

Table 2.53

Attitudes toward the death penalty for murder for selected groups

United States, 2002

Question: "Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for. . .?"

| | Favor | Oppose | Don't know/ refused |
|-----------------------|-------|--------|------------------------|
| Women | 68% | 29% | 3% |
| The mentally ill | 19 | 75 | 6 |
| The mentally retarded | 13 | 82 | 5 |
| Juveniles | 26 | 69 | 5 |

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,012 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted May 6-9, 2002. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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