

Handout 8: Confidence interval for proportion supporting gay marriage

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table(politics$gaymarriage)
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##  
## No legal recognition      Civil unions Support gay marriage  
##              773              992              2473
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```
#sum up to get n  
773+992+2473
```

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## [1] 4238
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```
#estimate p-hat  
round(2473/4238,2)
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## [1] 0.58
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```
#t-stat  
qt(0.975, 4238-1)
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## [1] 1.960524
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$$\text{standard error} = \sqrt{\hat{p} * (1 - \hat{p}) / n} = \begin{aligned} &\text{sqrt}(0.58*(1-0.58)/4238)= \\ &\text{sqrt}(0.2436/4238)= \\ &\text{sqrt}(.00005748)=.0076 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{confidence interval} = \hat{p} \pm t * (\text{standard error}) = \begin{aligned} &0.58+1.960524*.0076=.5949 \\ &0.58-1.960524*.0076=.5651 \end{aligned}$$

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