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

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2010

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	64%	32%	4%
Sex			
Male	64	32	3
Female	64	31	5
Race			
White	60	35	4
Nonwhite	73	23	4
Black	85	12	3
Age			
18 to 29 years	77	22	1
30 to 49 years	69	28	3
50 to 64 years	56	38	6
50 years and older	56	39	6
65 years and older	55	39	5
Education			
College post graduate	72	25	2
College graduate	63	33	3
Some college	64	30	6
High school graduate or less	62	35	3
Income			
\$75,000 and over	63	34	3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	67	28	5
\$30,000 to \$49,999	71	25	4
\$20,000 to \$29,999	64	31	5
Under \$20,000	59	38	3
Region			
East	64	31	5
Midwest	66	29	4
South	58	38	4
West	71	26	3
Politics			
Republican	48	49	3
Democrat	78	20	2
Independent	66	29	5
Ideology			
Conservative	49	47	4
Moderate	72	25	3
Liberal	85	13	2

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,025 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Oct. 7-10, 2010. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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