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1. Favor Death Penalty

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


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2. Main Goal of Death Penalty

Which of the following do you think should be the MAIN goal of the death penalty?
Asked of those who favor the death penalty

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | 3 Point Party ID |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| To punish the person being executed | 18\% | 21\% | 15\% | 12\% | 16\% | 19\% | 22\% | 17\% | 16\% | 21\% |
| To make sure the person being executed never breaks the law again | 14\% | 15\% | 13\% | 14\% | 15\% | 12\% | 16\% | 16\% | 16\% | 10\% |
| To deter other people from breaking the law | 20\% | 26\% | 14\% | 23\% | 18\% | 21\% | 19\% | 23\% | 19\% | 20\% |
| To give closure to victims' families | 9\% | 6\% | 12\% | 4\% | 11\% | 9\% | 9\% | 9\% | 5\% | 13\% |
| To ensure justice is served | 33\% | 27\% | 39\% | 37\% | 30\% | 35\% | 29\% | 27\% | 35\% | 33\% |
| Something else | 5\% | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 8\% | 2\% | 5\% | 5\% | 6\% | 2\% |
| Not sure | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% | 5\% | 2\% | 3\% | 0\% | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% |
| Totals <br> (Unweighted N) | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (612) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 100 \% \\ & (303) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (309) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 100 \% \\ (83) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 100 \% \\ & (163) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (242) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (124) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 100 \% \\ & (172) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (250) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (190) \end{aligned}$ |

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|  | Total | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| To punish the person being executed | 18\% | 16\% | 17\% | 32\% | 22\% | 15\% | 17\% | 15\% | 20\% | 18\% | 18\% |
| To make sure the person being executed never breaks the law again | 14\% | 14\% | 14\% | 14\% | 12\% | 17\% | 16\% | 15\% | 11\% | 14\% | 15\% |
| To deter other people from breaking the law | 20\% | 21\% | 16\% | 18\% | 20\% | 17\% | 20\% | 21\% | 24\% | 21\% | 12\% |
| To give closure to victims' families | 9\% | 9\% | 5\% | 9\% | 11\% | 8\% | 7\% | 13\% | 7\% | 9\% | 7\% |
| To ensure justice is served | 33\% | 33\% | 38\% | 22\% | 28\% | 35\% | 34\% | 30\% | 30\% | 31\% | 41\% |
| Something else | 5\% | 5\% | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 6\% |
| Not sure | 3\% | 2\% | 7\% | 1\% | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 1\% | 4\% | 4\% | 0\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (612) | (487) | (56) | (69) | (222) | (197) |  | (107) | (155) | (233) | (117) |

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## 3. Quick and Painless

Which of the following comes closest to your opinion about execution methods that should be allowed?
Asked of those who favor the death penalty


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## 4. Cruel and Unusua

Do you think a state's use of the death penalty could be considered "cruel and unusual punishment"?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | 3 Point Party ID |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat |  | Independent | Republican |
| It always is | 13\% | 14\% | 12\% | 14\% | 14\% | 11\% | 13\% | 20\% |  | 12\% | 5\% |
| It could be, depending on the method of execution used | 42\% | 40\% | 44\% | 49\% | 46\% | 41\% | 30\% | 49\% |  | 40\% | 37\% |
| It never is | 35\% | 38\% | 32\% | 17\% | 32\% | 40\% | 48\% | 21\% |  | 36\% | 49\% |
| Not sure | 11\% | 9\% | 12\% | 20\% | 8\% | 8\% | 9\% | 11\% |  | 12\% | 9\% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (996) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (478) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (518) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (170) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (271) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (374) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (181) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (361) \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (399) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (236) \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
|  | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | est South | West |
| It always is | 13\% | 11\% | 18\% | 17\% | 13\% | 12\% | 15\% | 17\% | 14\% | \% 8\% | 16\% |
| It could be, depending on the method of execution used | 42\% | 42\% | 39\% | 48\% | 41\% | 44\% | 42\% | 42\% | 42\% | \% 44\% | 38\% |
| It never is | 35\% | 38\% | 22\% | 25\% | 32\% | 37\% | 38\% | 29\% | 37\% | \% 35\% | 36\% |
| Not sure | 11\% | 9\% | 21\% | 10\% | 14\% | 8\% | 5\% | 12\% | 7\% | \% 12\% | 10\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | \% 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N ) | (996) | (760) | (109) | (127) | (366) | (314) | (191) | (187) | (240) | ) (365) | (204) |

## 5. Approve of SCOTUS Decision

The Supreme Court recently ruled that Oklahoma may continue to use a controversial lethal injection drug that could make some executions severely painful. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | 3 Point Party ID |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat |  | ndependent | Republican |
| Strongly approve | 26\% | 33\% | 19\% | 12\% | 28\% | 31\% | 30\% | 15\% |  | 28\% | 35\% |
| Somewhat approve | 21\% | 22\% | 20\% | 26\% | 22\% | 17\% | 25\% | 20\% |  | 16\% | 31\% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 16\% | 13\% | 20\% | 13\% | 15\% | 21\% | 14\% | 17\% |  | 18\% | 13\% |
| Strongly disapprove | 20\% | 19\% | 21\% | 23\% | 22\% | 16\% | 18\% | 29\% |  | 20\% | 6\% |
| Not sure | 17\% | 13\% | 20\% | 26\% | 14\% | 16\% | 12\% | 18\% |  | 18\% | 15\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |  | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N ) | (998) | (478) | (520) | (171) | (272) | (374) | (181) | (362) |  | (400) | (236) |
|  |  |  | Race |  |  | ily Income |  |  |  | Region |  |
|  | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | st South | West |
| Strongly approve | 26\% | 28\% | 15\% | 23\% | 24\% | 25\% | 29\% | 23\% | 27\% | 26\% | 27\% |
| Somewhat approve | 21\% | 21\% | 17\% | 29\% | 21\% | 23\% | 25\% | 23\% | 23\% | 18\% | 24\% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 16\% | 17\% | 16\% | 13\% | 16\% | 18\% | 19\% | 14\% | 16\% | 19\% | 14\% |
| Strongly disapprove | 20\% | 19\% | 24\% | 19\% | 20\% | 19\% | 16\% | 22\% | 22\% | 18\% | 18\% |
| Not sure | 17\% | 15\% | 28\% | 16\% | 18\% | 16\% | 11\% | 17\% | 12\% | 20\% | 17\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |  |  |  | 100\% |  |  |  | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (998) | (761) |  | (128) | (366) | (316) | (191) | (187) | (242) | (365) | (204) |

