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1. Favorability of death penalty
Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for people convicted of murder?

		Gender			Α	ge			Party ID	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly favor	33%	34%	31%	27%	30%	35%	42%	20%	33%	53%
Somewhat favor	29%	29%	30%	23%	29%	31%	33%	31%	25%	34%
Somewhat oppose	14%	14%	13%	11%	15%	16%	9%	18%	16%	3%
Strongly oppose	12%	14%	11%	17%	14%	12%	6%	17%	14%	2%
Not sure	12%	9%	14%	22%	11%	7%	10%	14%	12%	7%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,000)	(462)	(538)	(148)	(252)	(401)	(191)	(351)	(407)	(242)

			Race			Family	Income			Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly favor	33%	36%	17%	28%	36%	34%	36%	26%	31%	32%	36%	29%
Somewhat favor	29%	31%	29%	22%	27%	33%	39%	31%	28%	30%	28%	32%
Somewhat oppose	14%	14%	14%	12%	13%	12%	10%	20%	15%	13%	12%	15%
Strongly oppose	12%	10%	15%	21%	12%	11%	11%	15%	15%	15%	8%	15%
Not sure	12%	9%	25%	18%	11%	10%	3%	9%	10%	10%	16%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,000)	(813)	(92)	(95)	(345)	(281)	(70)	(155)	(191)	(180)	(330)	(299)

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2. Approve of the following methods of execution for people convicted of murder
Do you approve or disapprove of the following methods of execution for people convicted of murder?

Asked of those who favor the death penalty

		Gender			Α	ge			Party ID			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican		
Lethal injection	54%	53%	56%	43%	50%	59%	71%	44%	50%	79%		
Hanging	21%	27%	15%	19%	21%	21%	21%	15%	19%	32%		
Gas chamber	34%	40%	29%	30%	34%	37%	35%	23%	34%	51%		
Electric chair	35%	40%	29%	28%	37%	36%	39%	22%	34%	54%		
Firing squad	29%	38%	20%	30%	29%	29%	30%	16%	30%	46%		
Beheading	12%	15%	9%	15%	15%	10%	6%	10%	10%	18%		
Totals	(1,000)	(462)	(538)	(148)	(252)	(401)	(191)	(351)	(407)	(242)		

			Race			Family	Income			Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Lethal injection	54%	59%	37%	45%	54%	61%	72%	55%	53%	56%	53%	56%
Hanging	21%	22%	16%	17%	18%	24%	27%	21%	16%	19%	22%	24%
Gas chamber	34%	36%	27%	28%	32%	40%	44%	33%	33%	33%	32%	38%
Electric chair	35%	36%	28%	31%	36%	39%	38%	30%	33%	34%	36%	34%
Firing squad	29%	31%	19%	26%	28%	31%	39%	32%	20%	28%	33%	30%
Beheading	12%	12%	12%	10%	13%	15%	14%	7%	10%	11%	14%	11%
Totals	(1,000)	(813)	(92)	(95)	(345)	(281)	(70)	(155)	(191)	(180)	(330)	(299)

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3. Disapprove of the following methods of execution for people convicted of murder Do you approve or disapprove of the following methods of execution for people convicted of murder? Asked of those who favor the death penalty

		Ge	nder		Α	ge			Party ID	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Lethal injection	5%	7%	4%	3%	7%	5%	2%	4%	5%	7%
Hanging	37%	31%	42%	26%	34%	41%	47%	35%	33%	49%
Gas chamber	24%	20%	27%	16%	20%	25%	34%	25%	18%	31%
Electric chair	23%	19%	27%	19%	18%	26%	32%	26%	18%	29%
Firing squad	30%	22%	38%	18%	26%	34%	42%	32%	24%	38%
Beheading	46%	44%	48%	30%	38%	52%	64%	39%	43%	63%
Totals	(1,000)	(462)	(538)	(148)	(252)	(401)	(191)	(351)	(407)	(242)

			Race			Family	Income			Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Lethal injection	5%	6%	8%	1%	8%	3%	3%	2%	5%	3%	8%	4%
Hanging	37%	40%	27%	30%	40%	39%	42%	34%	41%	38%	36%	34%
Gas chamber	24%	26%	15%	19%	27%	21%	28%	22%	25%	23%	26%	18%
Electric chair	23%	26%	14%	16%	24%	22%	35%	26%	25%	22%	24%	22%
Firing squad	30%	32%	23%	23%	32%	32%	34%	24%	38%	30%	27%	28%
Beheading	46%	50%	30%	38%	45%	46%	58%	50%	46%	47%	45%	45%
Totals	(1,000)	(813)	(92)	(95)	(345)	(281)	(70)	(155)	(191)	(180)	(330)	(299)

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**4. Attitudes about execution methods**Which of the following comes closest to your opinion about execution methods that should be allowed?

Asked of those who favor the death penalty

		Ge	Gender		A	ge		Party ID			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	
They should be as quick and painless as possible They should be as slow and painful	43%	43%	44%	31%	33%	49%	61%	37%	39%	61%	
as possible Opposed to death	11%	11%	11%	9%	15%	11%	9%	7%	10%	18%	
penalty Not sure	38% 8%	37% 8%	39% 7%	51% 9%	41% 12%	34% 6%	25% 5%	49% 6%	42% 9%	13% 9%	
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (461)	100% (538)	100% (148)	100% (252)	100% (400)	100% (191)	100% (351)	100% (406)	100% (242)	

			Race			Family	Income			Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
They should be as quick and painless as possible	43%	47%	36%	29%	43%	43%	50%	46%	41%	43%	43%	45%
They should be as slow and painful as possible Opposed to death	11%	11%	6%	13%	12%	14%	13%	7%	11%	8%	13%	11%
penalty	38%	33%	55%	50%	37%	33%	25%	43%	40%	38%	37%	38%
Not sure	8%	8%	3%	8%	8%	10%	12%	4%	8%	10%	7%	6%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (812)	100% (92)	100% (95)	100% (345)	100% (281)	100% (70)	100% (154)	100% (191)	100% (180)	100% (329)	100% (299)

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5. Witnesses to executions
Do you think executions should be carried out in private, with only a few people allowed to witness them, or in public?

Asked of those who favor the death penalty

		Gender			Α	ge		Party ID			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	
Executions should											
be carried out in											
private	36%	33%	39%	20%	31%	42%	52%	34%	32%	48%	
Executions should											
be carried out in											
public	18%	22%	15%	20%	21%	18%	16%	13%	18%	28%	
Opposed to death											
penalty	38%	37%	39%	51%	41%	34%	25%	49%	42%	13%	
Not sure	7%	8%	7%	9%	7%	6%	7%	4%	8%	11%	
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
(Unweighted N)	(1,000)	(462)	(538)	(148)	(252)	(401)	(191)	(351)	(407)	(242)	

			Race			Family	Income			Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Executions should be carried out in												
private	36%	39%	34%	26%	37%	37%	37%	38%	37%	35%	35%	40%
Executions should												
be carried out in												
public	18%	21%	8%	16%	18%	23%	25%	14%	16%	20%	21%	15%
Opposed to death												
penalty	38%	33%	55%	50%	37%	33%	25%	43%	40%	38%	36%	38%
Not sure	7%	8%	4%	8%	8%	7%	13%	5%	6%	7%	8%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,000)	(813)	(92)	(95)	(345)	(281)	(70)	(155)	(191)	(180)	(330)	(299)

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6. Worse penalty

Which do you personally think would be worse?

		Ge	nder			ge			Party ID	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Being executed Spending the rest of your life in prison with no possibility of	30%	31%	29%	31%	25%	32%	31%	25%	31%	36%
parole	52%	52%	51%	47%	57%	49%	55%	60%	49%	44%
Not sure	18%	17%	19%	22%	18%	19%	14%	15%	20%	20%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (461)	100% (536)	100% (147)	100% (251)	100% (400)	100% (191)	100% (350)	100% (407)	100% (240)

			Race			Family	Income			Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Being executed Spending the rest of your life in prison with no possibility of	30%	29%	36%	31%	28%	30%	47%	30%	29%	30%	30%	31%
parole Not sure	52% 18%	51% 20%	52% 12%	54% 15%	54% 18%	52% 18%	42% 11%	53% 17%	54% 17%	52% 18%	49% 21%	55% 14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(997)	(811)	(91)	(95)	(343)	(281)	(70)	(155)	(189)	(179)	(330)	(299)