

Sample 1000 Adult Interviews
Conducted June 17 - 19, 2015
Margin of Error ±4.1%

1. How closely are you following the news about Rachel Dolezal, the former President of the NAACP chapter in Spokane, whose biological parents are white but has identified herself as a black woman in recent years?

Very closely	14%
Somewhat closely	41%
Not very closely	23%
Not closely at all	21%

2. How acceptable or unacceptable do you think it is for Rachel Dolezal to identify as a black woman when both of her biological parents are white?

Very acceptable	5%
Somewhat acceptable	11%
Somewhat unacceptable	19%
Very unacceptable	49%
Not sure	16%

3. Does it make you angry that Rachel Dolezal identifies as a black woman?

Makes you angry	21%
Does not make you angry	63%
Not sure	16%

4. How much black ancestry do you think someone needs to have before they can identify as black?

No known African black ancestry, but identifies as black	4%
Any known African black ancestry (i.e. the "one-drop" rule)	11%
At least one black great grandparent (1/8 black)	8%
At least one black grandparent (1/4 black)	9%
At least one black parent (1/2 black)	26%
Both parents must be black	13%
Not sure	30%

5. How much white ancestry do you think someone needs to have before they can identify as white?

No known European white ancestry, but identifies as white	4%
Any known European white ancestry (i.e. the "one-drop" rule)	10%
At least one white great grandparent (1/8 white)	7%
At least one white grandparent (1/4 white)	5%
At least one white parent (1/2 white)	19%
Both parents must be white	25%
Not sure	30%

6. In general do you think that people can identify as whatever or whoever they want, or do you believe that people are born with a set identity?

People can identify as whatever or whoever they want	27%
People are born with a set identity	57%
Not sure	17%

7. In your opinion, would most black people prefer being black, white or some other race?

Black	38%
White	13%
Some other race	7%
Not sure	43%

8. In your opinion, would most white people prefer being black, white or some other race?

Black	2%
White	66%
Some other race	6%
Not sure	26%