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Attitudes toward the legality of homosexual relations

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2011

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	64%	32%	4%
Sex			
Male	62	34	4
Female	65	31	4
Race			
White	66	30	5
Nonwhite	59	37	4
Black	67	31	2
Age			
18 to 29 years	81	17	1
30 to 49 years	63	34	3
50 to 64 years	64	31	5
65 years and older	43	49	8
Education			
College post graduate	73	23	5
College graduate	64	32	4
Some college	69	26	5
High school graduate or less	57	39	3
Income			
\$75,000 and over	73	22	5
\$50,000 to \$74,999	75	23	2
\$30,000 to \$49,999	61	34	6
\$20,000 to \$29,999	60	39	1
Under \$20,000	49	47	5
Region			
East	65	32	3
Midwest	62	31	7
South	59	37	4
West	71	25	3
Politics			
Republican	41	52	6
Democrat	75	23	2
Independent	73	23	4
Ideology			
Conservative	44	49	7
Moderate	72	25	2
Liberal	87	12	1

Note: The data for 2011 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,018 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted May 5-8, 2011. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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