

Table 2.98

Attitudes toward the legality of homosexual relations

United States, selected years 1977-2004

Question: "Do you think homosexual relations between consenting adults should or should not be legal?"

	Legal	Not legal	Don't know/ refused
1977	43%	43%	14%
1982	45	39	16
1985	44	47	9
1986	33	54	13
1987	33	55	12
1988	35	57	11
1989	47	36	17
1992	48	44	8
1996	44	47	9
1999	50	43	7
2001	54	42	4
2002	52	43	5
May 2003	60	35	5
July 2003	50	44	6
2004	52	43	5

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2004 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,000 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted May 2-4, 2004. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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