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### Attitudes toward legalization of the use of marijuana

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2009

Question: "Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal, or not?"

	Yes, legal	No, illegal	Don't know/ refused
National	44%	54%	2%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	45	53	2
Female	44	55	2
<b>Race</b>			
White	41	57	2
Nonwhite	55	44	1
<b>Education</b>			
College post graduate	51	44	5
College graduate	29	67	3
Some college	52	48	0
High school graduate or less	41	58	1
<b>Region</b>			
East	46	53	1
Midwest	42	55	3
South	40	60	1
West	53	45	3
<b>Politics</b>			
Republican	28	70	2
Democrat	54	45	1
Independent	49	50	2
<b>Ideology</b>			
Conservative	27	72	1
Moderate	46	51	3
Liberal	78	21	1

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 488 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Oct. 1-4, 2009. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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