

1. Favor/oppose death penalty

Are you in favor or opposed to the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Favor the death penalty	58%	58%	58%	45%	52%	66%	67%	63%	47%	43%	56%
Opposed to the death penalty	22%	27%	17%	35%	24%	17%	13%	18%	25%	33%	33%
Not sure	20%	15%	25%	20%	24%	17%	21%	19%	28%	24%	11%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (480)	100% (517)	100% (185)	100% (262)	100% (401)	100% (149)	100% (673)	100% (116)	100% (129)	100% (79)

	Party ID (3 category)				Family Income (3 category)				Census Region			
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Favor the death penalty	58%	45%	61%	71%	54%	67%	56%	55%	53%	59%	60%	58%
Opposed to the death penalty	22%	31%	22%	9%	19%	20%	32%	28%	26%	22%	16%	29%
Not sure	20%	23%	17%	21%	27%	13%	12%	16%	21%	20%	24%	13%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (365)	100% (394)	100% (238)	100% (446)	100% (283)	100% (148)	100% (120)	100% (178)	100% (226)	100% (380)	100% (213)

2. Qualified

If you were serving on a jury in a murder trial, would you be able to consider all sentencing options, including the death penalty, or would you not be able to consider the death penalty?

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Consider all options, including death penalty	73%	75%	71%	70%	66%	77%	78%	78%	55%	62%	79%
Could not consider the death penalty	18%	18%	17%	24%	22%	13%	13%	13%	26%	32%	19%
Not sure	9%	7%	12%	6%	12%	10%	9%	9%	19%	7%	2%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (482)	100% (517)	100% (185)	100% (262)	100% (403)	100% (149)	100% (674)	100% (117)	100% (129)	100% (79)

	Party ID (3 category)			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region				
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Consider all options, including death penalty	73%	60%	79%	80%	71%	76%	79%	70%	68%	75%	73%	74%
Could not consider the death penalty	18%	25%	16%	10%	17%	17%	13%	25%	19%	18%	14%	21%
Not sure	9%	14%	6%	10%	12%	7%	8%	5%	13%	6%	12%	5%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (366)	100% (395)	100% (238)	100% (447)	100% (283)	100% (149)	100% (120)	100% (178)	100% (226)	100% (382)	100% (213)

3. Method

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

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
They should be as quick and painless as possible	60%	61%	60%	64%	51%	66%	59%	63%	58%	44%	66%
Being quick and painless should not be a priority	25%	27%	22%	24%	27%	22%	27%	24%	22%	30%	24%
Not sure	15%	12%	18%	12%	23%	12%	14%	13%	20%	26%	10%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (482)	100% (514)	100% (185)	100% (261)	100% (401)	100% (149)	100% (670)	100% (118)	100% (129)	100% (79)

	Party ID (3 category)			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region				
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
They should be as quick and painless as possible	60%	58%	60%	64%	55%	68%	73%	52%	62%	55%	62%	60%
Being quick and painless should not be a priority	25%	22%	27%	23%	28%	20%	20%	24%	21%	27%	22%	29%
Not sure	15%	20%	13%	13%	17%	11%	7%	24%	17%	18%	15%	11%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (364)	100% (395)	100% (237)	100% (446)	100% (282)	100% (149)	100% (119)	100% (178)	100% (225)	100% (381)	100% (212)

4. Deter Murder

Do you think that executing murderers deters others from committing murder?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	38%	40%	36%	33%	33%	42%	45%	41%	29%	33%	33%
No	40%	41%	39%	45%	32%	44%	37%	37%	56%	34%	48%
Not sure	22%	19%	25%	22%	35%	14%	19%	22%	16%	33%	19%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (483)	100% (517)	100% (186)	100% (262)	100% (403)	100% (149)	100% (674)	100% (118)	100% (129)	100% (79)

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	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Under \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K or more	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	38%	28%	38%	53%	37%	35%	51%	36%	36%	34%	45%	32%
No	40%	50%	39%	27%	39%	46%	33%	37%	43%	43%	33%	44%
Not sure	22%	22%	23%	20%	24%	19%	16%	28%	20%	22%	21%	25%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (366)	100% (396)	100% (238)	100% (447)	100% (283)	100% (149)	100% (121)	100% (178)	100% (226)	100% (382)	100% (214)

5. Innocent People

How common do you think it is for juries to mistakenly convict innocent people?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very common	14%	9%	18%	12%	14%	13%	15%	8%	33%	28%	7%
Somewhat common	33%	34%	32%	39%	37%	27%	32%	31%	37%	37%	37%
Somewhat uncommon	27%	27%	27%	30%	23%	28%	29%	30%	14%	23%	37%
Very uncommon	17%	22%	13%	10%	13%	25%	20%	22%	11%	6%	13%
Not sure	9%	7%	10%	8%	13%	7%	4%	10%	5%	7%	5%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (483)	100% (515)	100% (186)	100% (261)	100% (403)	100% (148)	100% (673)	100% (118)	100% (129)	100% (78)

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Very common	14%	23%	10%	8%	17%	10%	7%	18%	15%	14%	14%	11%
Somewhat common	33%	37%	38%	18%	40%	34%	20%	19%	33%	32%	28%	42%
Somewhat uncommon	27%	21%	28%	35%	23%	30%	35%	31%	25%	23%	32%	25%
Very uncommon	17%	12%	15%	31%	11%	20%	32%	20%	15%	18%	17%	20%
Not sure	9%	8%	9%	8%	10%	6%	5%	12%	12%	12%	9%	2%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (365)	100% (395)	100% (238)	100% (447)	100% (282)	100% (149)	100% (120)	100% (177)	100% (226)	100% (382)	100% (213)

6. Judge or Jury

Do you think that the decision to execute someone should be made by judges or by juries?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Judges	26%	26%	27%	33%	32%	17%	28%	26%	31%	26%	25%
Juries	42%	45%	40%	22%	34%	57%	52%	47%	35%	29%	37%
Not sure	32%	30%	33%	44%	35%	26%	21%	27%	34%	45%	38%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(997)	(483)	(514)	(186)	(261)	(402)	(148)	(672)	(117)	(129)	(79)

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Judges	26%	26%	26%	27%	26%	34%	19%	18%	25%	27%	27%	25%
Juries	42%	41%	41%	48%	41%	41%	51%	41%	43%	34%	46%	42%
Not sure	32%	33%	34%	25%	33%	25%	30%	41%	32%	38%	26%	33%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(997)	(363)	(396)	(238)	(446)	(282)	(149)	(120)	(177)	(224)	(382)	(214)

Interviewing Dates	January 12 - 14, 2016
Target population	U.S. adults, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by age, gender, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2010 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2010 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement. Religion, minor party identification, and non-placement on an ideology scale, were imputed from the 2008 Pew Religion in American Life Survey.
Weighting	The sample was weighted using propensity scores based on age, gender, race, education, voter registration, and non-placement on an ideology scale. The weights range from 0.197 to 6.056, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.033.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.5% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	20 questions not reported.