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

United States, 2004-2011

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%
2005 March	15	30	24	27	4
2005 October	15	31	17	32	5
2006	18	28	19	32	3
2007 January	12	31	25	29	3
2007 November	18	30	21	27	4
2008	17	31	20	30	2
2009 February	16	28	20	31	5
2009 April	15	34	22	25	4
2009 October	19	35	16	25	5
2011	19	34	18	24	4

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2011 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,509 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Aug. 17-21, 2011. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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