

Sample 1000 Adult Interviews
Conducted January 12 - 14, 2016
Margin of Error ±4.5%

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

Favor the death penalty 58%
Opposed to the death penalty 22%
Not sure 20%

2. 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?

Consider all options, including death penalty 73%
Could not consider the death penalty 18%
Not sure 9%

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

They should be as quick and painless as possible 60%
Being quick and painless should not be a priority 25%
Not sure 15%

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

Yes 38%
No 40%
Not sure 22%

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

Very common	14%
Somewhat common	33%
Somewhat uncommon	27%
Very uncommon	17%
Not sure	9%

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

Judges	26%
Juries	42%
Not sure	32%

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.