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Attitudes toward fairness of the application of the death penalty

United States, 2000 and 2002-2013

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 ^a	60	35	4
2007	57	38	5
2008	54	38	8
2009	57	34	9
2010	58	36	7
2011	52	41	6
2013	52	40	8

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2013 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,028 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Oct. 3-6, 2013.

^a Asked of a half sample.

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