

Table 2.101

**Attitudes toward the legality of abortion**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2004

Question: "Do you think abortions should be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?"

	Always legal	Legal under certain circumstances	Never legal
National	24%	56%	19%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	19	62	18
Female	28	51	20
<b>Race</b>			
White	24	58	17
Nonwhite	23	50	25
Black	25	42	31
<b>Age</b>			
18 to 29 years	29	50	21
30 to 49 years	24	56	19
50 to 64 years	22	60	17
65 years and older	21	59	19
65 years and older	19	58	22
<b>Education</b>			
College post graduate	36	55	9
College graduate	30	61	9
Some college	28	53	17
High school graduate or less	14	58	27
<b>Income</b>			
\$75,000 and over	33	56	10
\$50,000 to \$74,999	26	54	20
\$30,000 to \$49,999	24	56	20
\$20,000 to \$29,999	16	65	19
Under \$20,000	13	54	33
<b>Community</b>			
Urban area	30	52	17
Suburban area	24	57	18
Rural area	16	59	24
<b>Region</b>			
East	29	54	16
Midwest	19	62	17
South	16	58	24
West	35	49	16
<b>Politics</b>			
Republican	12	65	23
Democrat	35	47	17
Independent	23	58	17

Note: See Note, [table 2.100](#). The "no opinion" category has been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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