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

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2006

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	67%	28%	5%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	71	25	4
Female	63	30	7
<b>Race</b>			
White	71	24	5
Nonwhite	51	43	6
Black	38	59	3
<b>Age</b>			
18 to 29 years	66	34	0
30 to 49 years	69	27	4
50 to 64 years	65	28	7
50 years and older	65	27	8
65 years and older	65	25	10
<b>Education</b>			
College post graduate	62	32	6
College graduate	63	31	6
Some college	64	29	7
High school graduate or less	73	23	4
<b>Income</b>			
\$75,000 and over	64	31	5
\$50,000 to \$74,999	70	26	4
\$30,000 to \$49,999	71	25	4
\$20,000 to \$29,999	65	31	4
Under \$20,000	65	28	7
<b>Community</b>			
Urban area	62	33	5
Suburban area	66	28	6
Rural area	75	19	6
<b>Region</b>			
East	57	39	4
Midwest	67	26	7
South	72	23	5
West	70	24	6
<b>Politics</b>			
Republican	82	16	2
Democrat	55	39	6
Independent	65	28	7
<b>Ideology</b>			
Conservative	76	20	4
Moderate	64	31	5
Liberal	51	42	7

Note: See Note, [table 2.13.2006](#). For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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