

Table 2.52.2011

Attitudes toward the death penalty for persons convicted of murder

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2011

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	61%	35%	4%
<u>Sex</u>			
Male	64	32	4
Female	57	38	5
<u>Race</u>			
White	68	28	5
Nonwhite	41	56	3
Black	28	71	2
<u>Age</u>			
18 to 29 years	52	45	3
30 to 49 years	62	35	3
50 to 64 years	64	32	4
50 years and older	64	31	5
65 years and older	65	29	6
<u>Education</u>			
College post graduate	47	50	4
College graduate	63	32	5
Some college	61	34	5
High school graduate or less	65	32	3
<u>Income</u>			
\$75,000 and over	59	39	2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	64	33	3
\$30,000 to \$49,999	64	30	5
\$20,000 to \$29,999	58	38	4
Under \$20,000	64	33	4
<u>Region</u>			
East	57	40	3
Midwest	66	28	5
South	61	35	4
West	58	37	5
<u>Politics</u>			
Republican	73	21	5
Independent	65	31	4
Democrat	45	53	2
<u>Ideology</u>			
Conservative	72	23	4
Moderate	60	36	4
Liberal	40	57	4

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,005 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Oct. 6-9, 2011. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 5.

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