

1. Death penalty

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

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly favor	36%	41%	31%	27%	32%	45%	35%	22%	40%	47%
Somewhat favor	29%	31%	28%	34%	27%	29%	29%	31%	26%	35%
Somewhat oppose	12%	9%	15%	13%	14%	8%	15%	17%	9%	11%
Strongly oppose	15%	13%	17%	14%	17%	13%	18%	23%	14%	5%
Not sure	8%	5%	10%	12%	10%	5%	4%	7%	10%	2%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (474)	100% (523)	100% (163)	100% (265)	100% (392)	100% (177)	100% (329)	100% (448)	100% (220)

	Race				Family Income				Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly favor	36%	39%	13%	37%	34%	39%	38%	30%	31%	30%	41%	38%
Somewhat favor	29%	29%	36%	26%	25%	35%	34%	29%	28%	35%	30%	24%
Somewhat oppose	12%	12%	14%	8%	13%	11%	14%	14%	15%	11%	8%	17%
Strongly oppose	15%	13%	27%	19%	19%	12%	8%	20%	17%	18%	15%	11%
Not sure	8%	7%	9%	10%	9%	3%	6%	8%	9%	7%	6%	10%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (797)	100% (127)	100% (73)	100% (354)	100% (275)	100% (69)	100% (119)	100% (157)	100% (210)	100% (348)	100% (282)

2. Approve of the following methods of execution for people convicted of serious crimes such as murder and rape

Do you approve or disapprove of the following methods of execution for people convicted of serious crimes such as murder and rape?

Asked of those who favor the death penalty

	Total	Gender		Age				Party ID		
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Lethal injection	59%	64%	55%	54%	52%	68%	60%	48%	59%	78%
Hanging	26%	36%	17%	26%	24%	30%	21%	13%	31%	34%
Gas chamber	35%	44%	26%	20%	30%	44%	40%	26%	35%	48%
Electric chair	41%	47%	34%	38%	35%	48%	37%	30%	42%	52%
Firing squad	33%	47%	20%	28%	28%	38%	36%	16%	38%	49%
Beheading	14%	21%	8%	14%	15%	18%	7%	5%	19%	17%
Totals	(996)	(474)	(522)	(163)	(264)	(392)	(177)	(328)	(448)	(220)

	Total	Race			Family Income				Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Lethal injection	59%	62%	43%	60%	51%	69%	66%	54%	51%	61%	64%	57%
Hanging	26%	28%	15%	25%	25%	24%	34%	20%	19%	24%	29%	29%
Gas chamber	35%	37%	27%	28%	33%	33%	51%	30%	26%	39%	36%	35%
Electric chair	41%	43%	30%	38%	38%	41%	50%	34%	36%	40%	46%	35%
Firing squad	33%	37%	15%	27%	31%	31%	39%	36%	24%	33%	37%	34%
Beheading	14%	15%	8%	14%	17%	8%	17%	11%	10%	13%	18%	13%
Totals	(996)	(797)	(127)	(72)	(354)	(274)	(69)	(119)	(157)	(209)	(348)	(282)

3. Disapprove of the following methods of execution for people convicted of serious crimes such as murder and rape

Do you approve or disapprove of the following methods of execution for people convicted of serious crimes such as murder and rape?

Asked of those who favor the death penalty

	Total	Gender		Age				Party ID		
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Lethal injection	5%	7%	4%	7%	7%	5%	2%	5%	7%	3%
Hanging	37%	34%	41%	34%	31%	43%	39%	36%	34%	46%
Gas chamber	29%	26%	32%	40%	25%	29%	21%	23%	32%	33%
Electric chair	24%	24%	24%	22%	24%	26%	24%	22%	24%	28%
Firing squad	31%	23%	38%	32%	27%	35%	27%	33%	28%	33%
Beheading	49%	49%	50%	47%	40%	55%	53%	44%	47%	63%
Totals	(996)	(474)	(522)	(163)	(264)	(392)	(177)	(328)	(448)	(220)

	Total	Race			Family Income				Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Lethal injection	5%	6%	6%	3%	7%	3%	6%	5%	7%	3%	7%	4%
Hanging	37%	39%	33%	32%	32%	49%	37%	36%	35%	40%	41%	31%
Gas chamber	29%	31%	19%	29%	24%	40%	21%	27%	28%	26%	34%	25%
Electric chair	24%	25%	19%	25%	19%	32%	22%	24%	23%	23%	25%	25%
Firing squad	31%	31%	32%	29%	27%	42%	32%	20%	29%	31%	33%	28%
Beheading	49%	52%	39%	42%	40%	65%	54%	45%	44%	51%	52%	47%
Totals	(996)	(797)	(127)	(72)	(354)	(274)	(69)	(119)	(157)	(209)	(348)	(282)

4. Permissible 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

	Total	Gender		Age				Party ID		
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
They should be as quick and painless as possible	38%	40%	36%	41%	29%	44%	37%	34%	38%	43%
Being quick and painless should not be a priority	20%	25%	15%	11%	17%	28%	21%	11%	21%	32%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%	8%	13%	3%	5%	8%	7%	6%
Opposes or isn't sure about the death penalty	35%	28%	41%	39%	41%	26%	37%	47%	34%	18%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (474)	100% (522)	100% (163)	100% (264)	100% (392)	100% (177)	100% (328)	100% (448)	100% (220)

	Total	Race			Family Income				Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
They should be as quick and painless as possible	38%	40%	33%	31%	30%	44%	44%	48%	34%	40%	38%	40%
Being quick and painless should not be a priority	20%	23%	11%	14%	22%	23%	22%	11%	14%	21%	26%	14%
Not sure	7%	5%	6%	18%	6%	6%	6%	0%	11%	2%	7%	8%
Opposes or isn't sure about the death penalty	35%	32%	50%	37%	41%	27%	28%	41%	41%	36%	29%	38%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (797)	100% (127)	100% (72)	100% (354)	100% (274)	100% (69)	100% (119)	100% (157)	100% (209)	100% (348)	100% (282)

5. Death penalty or life in prison

Which do you personally think would be worse?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Being executed	33%	32%	33%	35%	32%	30%	37%	34%	31%	36%
Spending the rest of your life in prison with no possibility of parole	49%	52%	46%	49%	44%	55%	43%	50%	48%	49%
Not sure	18%	16%	21%	16%	24%	15%	21%	16%	21%	15%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (474)	100% (521)	100% (161)	100% (265)	100% (392)	100% (177)	100% (328)	100% (447)	100% (220)

	Race				Family Income				Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Being executed	33%	31%	33%	42%	34%	28%	37%	35%	39%	27%	31%	37%
Spending the rest of your life in prison with no possibility of parole	49%	51%	46%	37%	48%	55%	51%	48%	43%	50%	56%	40%
Not sure	18%	18%	21%	21%	18%	17%	12%	17%	18%	23%	14%	23%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (797)	100% (126)	100% (72)	100% (352)	100% (275)	100% (69)	100% (119)	100% (156)	100% (210)	100% (348)	100% (281)

6. Death penalty incidents

Recently, two men convicted of murder who were executed by lethal injection struggled for breath for more than 20 minutes and may have been in severe pain before they died. Do you support or oppose the death penalty for people convicted of murder if this may occur?

Asked of those who favor the death penalty

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Strongly favor	26%	30%	21%	12%	23%	34%	29%	14%	28%	38%
Somewhat favor	23%	25%	21%	27%	22%	23%	19%	19%	22%	30%
Somewhat oppose	6%	5%	6%	9%	6%	4%	6%	7%	4%	8%
Strongly oppose	6%	7%	5%	7%	6%	5%	7%	7%	7%	2%
Not sure	5%	5%	6%	6%	2%	9%	2%	6%	5%	4%
Opposes or isn't sure about the death penalty	35%	28%	41%	39%	41%	26%	37%	47%	34%	18%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (474)	100% (523)	100% (163)	100% (265)	100% (392)	100% (177)	100% (329)	100% (448)	100% (220)

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Somewhat favor	23%	22%	18%	33%	19%	28%	20%	12%	23%	28%	19%	25%
Somewhat oppose	6%	6%	6%	4%	4%	6%	10%	10%	6%	4%	7%	5%
Strongly oppose	6%	6%	9%	3%	5%	6%	4%	8%	4%	5%	9%	4%
Not sure	5%	6%	6%	2%	8%	4%	7%	2%	6%	4%	7%	3%
Opposes or isn't sure about the death penalty	35%	32%	50%	37%	41%	26%	28%	41%	41%	36%	29%	38%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (797)	100% (127)	100% (73)	100% (354)	100% (275)	100% (69)	100% (119)	100% (157)	100% (210)	100% (348)	100% (282)