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**Respondents reporting whether they think the torture of suspected terrorists in order to gain information is justified**

United States, 2004-2007

Question: "Do you think the use of torture against suspected terrorists in order to gain important information can often be justified, sometimes be justified, rarely be justified, or never be justified?"

	Often justified	Sometimes justified	Rarely justified	Never justified	Don't know/refused
2004	15%	28%	21%	32%	4%
March 2005	15	30	24	27	4
October 2005	15	31	17	32	5
2006	18	28	19	32	3
2007	12	31	25	29	3

Note: See Note, [table 2.31.2007](#). For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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