

Table 2.99.2010

**Attitudes toward the legality of homosexual relations**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2010

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

	Should be legal	Should not be legal	Don't know/refused
National	58%	36%	6%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	59	35	5
Female	56	37	7
<b>Race</b>			
White	59	35	6
Nonwhite	54	41	5
Black	48	47	4
<b>Age</b>			
18 to 29 years	62	35	3
30 to 49 years	66	29	5
50 to 64 years	56	38	6
50 years and older	50	42	8
65 years and older	43	48	9
<b>Education</b>			
College post graduate	68	25	7
College graduate	68	27	5
Some college	60	36	5
High school graduate or less	48	45	7
<b>Income</b>			
\$75,000 and over	71	26	3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	59	34	7
\$30,000 to \$49,999	58	39	3
\$20,000 to \$29,999	61	33	7
Under \$20,000	44	49	7
<b>Region</b>			
East	66	30	5
Midwest	57	37	6
South	49	44	7
West	64	31	5
<b>Politics</b>			
Republican	42	51	7
Democrat	67	30	3
Independent	66	29	6
<b>Ideology</b>			
Conservative	43	51	7
Moderate	67	27	5
Liberal	78	18	4

Note: The data for 2010 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,029 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted May 3-6, 2010. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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