

Table 2.99.2007

Attitudes toward the legality of homosexual relations

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2007

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	59%	37%	4%
Sex			
Male	55	40	4
Female	62	35	4
Race			
White	60	37	3
Nonwhite	54	39	7
Black	53	40	7
Age			
18 to 29 years	78	22	0
30 to 49 years	63	33	4
50 to 64 years	54	43	3
50 years and older	49	46	5
65 years and older	42	50	8
Education			
College post graduate	75	21	4
College graduate	59	34	6
Some college	63	34	3
High school graduate or less	48	48	4
Income			
\$75,000 and over	67	29	3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	60	37	3
\$30,000 to \$49,999	52	44	4
\$20,000 to \$29,999	56	43	1
Under \$20,000	58	36	5
Community			
Urban area	66	29	5
Suburban area	57	39	3
Rural area	52	45	3
Region			
East	68	29	4
Midwest	56	40	5
South	49	47	4
West	66	30	4
Politics			
Republican	38	58	4
Democrat	71	27	2
Independent	64	31	5
Ideology			
Conservative	37	57	6
Moderate	63	34	3
Liberal	87	11	2

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

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