Table 2.52
Attitudes toward the death penalty for persons convicted of murder

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2003

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<th>Question: “Are you in favor of the death penalty for a person convicted of murder?”</th>
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Note: See Note, table 2.13. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 5.

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