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**Attitudes toward the death penalty for persons convicted of murder**

By politics and religious affiliation, United States, 2010<sup>a</sup>

Question: "Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?"

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know/ refused
Total	62%	30%	9%
<b>Politics</b>			
Republican	78	16	7
Democrat	50	42	7
Independent	62	30	8
<b>Religion</b>			
Protestant	65	26	9
White evangelical	74	19	7
White mainline	71	21	8
Black Protestant	37	49	14
Catholic	60	32	8
White Catholic	68	26	6
Hispanic Catholic	43	45	13
Unaffiliated	61	32	6

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 3,003 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted July 21-Aug. 5, 2010. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

<sup>a</sup>Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

Source: Pew Research Center for the People & the Press and Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, *Few Say Religion Shapes Immigration, Environment Views: Religion and the Issues* (Washington, DC: Pew Research Center, Sept. 17, 2010), pp. 15, 25. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff. Reprinted by permission.