

Table 2.54.2007

**Attitudes toward fairness of the application of the death penalty**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2007<sup>a</sup>

Question: "Generally speaking, do you believe the death penalty is applied fairly or unfairly in this country today?"

	Applied fairly	Applied unfairly	Don't know/refused
National	57%	38%	5%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	61	35	4
Female	53	41	6
<b>Race</b>			
White	62	33	5
Nonwhite	39	55	6
Black	20	72	8
<b>Age</b>			
18 to 29 years	61	38	1
30 to 49 years	59	36	4
50 to 64 years	55	40	6
50 years and older	53	40	7
65 years and older	51	40	9
<b>Education</b>			
College post graduate	43	53	4
College graduate	53	43	5
Some college	65	29	5
High school graduate or less	57	37	6
<b>Income</b>			
\$75,000 and over	59	39	2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	67	27	6
\$30,000 to \$49,999	54	43	3
\$20,000 to \$29,999	54	41	4
Under \$20,000	54	38	9
<b>Community</b>			
Urban area	49	46	5
Suburban area	59	36	5
Rural area	62	31	7
<b>Region</b>			
East	52	42	6
Midwest	58	37	5
South	57	39	4
West	60	33	7
<b>Politics</b>			
Republican	73	23	4
Democrat	46	50	4
Independent	54	40	7
<b>Ideology</b>			
Conservative	65	29	5
Moderate	57	39	4
Liberal	45	51	4

Note: See Note, table 2.33.2007. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 5.

<sup>a</sup>Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

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