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Attitudes toward the death penalty for persons convicted of murder

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2012

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

	Yes, in favor	No, not in favor
National	63%	32%
<u>Sex</u>		
Male	67	28
Female	59	35
<u>Age</u>		
18 to 34 years	61	35
35 to 54 years	62	32
55 years and older	67	27
<u>Education</u>		
College post graduate	50	45
College graduate	57	40
Some college	66	30
High school graduate or less	68	24
<u>Region</u>		
East	54	40
Midwest	66	31
South	68	25
West	60	33
<u>Politics</u>		
Republican	80	15
Independent	65	32
Democrat	51	42
<u>Ideology</u>		
Conservative	75	18
Moderate	60	34
Liberal	47	50

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,038 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Dec. 19-22, 2012. The "don't know/refused" 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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