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Attitudes toward the legality of abortion

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2007

Question: "Do you think abortions should be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?"

	Always legal	Legal under certain circumstances	Never legal
National	26%	55%	18%
Sex			
Male	26	58	15
Female	27	52	21
Race			
White	26	57	16
Nonwhite	27	47	25
Black	18	51	30
Age			
18 to 29 years	37	46	18
30 to 49 years	30	47	22
50 to 64 years	26	57	16
50 years and older	20	64	15
65 years and older	12	73	14
Education			
College post graduate	40	48	10
College graduate	28	56	16
Some college	25	57	17
High school graduate or less	21	55	23
Income			
\$75,000 and over	33	54	12
\$50,000 to \$74,999	25	55	20
\$30,000 to \$49,999	24	55	21
\$20,000 to \$29,999	28	54	18
Under \$20,000	16	60	23
Community			
Urban area	31	57	12
Suburban area	28	50	21
Rural area	16	63	21
Region			
East	32	47	21
Midwest	19	60	19
South	23	56	21
West	34	55	11
Politics			
Republican	13	58	29
Democrat	38	49	13
Independent	26	58	15
Ideology			
Conservative	12	58	29
Moderate	25	61	13
Liberal	52	38	9

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,003 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted May 10-13, 2007. The "no opinion" category has been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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