

Table 2.0005.2007

**Attitudes toward fairness of the application of the death penalty**

United States, 2000 and 2002-2007

Question: "Generally speaking, do you believe the death penalty is applied fairly or unfairly in this country today?"

	Applied fairly	Applied unfairly	Don't know/refused
2000	51%	41%	8%
2002	53	40	7
2003	60	37	3
2004	55	39	6
2005	61	35	4
2006 <sup>a</sup>	60	35	4
2007	57	38	5

Note: See Note, [table 2.33.2007](#). For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

<sup>a</sup>Asked of a half sample.

Source: The Gallup Organization, Inc., [The Gallup Poll](#) [Online]. Available: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/101863/Sixty-nine-Percent-Americans-Support-Death-Penalty.aspx> [Jan. 14, 2008]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff. Reprinted by permission.