Fair Housing Project

A Community-Based Research Partnership with Utah's Division of Fair Housing and Utah State University's Social Work Program

Data Collected From...

70 BSW Students
2 Professors
1 Community Partner

Social Media (51%)  Neigh'd Canvassing (27%)
Comm/Relig Outreach (22%)

Data Collection (N=1,081)

The Survey

Knowledge

- On a scale of 15-75, with higher values indicating greater overall knowledge of Fair Housing, Utahn's had an average knowledge score of 49
- Democrats had significantly more knowledge than Republicans and Independents
- Homeowners had significantly less knowledge than renters
- Overall knowledge was positively correlated with age, length of time spent living in Utah, income, and neighborhood quality

*Based on a series of 8 true and false questions related to the Fair Housing Law, Utahn's only answered 52% correct on average.

Attitudes

- 23% agree that when selling their house through a real estate company, homeowners have the right to decide to whom to sell their house, even if they prefer not to sell to people of a certain race, religion, or nationality
- 9% believe a building owner should have the right to refuse to rent to an applicant based on religion
- 16% agree that a seller has the right to sell to a White buyer only
- 3% believe a building owner has the right to charge refugees a higher rent if they do not speak English
- 12% believe a landlord does not have the right to charge a person with a disability for damages made by their service animal

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