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Attitudes toward profiling of airline passengers to prevent terrorism

By selected demographic characteristics, United States, 2010

Question: "Some people have suggested that airline passengers who fit the profile of terrorists based on their age, ethnicity, or gender should be subjected to special, more intensive security checks before boarding U.S. flights. Do you favor or oppose this practice?"

	Favor	Oppose
National	71%	27%
<u>Sex</u>		
Male	77	23 ^a
Female	65	35 ^a
<u>Race</u>		
White	74	26 ^a
Nonwhite	63	37 ^a
<u>Age</u>		
18 to 29 years	56	41
30 to 49 years	65	32
50 to 64 years	76	23
65 years and older	87	13
<u>Politics</u>		
Republican	87	13
Democrat	59	39
Independent	70	26
<u>Ideology</u>		
Conservative	83	15
Moderate	70	29
Liberal	47	49

Note: The data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,023 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Jan. 8-10, 2010. The "don't know/refused" category has been omitted; therefore, percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^aThis figure may include a small number of nonrespondents.

Source: The Gallup Organization, Inc., *The Gallup Poll* [Online]. Available: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/125078/Americans-Back-Profiling-Air-Travelers-Combat-Terrorism.aspx> [Mar. 30, 2010]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff. Reprinted by permission.