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Attitudes toward the legality of abortion

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2010

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%	54%	19%
Sex			
Male	26	54	17
Female	22	54	21
Race			
White	24	54	19
Nonwhite	24	55	19
Black	19	54	24
Age			
18 to 29 years	25	49	23
30 to 49 years	27	55	16
50 to 64 years	26	52	20
50 years and older	22	56	19
65 years and older	17	61	18
Education			
College post graduate	25	60	12
College graduate	29	54	13
Some college	26	53	19
High school graduate or less	20	53	24
Income			
\$75,000 and over	31	58	10
\$50,000 to \$74,999	21	56	20
\$30,000 to \$49,999	26	53	18
\$20,000 to \$29,999	25	50	23
Under \$20,000	21	50	26
Region			
East	26	61	10
Midwest	25	49	22
South	19	54	23
West	29	52	18
Politics			
Republican	14	56	28
Democrat	33	50	15
Independent	25	57	15
Ideology			
Conservative	14	59	24
Moderate	26	55	16
Liberal	44	43	12

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,029 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted May 3-6, 2010. 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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