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Table 2.52.2004

Attitudes toward the death penalty for persons convicted of murder

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2004

Question: "Are you in favor of the death penalty for a person convicted of murder?"

	Yes, in favor	No, not in favor	Don't know/ refused
National	64%	31%	5%
Sex			
Male	69	29	2
Female	59	33	8
Race			
White	68	27	5
Nonwhite	50	45	5
Black	40	55	5
Age			
18 to 29 years	57	38	5
30 to 49 years	68	29	3
50 to 64 years	62	34	4
50 years and older	62	31	7
65 years and older	63	26	11
Education			
College post graduate	54	42	4
College graduate	69	26	5
Some college	64	33	3
High school graduate or less	65	28	7
Income			
\$75,000 and over	65	32	3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	74	23	3
\$30,000 to \$49,999	60	34	6
\$20,000 to \$29,999	63	33	4
Under \$20,000	54	34	12
Community			
Urban area	54	41	5
Suburban area	66	29	5
Rural area	70	24	6
Region			
East	57	36	7
Midwest	61	32	7
South	71	26	3
West	62	33	5
Politics			
Republican	81	17	2
Democrat	52	41	7
Independent	58	36	6

Note: See Note, [table 2.13.2005](#). For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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