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AARP Survey: 80% of People 50-Plus Don't Believe Tom Brady; 68% Disagree with Denying Marriage Licenses Based on Religious Beliefs

WASHINGTON, DC—AARP released today online survey results of people 50-plus and their opinions on some of the most topical issues of the day. As the NFL's regular football season prepares to kickoff this week, a majority of Americans 50 and older still show skepticism over 'Deflategate.'

Last week a federal judge vacated Tom Brady's four-game suspension but it seems in the 50-plus "people's court of opinion," questions still remain over what Brady knew, even as the quarterback prepares to suit up for Thursday night's game when the New England Patriots take on the Pittsburgh Steelers. AARP asked in the poll, do you believe Tom Brady?

Of those surveyed:

- **80% of people 50-plus** said no, they don't believe Tom Brady.*

Many 50-Plus Say Religious Beliefs Shouldn't Affect Issuing Marriage Licenses

The AARP poll also asked about another court case in the news. AARP asked, *"Do you think it was right for a Kentucky court clerk to deny marriage licenses to couples based on religious beliefs about same-sex marriage?"*

Overall, **68% of people 50-plus** said religious beliefs should not get in the way of issuing marriage licenses, but the percent dropped somewhat among older respondents.

Of those surveyed:

- **69% of people 50-64** said no, it was not right for a Kentucky court clerk to deny marriage licenses to same-sex couples.
- **63% of people 65-plus** said no, it was not right for a Kentucky court clerk to deny marriage licenses to same-sex couples. *

The survey is part of an ongoing new polling series to disrupt aging and highlight how Americans 50 and older feel about issues that affect their health, finances, and everyday lives.

AARP will continue to share the opinions of Americans 50 and older on the issues of the day through the end of the year. Follow [@AARPMedia](#) on Twitter.

*Survey date September 4, 2015

Margin of error is +/- 4%

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