

Public Opinion Surveys on Teaching Evolution

Zogby International Poll, American Adults (2001)

QUESTION: Which of the following two statements come closest to your own opinion?	
Biology teachers should teach only Darwin's theory of evolution and the scientific evidence that supports it.	15%
Biology teachers should teach Darwin's theory of evolution, but also the scientific evidence against it.	71%
Neither/Not Sure	14%

National random sample of 1,202 American adults. Poll conducted by Zogby International from August 25-August 29, 2001. Margin of error is +/- 3.0%.

Steinberg Poll, Recent California Voters (2004)

QUESTION: Which statement comes closest to your view about what biology teachers in public schools should teach about Darwin's theory of evolution?	
Teach Only the Scientific Evidence FOR IT	16.5%
Teach The Scientific Evidence For AND Against IT	73.5%
Other/Unsure	10%

Random sample of 551 voters from California voters living in a household in which at least one voter voted in the November 2002 general election for governor and the October 2003 special election for governor. Conducted by Arnold Steinberg and Associates from March 8-18, 2004. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 4%.

Zogby International Poll, Texas Adults (2003)

QUESTION: Which of the following two statements come closest to your own opinion?	
Biology teachers should teach only Darwin's theory of evolution and the scientific evidence that supports it.	18%
Biology teachers should teach Darwin's theory of evolution, but also the scientific evidence against it.	76%
Neither/Not Sure	6%

Random sample of 601 Texas adults. Conducted by Zogby International from Aug. 25-Aug. 27, 2003. Margin of error is +/- 4.1%.

Zogby International Poll, Ohio Adults (2002)

QUESTION: Which of the following two statements come closest to your own opinion?	
Biology teachers should teach only Darwin's theory of evolution and the scientific evidence that supports it.	19%
Biology teachers should teach Darwin's theory of evolution, but also the scientific evidence against it.	65%
Neither/Not Sure	9%

Random sample of 702 Ohio adults. Conducted by Zogby International on May 7, 2002. Margin of error is +/- 3.8%.