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Attitudes toward the death penalty for persons convicted of murder

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2007

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	69%	27%	4%
Sex			
Male	76	20	4
Female	62	33	4
Race			
White	73	23	4
Nonwhite	55	41	5
Black	33	58	9
Age			
18 to 29 years	60	37	4
30 to 49 years	70	26	4
50 to 64 years	73	25	2
50 years and older	72	24	4
65 years and older	70	24	6
Education			
College post graduate	57	41	3
College graduate	66	30	4
Some college	73	22	4
High school graduate or less	72	23	5
Income			
\$75,000 and over	69	28	3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	73	23	4
\$30,000 to \$49,999	67	28	5
\$20,000 to \$29,999	64	29	7
Under \$20,000	66	31	3
Community			
Urban area	62	34	4
Suburban area	72	24	4
Rural area	71	24	5
Region			
East	66	30	4
Midwest	72	24	4
South	66	29	5
West	73	25	2
Politics			
Republican	81	16	3
Democrat	60	35	4
Independent	67	28	5
Ideology			
Conservative	81	16	3
Moderate	64	32	4
Liberal	59	36	5

Note: See Note, [table 2.33.2007](#). For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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