

Table 2.99.2006

**Attitudes toward the legality of homosexual relations**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2006

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	56%	40%	4%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	51	45	4
Female	60	35	5
<b>Race</b>			
White	58	38	4
Nonwhite	46	47	7
Black	33	64	4
<b>Age</b>			
18 to 29 years	61	39	0
30 to 49 years	57	37	5
50 to 64 years	63	33	4
50 years and older	51	44	5
65 years and older	37	56	7
<b>Education</b>			
College post graduate	73	23	5
College graduate	62	30	8
Some college	57	39	4
High school graduate or less	45	51	3
<b>Income</b>			
\$75,000 and over	69	29	2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	57	39	4
\$30,000 to \$49,999	50	45	5
\$20,000 to \$29,999	45	51	4
Under \$20,000	56	41	4
<b>Community</b>			
Urban area	55	41	4
Suburban area	63	33	4
Rural area	40	54	6
<b>Region</b>			
East	67	29	4
Midwest	56	40	4
South	44	51	5
West	58	37	4
<b>Politics</b>			
Republican	37	59	3
Democrat	64	33	4
Independent	65	29	6
<b>Ideology</b>			
Conservative	36	59	5
Moderate	68	26	5
Liberal	82	17	1

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

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