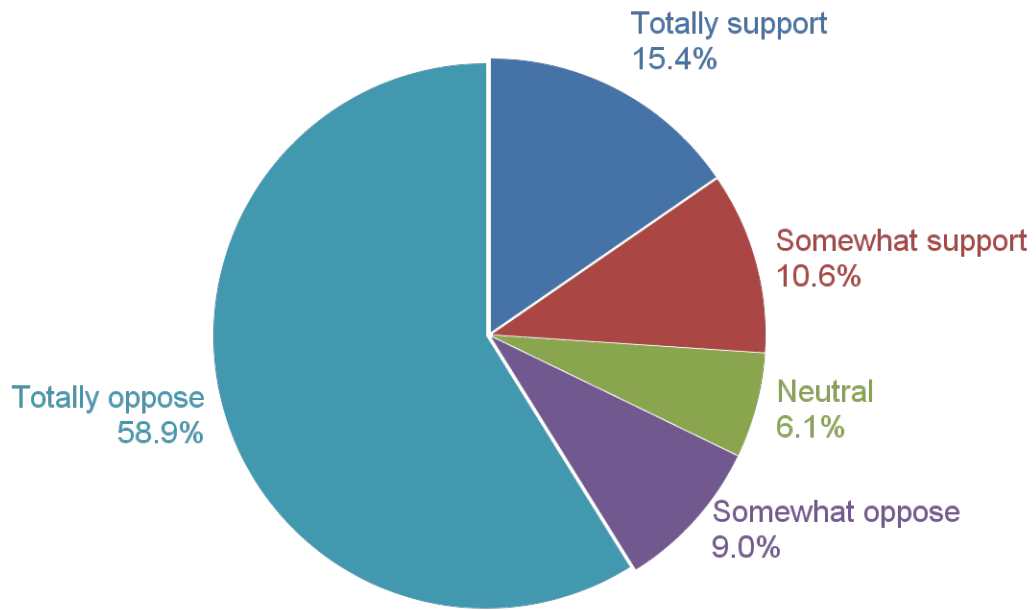
After reading the scenarios in the previous question, please answer one question again. The current Boy Scouts of America requirements prohibit open homosexuals from being Scouts or adult Scout leaders. To what extent do you support or oppose this requirement?



Answer	Responses	%
Totally support	1002	64.60%
Somewhat support	109	7.03%
Neutral	48	3.09%
Somewhat oppose	98	6.32%
Totally oppose	294	18.96%
Total	1551	100.00%

Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	5	3.92	2.63	1.62	1551	1551

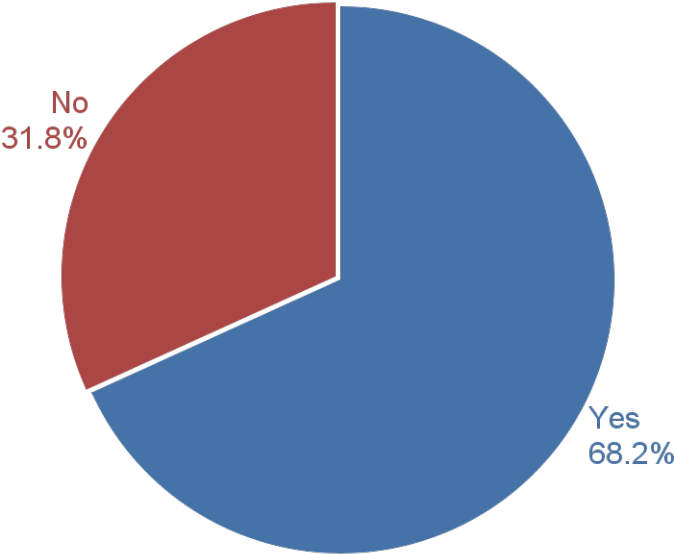
Different organizations that charter Boy Scout troops have different positions on the morality of homosexuality. Do you support or oppose allowing charter organizations to follow their own beliefs when selecting Boy Scout members and adult leaders, if that means there will be different standards from one organization to the next.



Answer	Responses	%
Totally support	239	15.41%
Somewhat support	165	10.64%
Neutral	95	6.13%
Somewhat oppose	139	8.96%
Totally oppose	913	58.87%
Total	1551	100.00%

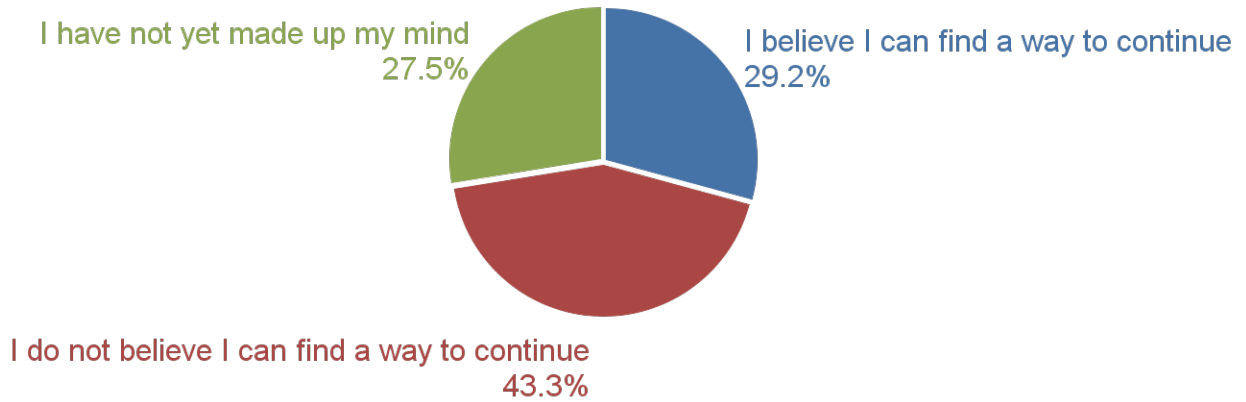
Min Value	Max Value	Average Value	Variance	Standard Deviation	Total Responses	Total Respondents
1	5	2.15	2.44	1.56	1551	1551

**Do you believe the current policy prohibiting open homosexuals from being Scouts or adult Scout leaders is a core value of Scouting found in the Scout Oath and Law?**



Answer	Responses	%
Yes	1058	68.21%
No	493	31.79%
Total	1551	100.00%

If the Boy Scouts of America makes a decision on this policy that disagrees with your own view, will you continue to participate in the Boy Scouts, or will you leave the organization?



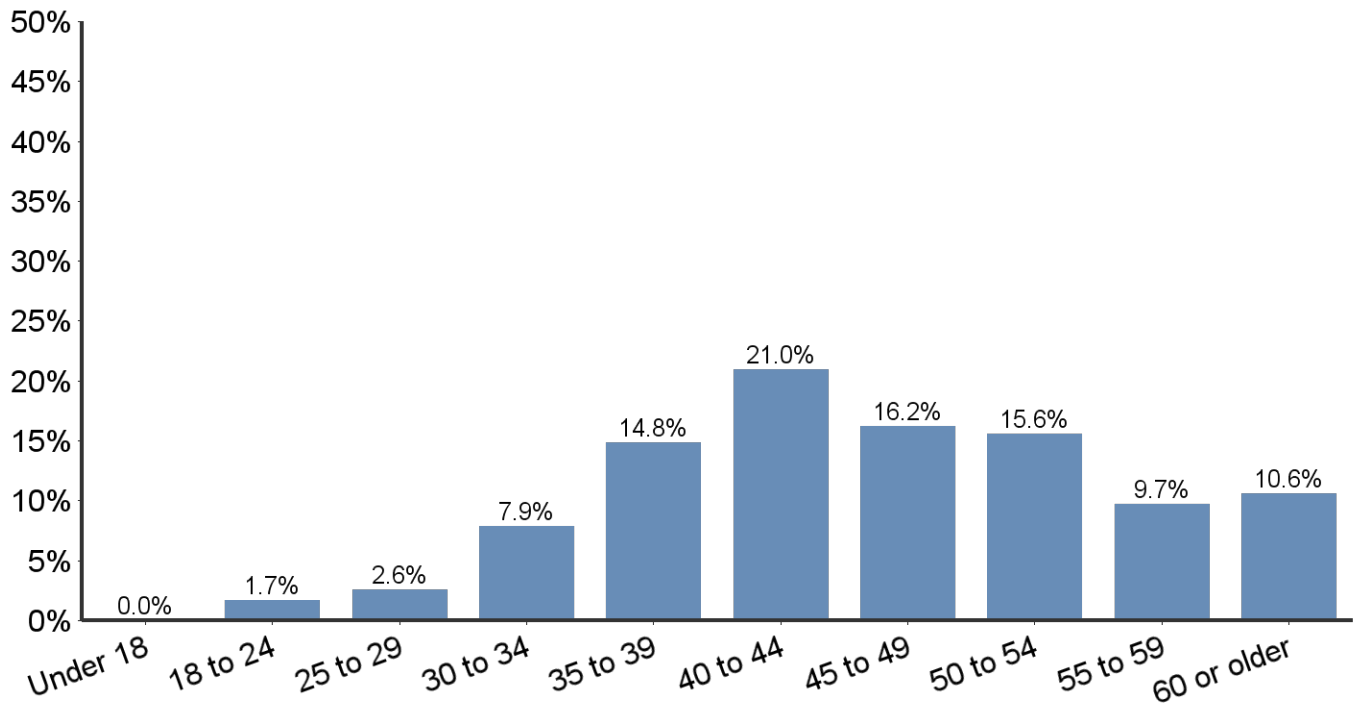
Answer	Responses	%
I believe I can find a way to continue	453	29.21%
I do not believe I can find a way to continue	671	43.26%
I have not yet made up my mind	427	27.53%
Total	1551	100.00%



**Crosstab by support/oppose current policy prohibiting open homosexuals from membership or leadership.**

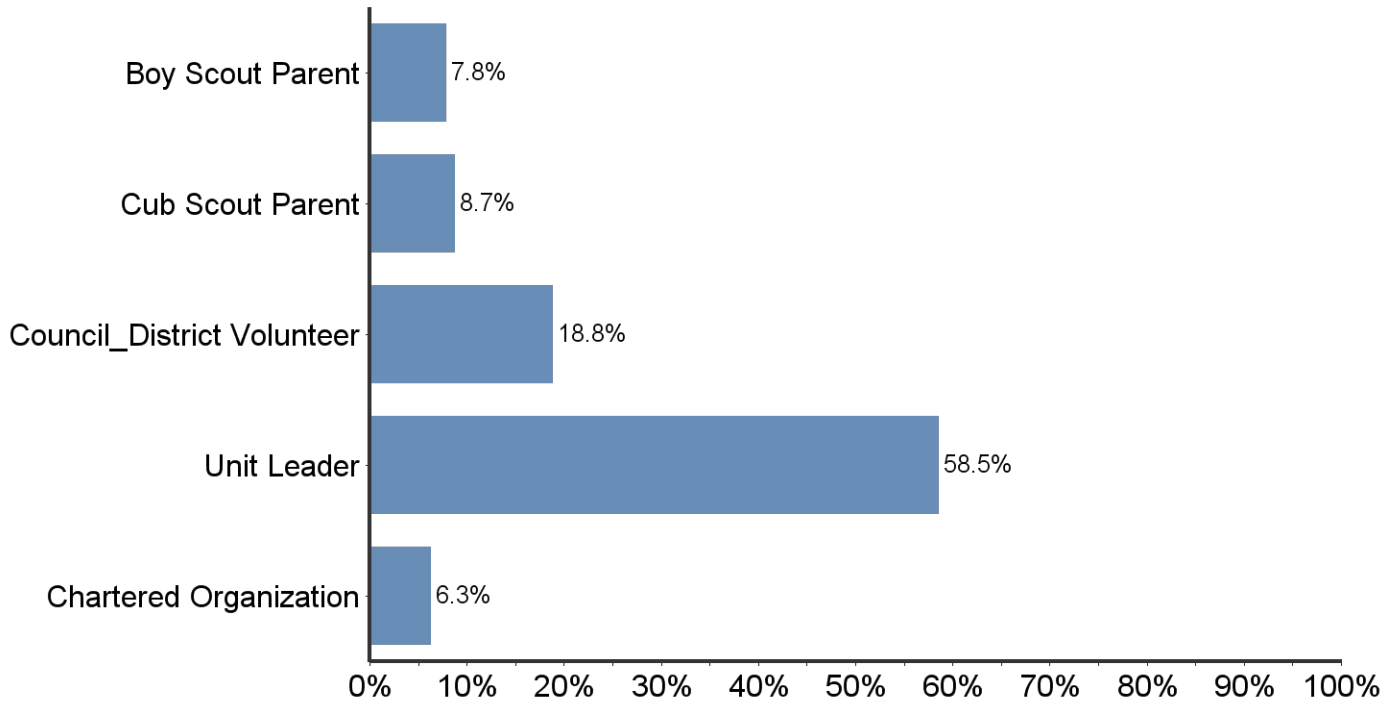
		After reading the scenarios in the previous question, please answer one question again. The current...					
		Totally support	Somewhat support	Neutral	Somewhat oppose	Totally oppose	Total
Do you believe the current policy prohibiting open homosexuals from being scouts or adult scout leaders is a core value of Scouting found in the Scout Oath and Law?	Yes	947 95%	63 58%	18 38%	13 13%	17 6%	1058 68%
	No	55 5%	46 42%	30 63%	85 87%	277 94%	493 32%
	Total	1,002 100%	109 100%	48 100%	98 100%	294 100%	1,551 100%
If the Boy Scouts of America makes a decision on this policy that disagrees with your own view, will you continue to participate in the Boy Scouts, or will you leave the organization?	I believe I can find a way to continue	107 11%	72 66%	44 92%	84 86%	146 50%	453 29%
	I do not believe I can find a way to continue	616 61%	10 9%	0 0%	3 3%	42 14%	671 43%
	I have not yet made up my mind	279 28%	27 25%	4 8%	11 11%	106 36%	427 28%
	Total	1,002 100%	109 100%	48 100%	98 100%	294 100%	1,551 100%

## Age



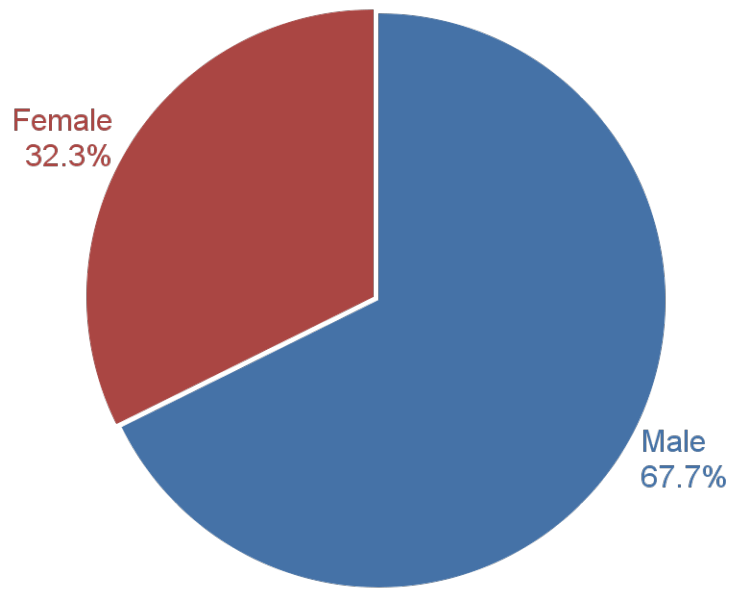
Answer	Responses	%
Under 18	0	0.00%
18 to 24	26	1.68%
25 to 29	40	2.58%
30 to 34	122	7.87%
35 to 39	230	14.83%
40 to 44	325	20.95%
45 to 49	251	16.18%
50 to 54	242	15.60%
55 to 59	151	9.74%
60 or older	164	10.57%
Total	1551	100.00%

# Survey



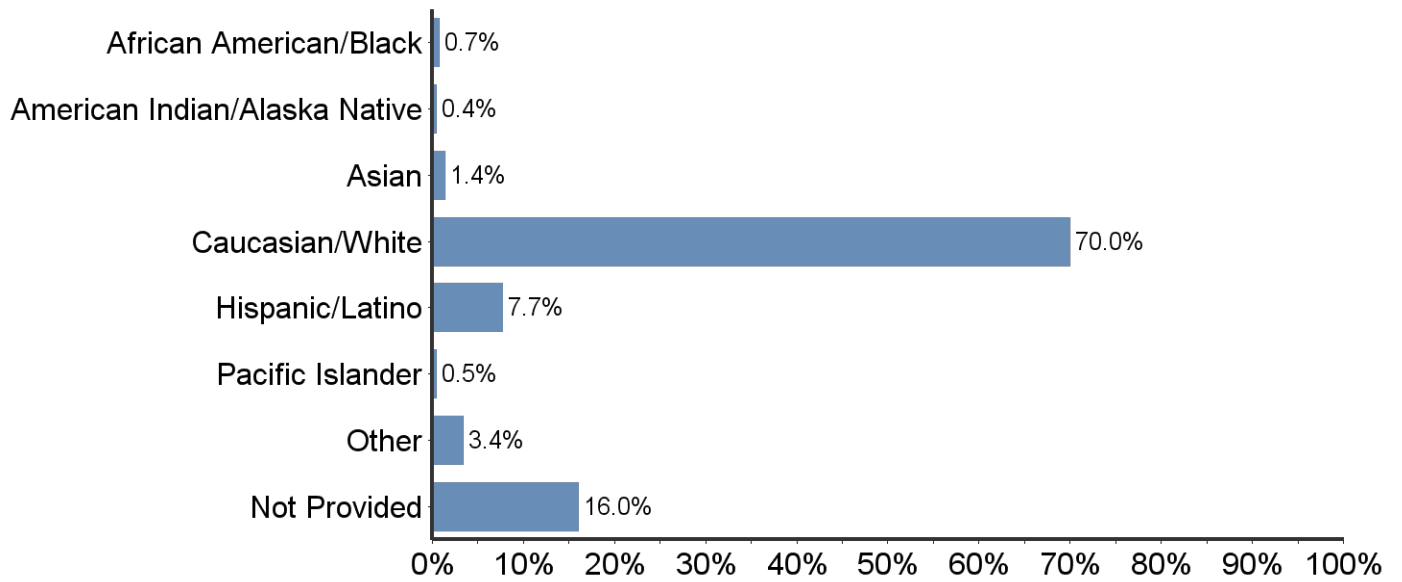
Answer	Responses	%
Boy Scout Parent	121	7.80%
Cub Scout Parent	135	8.70%
Council_District Volunteer	291	18.76%
Unit Leader	907	58.48%
Chartered Organization	97	6.25%
Total	1551	100.00%

## Gender



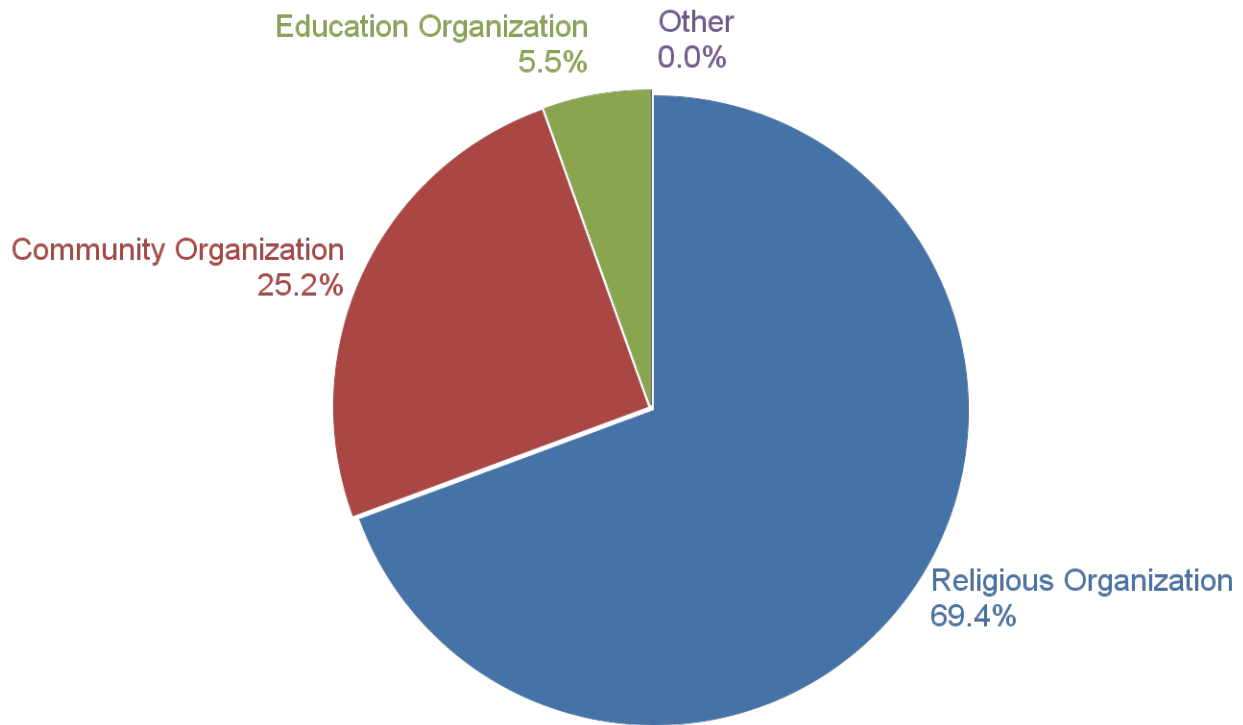
Answer	Responses	%
Male	1050	67.70%
Female	501	32.30%
Total	1551	100.00%

## How do you identify yourself?



Answer	Responses	%
African American/Black	11	0.71%
American Indian/Alaska Native	6	0.39%
Asian	21	1.35%
Caucasian/White	1086	70.02%
Hispanic/Latino	119	7.67%
Pacific Islander	7	0.45%
Other	53	3.42%
Not Provided	248	15.99%
Total	1551	100.00%

## Chartered Organization Type



Answer	Responses	%
Religious Organization	874	69.37%
Community Organization	317	25.16%
Education Organization	69	5.48%
Other	0	0.00%
Total	1260	100.00%

Note: Council and District level volunteers are not associated with a Chartered Organization. This table only includes unit level volunteers, chartered organizations, Cub Scout parents, and Boy Scout parents.

		Survey					Total
		Boy Scout Parent	Cub Scout Parent	Council_District Volunteer	Unit Leader	Chartered Organization	
<p>The current Boy Scouts of America requirements, stated above, prohibit open homosexuals from being Scouts or adult Scout leaders. To what extent do you support or oppose this requirement?</p>	Totally support	83 69%	71 53%	183 63%	620 68%	75 77%	1032 67%
	Somewhat support	8 7%	9 7%	17 6%	46 5%	6 6%	86 6%
	Neutral	5 4%	4 3%	17 6%	30 3%	5 5%	61 4%
	Somewhat oppose	5 4%	12 9%	19 7%	63 7%	4 4%	103 7%
	Totally oppose	20 17%	39 29%	55 19%	148 16%	7 7%	269 17%
Total		121 100%	135 100%	291 100%	907 100%	97 100%	1,551 100%
<p>After reading the scenarios in the previous question, please answer one question again. The current Boy Scouts of America requirements prohibit open homosexuals from being Scouts or adult Scout leaders. To what extent do you support or oppose this requirement?</p>	Totally support	78 64%	72 53%	177 61%	596 66%	79 81%	1002 65%
	Somewhat support	9 7%	9 7%	18 6%	68 7%	5 5%	109 7%
	Neutral	3 2%	4 3%	15 5%	23 3%	3 3%	48 3%
	Somewhat oppose	6 5%	8 6%	22 8%	58 6%	4 4%	98 6%
	Totally oppose	25 21%	42 31%	59 20%	162 18%	6 6%	294 19%
Total		121 100%	135 100%	291 100%	907 100%	97 100%	1,551 100%
<p>Different organizations that charter Boy Scout troops have different positions on the morality of homosexuality. Do you support or oppose allowing charter organizations to follow their own beliefs when selecting Boy Scout members and adult leaders, if that means there will be different standards from one organization to the next</p>	Totally support	14 12%	17 13%	55 19%	144 16%	9 9%	239 15%
	Somewhat support	10 8%	22 16%	29 10%	94 10%	10 10%	165 11%
	Neutral	7 6%	7 5%	24 8%	54 6%	3 3%	95 6%
	Somewhat oppose	14 12%	18 13%	24 8%	74 8%	9 9%	139 9%
	Totally oppose	76 63%	71 53%	159 55%	541 60%	66 68%	913 59%
Total		121 100%	135 100%	291 100%	907 100%	97 100%	1,551 100%

		Survey					Total
		Boy Scout Parent	Cub Scout Parent	Council_District Volunteer	Unit Leader	Chartered Organization	
Tom started in the program as a Tiger Cub, and finished every requirement for the Eagle Scout Award at 16 years of age. At his board of review Tom reveals that he is gay. Is it acceptable or unacceptable for the review board to deny his Eagle Scout award based on that admission?	Totally acceptable	35 29%	32 24%	96 33%	282 31%	33 34%	478 31%
	Somewhat acceptable	8 7%	10 7%	17 6%	57 6%	5 5%	97 6%
	Neutral	10 8%	6 4%	20 7%	61 7%	8 8%	105 7%
	Somewhat unacceptable	13 11%	17 13%	29 10%	86 9%	16 16%	161 10%
	Totally unacceptable	55 45%	70 52%	129 44%	421 46%	35 36%	710 46%
	Total	121 100%	135 100%	291 100%	907 100%	97 100%	1,551 100%
Bob is 15 years old, and the only openly gay Scout in a Boy Scout troop. Is it acceptable or unacceptable for the troop leader to allow Bob to tent with a heterosexual boy on an overnight camping trip?	Totally acceptable	23 19%	32 24%	40 14%	108 12%	6 6%	209 13%
	Somewhat acceptable	6 5%	8 6%	23 8%	59 7%	2 2%	98 6%
	Neutral	3 2%	11 8%	21 7%	60 7%	6 6%	101 7%
	Somewhat unacceptable	9 7%	11 8%	23 8%	70 8%	5 5%	118 8%
	Totally unacceptable	80 66%	73 54%	184 63%	610 67%	78 80%	1025 66%
	Total	121 100%	135 100%	291 100%	907 100%	97 100%	1,551 100%
Johnny, a first grade boy, has joined Tiger Cubs with his friends. Johnny's friends and their parents unanimously nominate Johnny's mom, who is known by them to be lesbian, to be the den leader. Johnny's pack is chartered to a church where the doctrine of that faith does not teach that homosexuality is wrong. Is it acceptable or unacceptable for his mother to serve as a den leader for his Cub Scout den?	Totally acceptable	33 27%	49 36%	79 27%	236 26%	9 9%	406 26%
	Somewhat acceptable	10 8%	9 7%	27 9%	57 6%	10 10%	113 7%
	Neutral	7 6%	9 7%	22 8%	50 6%	9 9%	97 6%
	Somewhat unacceptable	6 5%	7 5%	13 4%	68 7%	8 8%	102 7%
	Totally unacceptable	65 54%	61 45%	150 52%	496 55%	61 63%	833 54%
	Total	121 100%	135 100%	291 100%	907 100%	97 100%	1,551 100%



		Survey					Total
		Boy Scout Parent	Cub Scout Parent	Council_District Volunteer	Unit Leader	Chartered Organization	
David, a Boy Scout, believes that homosexuality is wrong. His troop is chartered to a church where the doctrine of that faith also teaches that homosexuality is wrong. Steve, an openly gay youth, applies to be a member in the troop and is denied membership. Is it acceptable or unacceptable for this troop to deny Steve membership in their troop?	Totally acceptable	71 59%	66 49%	191 66%	581 64%	69 71%	978 63%
	Somewhat acceptable	8 7%	11 8%	26 9%	65 7%	7 7%	117 8%
	Neutral	4 3%	8 6%	18 6%	42 5%	6 6%	78 5%
	Somewhat unacceptable	7 6%	9 7%	19 7%	51 6%	8 8%	94 6%
	Totally unacceptable	31 26%	41 30%	37 13%	168 19%	7 7%	284 18%
	Total	121 100%	135 100%	291 100%	907 100%	97 100%	1,551 100%
A gay male troop leader, along with another adult leader, is taking a group of boys on a camping trip following the youth protection guidelines of two-deep leadership. Is it acceptable or unacceptable for the gay adult leader to take adolescent boys on an overnight camping trip?	Totally acceptable	33 27%	44 33%	80 27%	219 24%	10 10%	386 25%
	Somewhat acceptable	4 3%	11 8%	24 8%	53 6%	2 2%	94 6%
	Neutral	6 5%	5 4%	14 5%	33 4%	11 11%	69 4%
	Somewhat unacceptable	5 4%	9 7%	19 7%	59 7%	8 8%	100 6%
	Totally unacceptable	73 60%	66 49%	154 53%	543 60%	66 68%	902 58%
	Total	121 100%	135 100%	291 100%	907 100%	97 100%	1,551 100%
A troop is chartered by an organization that does not believe homosexuality is wrong and allows gays to be ministers. The youth minister traditionally serves as the Scoutmaster for the troop. The congregation hires a youth minister who is gay. Is it acceptable or unacceptable for this youth minister to serve as the Scoutmaster?	Totally acceptable	31 26%	49 36%	74 25%	211 23%	11 11%	376 24%
	Somewhat acceptable	8 7%	6 4%	26 9%	66 7%	5 5%	111 7%
	Neutral	6 5%	8 6%	15 5%	34 4%	7 7%	70 5%
	Somewhat unacceptable	6 5%	10 7%	17 6%	45 5%	5 5%	83 5%
	Totally unacceptable	70 58%	62 46%	159 55%	551 61%	69 71%	911 59%
	Total	121 100%	135 100%	291 100%	907 100%	97 100%	1,551 100%

		Survey					Total
		Boy Scout Parent	Cub Scout Parent	Council_District Volunteer	Unit Leader	Chartered Organization	
Do you believe the current policy prohibiting open homosexuals from being scouts or adult scout leaders is a core value of Scouting found in the Scout Oath and Law?	Yes	82 68%	73 54%	192 66%	630 69%	81 84%	1058 68%
	No	39 32%	62 46%	99 34%	277 31%	16 16%	493 32%
Total		121 100%	135 100%	291 100%	907 100%	97 100%	1,551 100%
If the Boy Scouts of America makes a decision on this policy that disagrees with your own view, will you continue to participate in the Boy Scouts, or will you leave the organization?	I believe I can find a way to continue	31 26%	43 32%	110 38%	248 27%	21 22%	453 29%
	I do not believe I can find a way to continue	49 40%	55 41%	109 37%	409 45%	49 51%	671 43%
	I have not yet made up my mind	41 34%	37 27%	72 25%	250 28%	27 28%	427 28%
	Total	121 100%	135 100%	291 100%	907 100%	97 100%	1,551 100%