

Table 2.0013.2006

Attitudes toward approaches to lowering the crime rate in the United States

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2006

Question: "Which of the following approaches to lowering the crime rate in the United States comes closer to your own view--do you think more money and effort should go to attacking the social and economic problems that lead to crime through better education and job training or more money and effort should go to deterring crime by improving law enforcement with more prisons, police, and judges?"

	Attack social problems	More law enforcement	Don't know/refused
National	65%	31%	4%
Sex			
Male	64	31	5
Female	66	30	4
Race			
White	61	34	5
Nonwhite	77	19	4
Black	84	14	2
Age			
18 to 29 years	71	27	2
30 to 49 years	66	30	4
50 to 64 years	64	33	3
65 years and older	61	34	5
65 years and older	57	35	8
Education			
College post graduate	74	24	2
College graduate	65	31	4
Some college	66	30	4
High school graduate or less	59	35	6
Income			
\$75,000 and over	65	34	1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	67	26	7
\$30,000 to \$49,999	67	29	4
\$20,000 to \$29,999	70	24	6
Under \$20,000	59	36	5
Community			
Urban area	71	25	4
Suburban area	63	33	4
Rural area	59	35	6
Region			
East	63	34	3
Midwest	64	31	5
South	64	31	5
West	67	28	5
Politics			
Republican	50	47	3
Democrat	77	19	4
Independent	66	29	5
Ideology			
Conservative	55	41	4
Moderate	70	26	4
Liberal	80	19	1

Note: See Note, table 2.13.2006. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 5.

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