

Table 2.99.2012

Attitudes toward the legality of homosexual (gay or lesbian) relations

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2012

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	63%	31%	6%
Sex			
Male	61	33	7
Female	66	30	5
Race			
White	65	29	6
Nonwhite	59	36	4
Black	45	53	2
Hispanic	63	30	7
Age			
18 to 29 years	76	20	5
30 to 49 years	65	30	5
50 to 64 years	63	32	5
65 years and older	49	43	7
Education			
College post graduate	76	20	4
College graduate	66	28	6
Some college	65	29	6
High school graduate or less	56	38	6
Income			
\$75,000 and over	70	25	5
\$50,000 to \$74,999	64	33	4
\$30,000 to \$49,999	59	36	5
\$20,000 to \$29,999	66	24	9
Under \$20,000	55	42	3
Region			
East	74	22	4
Midwest	69	26	5
South	49	43	8
West	68	27	5
Politics			
Republican	46	46	8
Democrat	72	26	2
Independent	69	24	7
Ideology			
Conservative	48	47	5
Moderate	69	23	8
Liberal	85	12	2

Note: The data for 2012 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,024 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted May 3-6, 2012. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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