



Napolitan News Service Survey
Of 1,000 Registered Voters
Conducted August 17, 2026

1 Should biological males who identify as women be allowed to compete in women's sports events?*

18% Yes
69% No
14% Not sure

Total			
	Yes	No	Net
August 17, 2026	18%	69%	-51
March 23-24, 2026	18%	69%	-51
June 11-12, 2025	19%	72%	-53
March 12-13, 2025	15%	76%	-61
November 13, 2024*	13%	75%	-62
October 28-29, 2024	16%	71%	-55
October 22-23, 2024	16%	73%	-57
July 29-30, 2024	14%	72%	-58
May 14-15, 2024	17%	72%	-55
April 22-23, 2024	18%	70%	-52
February 24-27, 2022	21%	64%	-43
Source: Napolitan News Service			

*Phrased as "participate in women's sports events"

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2 Does allowing biological males to compete in women's sports deny opportunities for biological women to compete?*

62% Yes
25% No
13% Not sure

Total			
	Yes	No	Net
August 17, 2026	62%	25%	+37
March 23-24, 2026	60%	28%	+32
March 20-21, 2024	67%	20%	+47
Source: Napolitan News Service			

3 How closely have you followed recent news stories about the WNBA, a women's professional basketball league?*

13% Very closely
26% Somewhat closely
29% Not very closely
27% Not at all closely
5% Not sure

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4 The WNBA does not define “woman” in its eligibility criteria, and has so far refused to clarify whether biological males who identify as women are included. Should biological males who identify as women be allowed to compete in the WNBA?*

20%	Yes
63%	No
17%	Not sure

5 Recently, two former professional men’s basketball players announced that they now consider themselves women and would enter the WNBA. How should the WNBA respond?*

14%	Let the former men’s professional athletes play in the WNBA
57%	Rule that biological males are not allowed to play in the WNBA
10%	Ban former men’s professional basketball players from competing, but allow other biological males to compete
18%	Not sure

6 Regardless of how you think the WNBA should respond, how do you think the league will?*

14%	Let the former men’s professional athletes play in the WNBA
50%	Rule that biological males are not allowed to play in the WNBA
10%	Ban former men’s professional basketball players from competing, but allow other biological males to compete
25%	Not sure

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7 If biological males who identify as women are allowed to compete, will biological women be at greater risk of serious injury?*

66%	Yes
16%	No
17%	Not sure

8 If biological males who identify as women are allowed to compete, should they be allowed to use the same locker rooms as biological women, or should separate dressing rooms be required for biological males?*

21%	They should be allowed to use the same locker rooms
61%	Separate dressing rooms should be required
17%	Not sure

9 Currently, WNBA teams are subsidized by the men's professional league (the NBA). If the WNBA allows biological males to compete, should the NBA stop subsidizing the WNBA?*

44%	Yes
27%	No
29%	Not sure



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Methodology

This survey of 1,000 Registered Voters was conducted online by Scott Rasmussen on August 17, 2026. Field work for the survey was conducted by RMG Research, Inc. Certain quotas were applied, and the sample was lightly weighted by geography, gender, age, race, education, internet usage, and political party to reasonably reflect the nation's population of Registered Voters. Other variables were reviewed to ensure that the final sample is representative of that population.

The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 3.1 percentage points.

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