

Table 2.99

Attitudes toward the legality of homosexual relations

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2004

Question: "Do you think homosexual relations between consenting adults should or should not be legal?"

| | Legal | Not legal | Don't know/ refused |
|------------------------------|-------|-----------|------------------------|
| National | 52% | 43% | 5% |
| Sex | | | |
| Male | 50 | 45 | 5 |
| Female | 55 | 41 | 4 |
| Race | | | |
| White | 55 | 41 | 4 |
| Nonwhite | 44 | 50 | 6 |
| Black | 36 | 59 | 5 |
| Age | | | |
| 18 to 29 years | 59 | 41 | 0 |
| 30 to 49 years | 58 | 34 | 8 |
| 50 to 64 years | 52 | 46 | 2 |
| 50 years and older | 45 | 51 | 4 |
| 65 years and older | 35 | 57 | 8 |
| Education | | | |
| College post graduate | 68 | 28 | 4 |
| College graduate | 71 | 24 | 5 |
| Some college | 58 | 37 | 5 |
| High school graduate or less | 37 | 58 | 5 |
| Income | | | |
| \$75,000 and over | 65 | 30 | 5 |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 53 | 42 | 5 |
| \$30,000 to \$49,999 | 54 | 43 | 3 |
| \$20,000 to \$29,999 | 47 | 45 | 8 |
| Under \$20,000 | 39 | 58 | 3 |
| Community | | | |
| Urban area | 56 | 38 | 6 |
| Suburban area | 55 | 40 | 5 |
| Rural area | 42 | 55 | 3 |
| Region | | | |
| East | 58 | 35 | 7 |
| Midwest | 56 | 41 | 3 |
| South | 40 | 56 | 4 |
| West | 63 | 33 | 4 |
| Politics | | | |
| Republican | 43 | 53 | 4 |
| Democrat | 59 | 37 | 4 |
| Independent | 56 | 38 | 6 |

Note: See Note, [table 2.98](#). For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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