

Table 2.99.2005

**Attitudes toward the legality of homosexual relations**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2005

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

	Should be legal	Should not be legal	Don't know/ refused
National	52%	43%	5%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	53	43	4
Female	50	44	6
<b>Race</b>			
White	53	42	5
Nonwhite	48	46	6
Black	49	48	3
<b>Age</b>			
18 to 29 years	56	41	3
30 to 49 years	61	36	3
50 to 64 years	51	43	6
50 years and older	43	50	7
65 years and older	33	59	8
<b>Education</b>			
College post graduate	70	25	5
College graduate	64	33	3
Some college	57	39	4
High school graduate or less	37	56	7
<b>Income</b>			
\$75,000 and over	68	29	3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	53	45	2
\$30,000 to \$49,999	50	44	6
\$20,000 to \$29,999	45	48	7
Under \$20,000	39	57	4
<b>Community</b>			
Urban area	60	35	5
Suburban area	52	44	4
Rural area	39	54	7
<b>Region</b>			
East	57	36	7
Midwest	49	44	7
South	43	54	3
West	63	33	4
<b>Politics</b>			
Republican	39	57	4
Democrat	58	37	5
Independent	59	34	7
<b>Ideology</b>			
Conservative	33	62	5
Moderate	59	34	7
Liberal	73	25	2

Note: See Note, [table 2.98.2007](#). For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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