

PUBLIC OPINION

Gallup Polls

ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE DEATH PENALTY FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF MURDER?

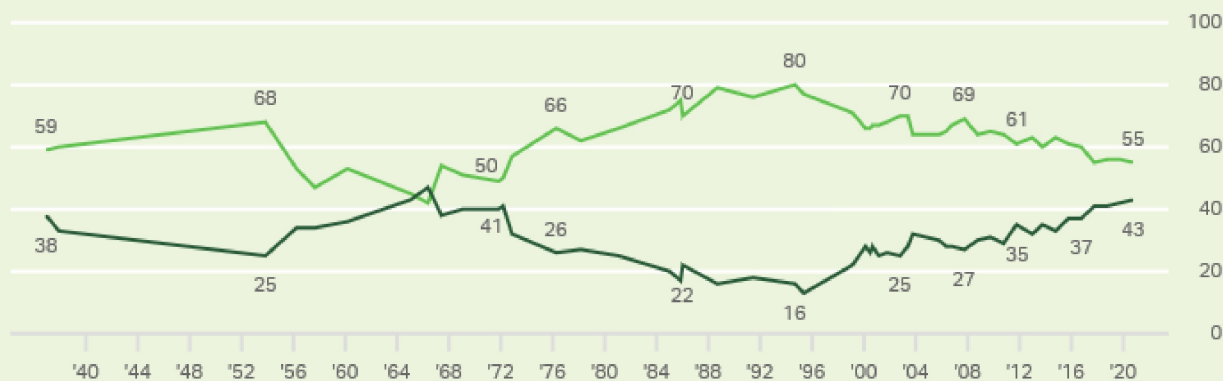
	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
2020 Sep 30-Oct 15	55%	43%	02%	1999 Feb 8-9	71%	22%	07%
2019 Oct 1-13	56%	42%	02%	1995 May 11-14	77%	13%	10%
2018 Oct 1-10	56%	41%	04%	1994 Sep 6-7	80%	60%	04%
2017 Oct 5-11	55%	41%	03%	1991 Jun 13-16	76%	08%	06%
2016 Oct 5-9	60%	37%	03%	1988 Sep 25-Oct 1	79%	06%	05%
2015 Oct 7-11	61%	37%	02%	1988 Sep 9-11	79%	06%	05%
2014 Oct 12-15	63%	33%	04%	1986 Jan 10-13	70%	02%	08%
2013 Oct 3-6	60%	35%	05%	1985 Nov 11-18	75%	07%	08%
2012 Dec 19-22	63%	32%	06%	1985 Jan 11-14	72%	00%	08%
2011 Oct 6-9	61%	35%	04%	1981 Jan 30-Feb 2	66%	05%	09%
2010 Oct 7-10	64%	29%	06%	1978 Mar 3-6	62%	27%	11%
2009 Oct 1-4	65%	31%	05%	1976 Apr 9-12	66%	26%	08%
2008 Oct 3-5	64%	30%	05%	1972 Nov 10-13	57%	32%	11%
2007 Oct 4-7	69%	27%	04%	1972 Mar 3-5	50%	41%	09%
2006 Oct 9-12	67%	28%	05%	1971 Oct 29-Nov 2	49%	40%	11%
2006 May 5-7	65%	28%	07%	1969 Jan 23-28	51%	40%	09%
2005 Oct 13-16	64%	30%	06%	1967 Jun 2-7	54%	38%	08%
2004 Oct 11-14	64%	31%	05%	1966 May 19-24	42%	47%	11%
2003 Oct 6-8	64%	32%	04%	1965 Jan 7-12	45%	43%	12%
2003 May 19-21	70%	28%	02%	1960 Mar 2-7	53%	36%	11%
2002 Oct 14-17	70%	25%	05%	1957 Aug 29-Sep 4	47%	34%	18%
2001 Oct 11-14	68%	26%	06%	1956 Mar 29-Apr 3	53%	34%	13%
2001 Feb 19-21	67%	25%	08%	1953 Nov 1-5	68%	25%	07%
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	67%	28%	05%	1937 Dec 1-6	60%	33%	07%
2000 Jun 23-25	66%	26%	08%	1936 Dec 2-7	59%	38%	03%

September 30-October 15, 2020

Results are based on telephone interviews with a random sample of: 1,035 adults nationwide. The margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. Samples are weighted to match national demographics. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, using random digit dial methods.

Are you in favor of the death penalty for a person convicted of murder?

■ % Favor ■ % Opposed



GALLUP

IF YOU COULD CHOOSE BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING TWO APPROACHES, WHICH DO YOU THINK IS THE BETTER PENALTY FOR MURDER: THE DEATH PENALTY (OR) LIFE IMPRISONMENT, WITH ABSOLUTELY NO POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE? [ROTATED]

(Perhaps the results would be different if the choices were changed to: The death penalty when aggravating circumstances are present, or Life Imprisonment?)

	Death Penalty	Life Imprisonment	No Opinion
2019 Oct 14-31	36%	60%	4%
2014 Sep 25-30	50%	45%	5%
2010 Oct 7-10	49%	46%	6%
2006 May 5-7	47%	48%	5%
2001 Feb 19-21	54%	42%	4%
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	49%	47%	4%
2000 Feb 20-21	52%	37%	11%
1999 Feb 8-9	56%	38%	6%
1997 Aug 12-13	61%	29%	10%
1993 Oct 13-18	59%	29%	12%
1992 Mar 30-Apr 5	50%	37%	13%
1991 Jun 13-16	53%	35%	11%
1986 Jan 10-13	55%	35%	10%
1985 Jan 11-14	56%	34%	10%

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	Morally Acceptable	Morally Wrong	Depends	No Opinion
2021 May 3-18	55%	40%	05%	01%
2020 May 1-13	54%	40%	05%	01%
2019 May 1-12	60%	35%	05%	01%
2018 May 1-10	62%	33%	04%	01%
2017 May 3-7	58%	35%	06%	02%
2016 May 4-8	59%	34%	06%	01%
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	Morally Acceptable %	Morally Wrong %	Net Acceptable
The death penalty	66	27	39
Divorce	65	26	39
Medical research using stem cells from human embryos	64	30	34
Gambling	63	32	31
Medical testing on animals	59	37	22
Sex between an unmarried man and woman	59	38	21
Buying and wearing clothing made of animal fur	58	38	20
Having a baby outside of marriage	54	42	12
Doctor-assisted suicide	49	44	5
Homosexual relations	47	49	-2
Abortion	40	51	-11
Cloning animals	36	59	-23
Suicide	16	78	-62
Cloning humans	11	86	-75
Polygamy	8	90	-82
Married men and women having an affair	6	91	-85

Liberal/Moderate/Conservative - Percentage Calling Each "Morally Acceptable"

	Liberals %	Moderates %	Conservatives %	Gap
Homosexual relations	83	50	23	+60
Sex between an unmarried man and woman	89	66	34	+55
Having a baby outside of marriage	83	59	33	+50
Abortion	67	39	24	+43
Divorce	87	68	49	+38
Doctor-assisted suicide	73	49	35	+38
Medical research using stem cells from human embryos	84	69	48	+36
Gambling	82	68	47	+35
Cloning animals	55	30	28	+27
Suicide	29	14	8	+21
Cloning humans	22	9	6	+16
Polygamy	19	5	4	+15
Married men and women having an affair	12	5	2	+10
Buying and wearing clothing made of animal fur	52	57	61	-9
Medical testing on animals	52	58	64	-12
Death penalty	54	66	73	-19

***“IN YOUR OPINION, IS THE DEATH PENALTY IMPOSED:
[ROTATED] TOO OFTEN, ABOUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT, OR NOT OFTEN ENOUGH?”***

	<u>Too Often</u>	<u>About Right</u>	<u>Not Enough</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
2018 Oct 1-10	29%	28%	37%	06%
2017 Oct 5-11	26%	26%	39%	08%
2011 Oct 6-9	25%	27%	40%	08%
2010 Oct 7-10	18%	26%	49%	07%
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2007 Oct 4-7	21%	26%	49%	04%
2006 May 8-11	21%	25%	51%	03%
2005 May 2-5	20%	24%	53%	03%
2004 May 2-4	23%	25%	48%	04%
2003 May 5-7	23%	26%	48%	03%
2002 May 6-9	22%	24%	47%	07%
2001 May 10-14	21%	34%	38%	07%

***‘GENERALLY SPEAKING, DO YOU BELIEVE THE DEATH PENALTY IS
APPLIED FAIRLY OR UNFAIRLY IN THIS COUNTRY TODAY?’***

	<u>Fairly</u>	<u>Unfairly</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
2018 Oct 1-10	49%	45%	06%
2017 Oct 5-11	51%	43%	07%
2011 Oct 6-9	52%	41%	06%
2010 Oct 7-10	58%	36%	07%
2009 Oct 1-4	57%	34%	09%
2008 Oct 3-5	54%	38%	08%
2007 Oct 4-7	57%	38%	05%
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2005 May 2-5	61%	35%	04%
2004 May 2-4	55%	39%	06%
2003 May 5-7	60%	37%	03%
2002 May 6-9	53%	40%	07%
2000 June 23-25	51%	41%	08%

***“HOW OFTEN DO YOU THINK THAT A PERSON HAS BEEN EXECUTED UNDER THE DEATH
PENALTY WHO WAS, IN FACT, INNOCENT OF THE CRIME HE OR SHE WAS CHARGED WITH?
DO YOU THINK THIS HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, OR NOT?”***

	<u>Yes, in Last 5 Years</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
2009 Oct 1-4	59%	31%	10%
2006 May 8-11	63%	27%	10%
2005 May 2-5	59%	33%	08%
2003 May 5-7	73%	22%	05%

‘DO YOU FEEL THAT THE DEATH PENALTY ACTS AS A DETERRENT TO THE COMMITMENT OF MURDER, THAT IT LOWERS THE MURDER RATE, OR NOT?’

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
2011 Oct 6-9	32%	64%	04%
2006 May 8-11	34%	64%	02%
2004 May 2-4	35%	62%	03%
1991 June 13-16	51%	41%	08%
1986 Jan 10-13	61%	32%	07%
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***“ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE DEATH PENALTY FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF MURDER?”
(December 19-22, 2012 Gallup/USA Today)***

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
Conservative	75%	18%	07%
Moderate	60%	34%	06%
Liberal	47%	50%	03%
Republican	80%	15%	05%
Independent	65%	32%	03%
Democrat	51%	42%	07%
Men	67%	28%	05%
Women	59%	35%	06%
18-34 yr	61%	35%	04%
35-54 yr	62%	32%	06%
55 and older	67%	27%	06%
East	54%	40%	06%
Midwest	66%	31%	03%
South	68%	25%	07%
West	60%	33%	07%
Postgraduate	50%	45%	05%
College Graduate Only	57%	40%	03%
Small College	66%	30%	04%
No College	68%	24%	08%

***“ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE DEATH PENALTY FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF MURDER?”
(October 4-7, 2007 Gallup)***

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
Conservative	81%	16%	03%
Republican	81%	16%	03%
Over 50 Male	78%	20%	04%
Male	76%	20%	04%
18-49 Male	74%	22%	04%
West	73%	25%	02%
Some College	73%	22%	05%
White	73%	23%	04%
Midwest	72%	24%	04%
High School or Less	72%	23%	05%
Total College	67%	29%	04%
Independent	67%	28%	05%
East	66%	30%	04%
South	66%	29%	05%
College Grad	66%	30%	04%
Over 50 Female	66%	30%	04%
Moderate	64%	32%	04%
Female	62%	33%	05%
18-49 Female	60%	37%	03%
Democrat	60%	35%	05%
Liberal	57%	41%	02%
Post-Grad Education	57%	41%	02%
Non-White	55%	41%	04%

“ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE DEATH PENALTY FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF MURDER?”
(Combined results from 2001 to 2004 by Gallup Editors)

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
Male	74%	23%	03%
Female	62%	32%	06%
White	71%	24%	05%
Black	44%	49%	07%
18 - 29	69%	29%	02%
30 - 49	68%	27%	05%
50 - 64	68%	29%	03%
65 +	65%	26%	09%
Protestants	71%	24%	05%
Catholics	66%	30%	04%
No Religious Preference	57%	38%	05%
Church Weekly	65%	39%	05%
Church Monthly	69%	27%	04%
Church Seldom/Never	71%	26%	03%
Catholic - Church Weekly	62%	31%	07%
Catholic - Church Monthly	66%	25%	09%
Catholic - Church Seldom/Never	77%	18%	05%
Conservative	74%	21%	05%
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Liberal	54%	42%	04%
REPUBLICAN	80%	17%	03%
INDEPENDENT	65%	30%	05%
DEMOCRAT	58%	36%	06%

- *Results are based on telephone interviews with 6,498 national adults, aged 18 and older, conducted Feb. 19-21, 2001; May 10-14, 2001; Oct. 11-14, 2001; May 6-9, 2002; Oct. 14-17, 2002; May 5-7, 2003; Oct 6-9, 2003; May 2-4, 2004; and Oct. 11-14, 2004. For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 2 percentage points.*

“WHY DO YOU FAVOR THE DEATH PENALTY FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF MURDER?”

(Based only upon those who responded in favor of the death penalty)

	<u>May 2003</u>	<u>Feb 2001</u>	<u>Feb 2000</u>	<u>June 1991</u>
Eye for an Eye / Punishment Fits Crime	37%	48%	40%	40%
They Deserve It	13%	06%	05%	05%
Save Taxpayer Money / Prison Costs	11%	20%	12%	12%
Deterrent to Others/ Set an Example	11%	10%	08%	08%
Incapacitation / They Will Repeat Crime	07%	06%	04%	04%
Biblical Reasons	05%	03%	03%	03%
Depends on Type of Crime	04%	06%	06%	06%
Serve Justice	04%	01%	03%	02%
Fair Punishment	03%	01%	06%	06%
If There's No Doubt Person Committed Crime	03%	02%	00%	00%
I Support / Believe in death penalty	02%	06%	00%	00%
Can't Be Rehabilitated	02%	02%	01%	01%
Relieves Prison Overcrowding	01%	02%	00%	00%
Life Doesn't Really Mean Without Parole	01%	02%	00%	00%
Other	04%	03%	10%	10%
No Opinion	02%	01%	03%	03%

“WHY DO YOU OPPOSE THE DEATH PENALTY FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF MURDER?”

(Based only upon those who responded in opposition to the death penalty)

	<u>May 2003</u>	<u>June 1991</u>
Wrong to Take a Life	37%	41%
Persons May Be Wrongly Convicted	25%	11%
Punishment Should Be Left to God	13%	17%
Murderers Need to Suffer/Think About Crime	05%	00%
Possibility of Rehabilitation	05%	06%
Depends on Circumstances	04%	00%
Unfair Application of Death Penalty	04%	06%
Does Not Deter	04%	07%
Other	03%	16%
No Opinion	04%	06%

“ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE DEATH PENALTY FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF MURDER?”

(October - December 2005)

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
U. S. A.	64%	30%
Great Britain	49%	45%
Canada	44%	53%

Pew Research Center, American Trends Panel

The survey, conducted April 5-11, 2021 among 5,109 U.S. adults on the Center's American Trends Panel.

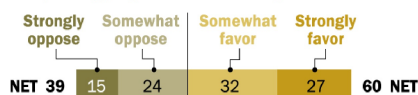
The American Trends Panel (ATP), created by Pew Research Center, is a nationally representative panel of randomly selected U.S. adults. Panelists participate via self-administered web surveys. Panelists who do not have internet access at home are provided with a tablet and wireless internet connection. Interviews are conducted in both English and Spanish. The panel is being managed by Ipsos.

Data in this report is drawn from the panel wave conducted April 5 to 11, 2021, and included oversamples of Asian, Black and Hispanic Americans. A total of 5,109 panelists responded out of 5,970 who were sampled, for a response rate of 86%. This does not include two panelists who were removed from the data due to extremely high rates of refusal or straightlining. The cumulative response rate accounting for nonresponse to the recruitment surveys and attrition is 4%. The break-off rate among panelists who logged on to the survey and completed at least one item is 2%. The margin of sampling error for the full sample of 5,109 respondents is +/- 2.1 percentage points.

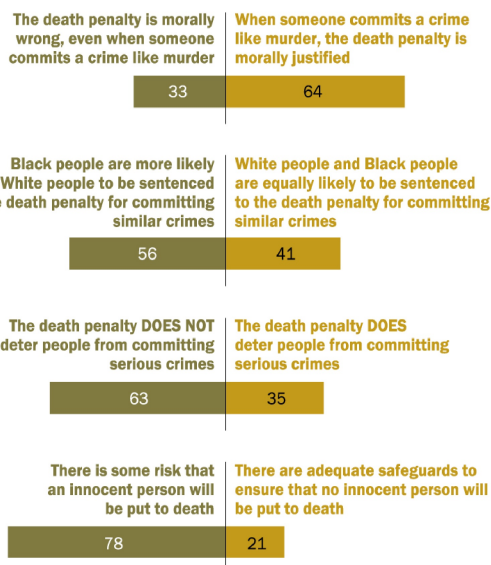
<https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2021/06/02/most-americans-favor-the-death-penalty-despite-concerns-about-its-administration/>

Majority of Americans favor death penalty, but nearly eight-in-ten see 'some risk' of executing the innocent

% who _____ the death penalty for persons convicted of murder



% who say ...



Note: No answer responses not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted April 5-11, 2021.

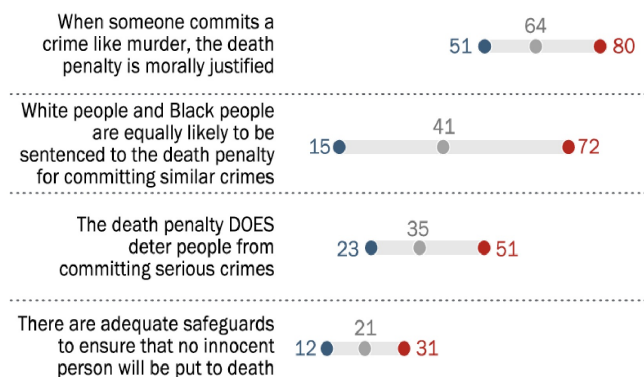
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Partisan differences in views of the death penalty – especially on racial disparities in sentencing

% who favor the death penalty



% who say ...

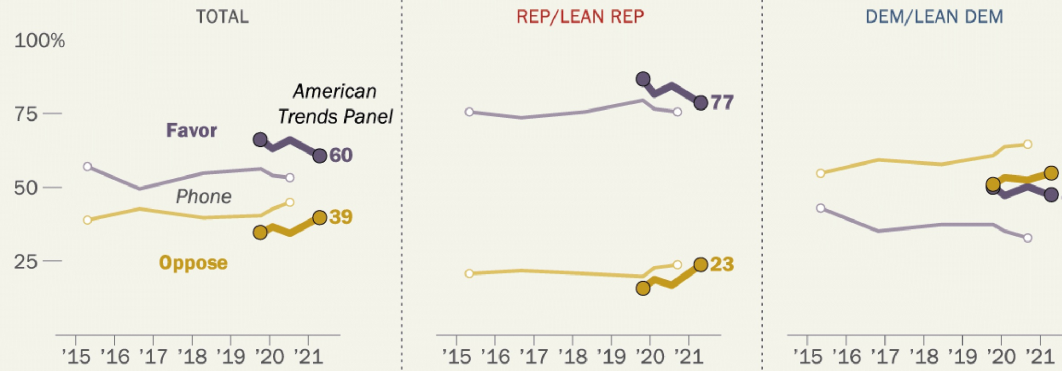


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Greater support for death penalty in online panel surveys than telephone surveys

% who ____ the death penalty for persons convicted of murder

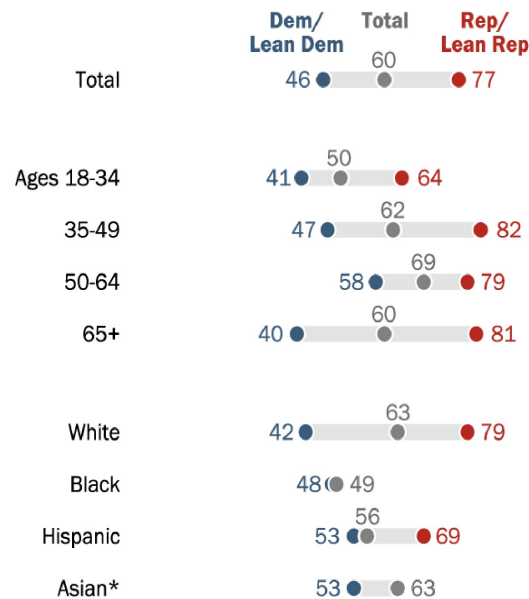


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Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted April 5-11, 2021.

Partisan gap in views of death penalty is widest among adults 65 and older

% who favor the death penalty for persons convicted of murder



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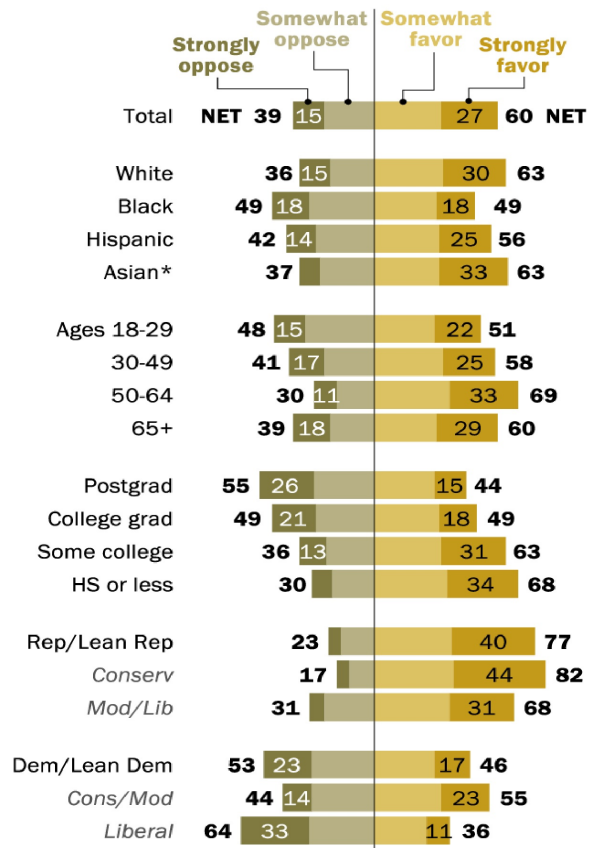
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Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted April 5-11, 2021.

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Ideological divides in views of the death penalty, particularly among Democrats

% who ____ the death penalty for persons convicted of murder



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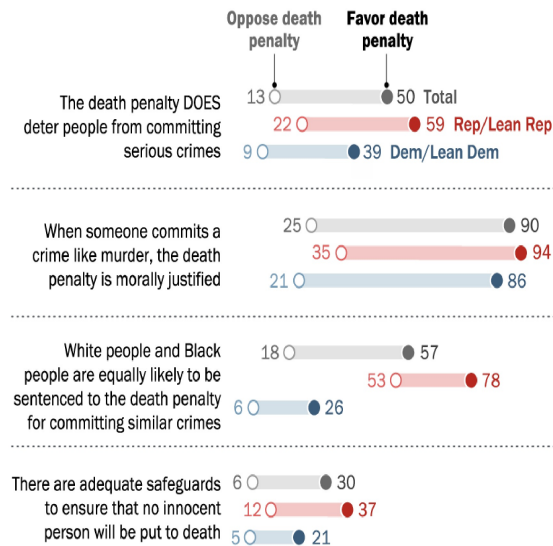
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Support for death penalty is strongly associated with belief that it is morally justified for crimes like murder

Among those who oppose/favor the death penalty, % who say ...

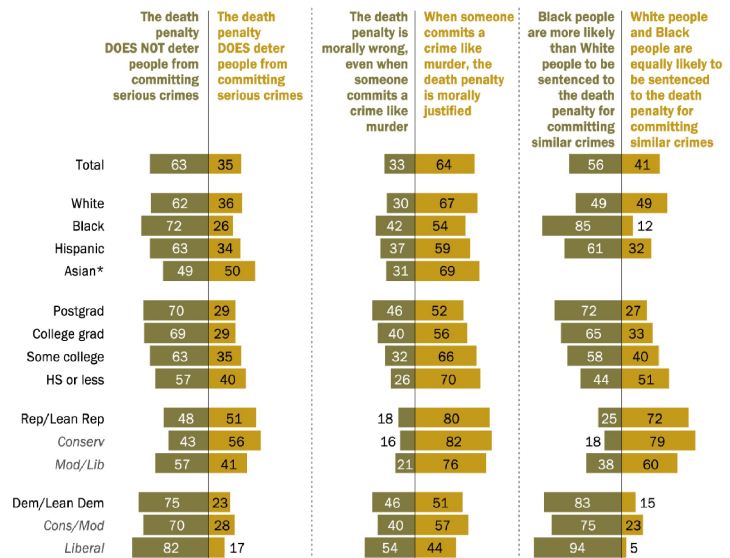


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Overwhelming majority of Black adults see racial disparities in death penalty sentencing, as do a smaller majority of Hispanic adults; White adults are divided

% who say ...



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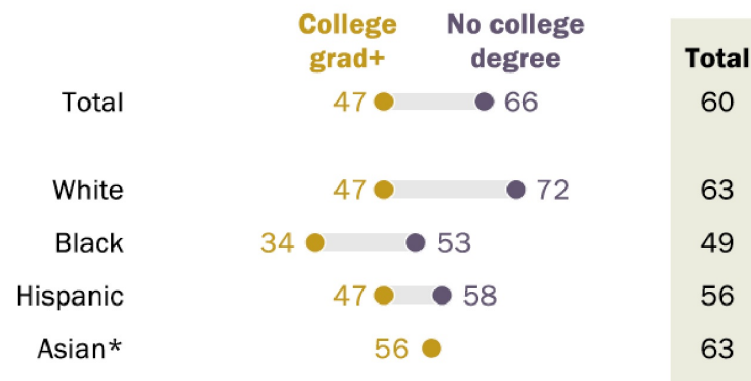
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Non-college White, Black and Hispanic adults more supportive of death penalty

% who favor the death penalty for persons convicted of murder



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Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted April 5-11, 2021.

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Quinnipiac University Poll

July 25-28, 2019. N=1,306 registered voters nationwide. Margin of error ± 3.4 .

"WHICH PUNISHMENT DO YOU PREFER FOR PEOPLE CONVICTED OF MURDER: THE DEATH PENALTY OR LIFE IN PRISON WITH NO CHANCE OF PAROLE?"

	Death Penalty	Life/No parole	Unsure
2019 Jul 25-28	33%	54%	13%
2018 Mar 16-20	37%	51%	12%
2015 May 19-26	43%	48%	09%
2013 Apr 25-29	48%	43%	09%
2008 Jul 8-13	47%	44%	09%
2004 Dec 7-12	42%	46%	12%

"WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE DEATH PENALTY ABOLISHED NATIONWIDE, OR NOT?"

	Yes Abolish	No Abolish	Unsure
2019 Jul 25-28	35%	58%	97%
2018 Mar 16-20	31%	64%	05%

NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist Poll

July 15-17, 2019. N=1,346 adults nationwide. Margin of error ± 3.5 .

"DO YOU THINK ABOLISHING THE DEATH PENALTY IS A GOOD OR A BAD IDEA?"

	Good Idea	Bad Idea	Unsure
2019 Jul 15-17	36%	58%	06%

Pew Research Center Poll

April 25-May 1, 2018. N=1,503 adults nationwide. Margin of error ± 2.9 .

"DO YOU STRONGLY FAVOR, FAVOR, OPPOSE OR STRONGLY OPPOSE THE DEATH PENALTY FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF MURDER?"

	Strongly Favor	Favor	Strongly Opposed	Opposed
2018 Apr 25-May 1	23	30	13	26
2016 Aug 23-Sep 2	21	27	14	28
2015 Mar 25-29	23	34	13	24

2011 Nov 9-14	28	34	11	20
2010 Jul 21-Aug 5	30	32	10	20
2007 August	29	33	11	21
2007 January	30	34	11	18
2006 March	27	38	08	19
2003 July	28	36	10	20
2002 March	33	34	09	17
2001 March	30	36	10	17
1999 Sept	41	33	07	15
1996 June	43	35	07	11

CBS News/New York Times Poll

Sept. 8-15, 2015. N=1,559 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.

"DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THE DEATH PENALTY FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF MURDER?"

	Favor	Oppose	Unsure
2015 Sep 8-15	59%	31%	10%
2015 Apr 8-12	56%	34%	10%

"DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THE DEATH PENALTY FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF MURDER?" (2015)

	Favor	Oppose	Unsure
ALL	56%	34%	10%
Republicans	73%	19%	08%
Democrats	44%	46%	10%
Independents	57%	32%	11%

"Apart from your opinion about the death penalty, what form of punishment do you consider to be the most humane: the electric chair, the gas chamber, lethal injection, firing squad or hanging?"

Electric Chair	Gas Chamber	Lethal Injection	Firing Squad	Hanging	None	Unsure
04%	04%	65%	09%	05%	10%	03%

THE HARRIS POLL

Conducted online between May 7 and 11, 2015 surveyed a nationally representative sample of 2,013 adults: (Margin of Error± 3 percentage points)

“DO YOU BELIEVE IN CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, THAT IS, THE DEATH PENALTY, OR ARE YOU OPPOSED TO IT?”

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
2015 May 7-11	61%	17%	22%
2008 Feb 5-11	63%	30%	07%
2003 Dec	69 %	22 %	09 %
2001 July	67 %	26 %	07 %
2000 July	64 %	25 %	11 %
1999 July	71 %	21 %	08 %
1997	75 %	22 %	03 %
1983	68 %	27 %	05 %
1976	67 %	25 %	08 %
1973	59 %	31 %	10 %
1970	47 %	42 %	11 %
1969	48 %	38 %	14 %
1965	38 %	47 %	15 %

“IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT THAT YOU HAD TO CHOSE FOR YOURSELF: WOULD YOU RATHER SERVE LIFE IN PRISON OR BE PUT TO DEATH?”

	<u>Life in Prison</u>	<u>Death</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
1999 July 16-20	34 %	48 %	18 %

“DO YOU FEEL THAT EXECUTING PEOPLE WHO COMMIT MURDER DETERS OTHERS FROM COMMITTING MURDER, OR DO YOU THINK SUCH EXECUTIONS DON’T HAVE MUCH EFFECT?”

	<u>Deters</u>	<u>Not Much Effect</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
2008 Feb 5-11	42%	52%	06%
2003 Dec	41 %	53 %	06 %
2001 July	42 %	52 %	07 %
2000 July	44 %	50 %	07 %
1999 July	47 %	49 %	04 %
1997	49 %	49 %	02 %
1983	63 %	32 %	05 %
1976	59 %	34 %	07 %

"IN GENERAL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AN INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CONVICTED CRIMINALS WHO ARE EXECUTED, OR NO CHANGE?"

	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>No Change</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
2008 Feb 5-11	36%	26%	31%	07%
2003 Dec	36 %	21 %	33 %	11 %
2001 July	35 %	26 %	30 %	08 %
2000 July	36 %	22 %	31 %	11 %
1999 July	43 %	21 %	28 %	07 %
1997	53 %	14 %	27 %	06 %

"DO YOU THINK THAT INNOCENT PEOPLE ARE SOMETIMES CONVICTED OF MURDER OR THAT THIS NEVER HAPPENS?"

	<u>Sometimes Happens</u>	<u>Never Happens</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
2008 Feb 5-11	95%	04%	01%
2003 Dec 10-16	95 %	04 %	02 %
2001 July	94 %	03 %	03 %
2000 July	94	05 %	01 %
1999 July	95 %	03 %	01 %

CNN / Opinion Research Corporation Poll

Conducted by CNN Research of adult voters nationwide on May 14-17, 2009. (Margin of Error +/- 3.)

"IF YOU COULD CHOOSE BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING TWO APPROACHES, WHICH DO YOU THINK IS THE BETTER PENALTY FOR MURDER: THE DEATH PENALTY, OR LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITH ABSOLUTELY NO POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE?"

	<u>Death Penalty</u>	<u>Life Imprisonment</u>	<u>Unsure</u>
2009 May 14-17	53 %	46 %	02 %

"AS YOU MAY KNOW, ACCORDING TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION, ANY PUNISHMENT THAT IS CONSIDERED 'CRUEL AND UNUSUAL' CANNOT BE USED ON PEOPLE CONVICTED OF ANY CRIME. DO YOU CONSIDER THE DEATH PENALTY TO BE A CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT, OR DON'T YOU FEEL THAT WAY?"

	<u>Yes, Cruel & Unusual</u>	<u>No, Not Cruel& Unusual</u>	<u>Unsure</u>
2009 May 14-17	26 %	73 %	01 %

Fox News / Opinion Dynamics Poll

Conducted by Opinion Dynamics of 900 registered adult voters nationwide on March 29-30, 2005.
(Margin of Error +/- 3.)

"DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THE DEATH PENALTY FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF PREMEDITATED MURDER?"

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
2005 March 29-30	69 %	24 %	08 %
2003 June 3-4	69 %	23 %	08 %
2001 June 6-7	68 %	22 %	10 %
2001 April 18-19	66 %	23 %	11 %
2000 June 28-29	68 %	24 %	08 %
2000 February 9-10	67 %	22 %	11 %
1998 January 7-8	74 %	18 %	08 %
1997 June 25-26	73 %	18 %	09 %
1997 April 30 - May1	76 %	17 %	07 %

INDIANAPOLIS STAR POLL

(Conducted by the Indiana University Center for Survey Research March 26-29, 2000. A scientifically selected random sample of 825 adult Indiana residents was interviewed. The

"THE DEATH PENALTY IS APPLIED FAIRLY IN THE STATE OF INDIANA."

Strongly Agree	25.1 %
Somewhat Agree	39.3 %
Somewhat Disagree	11.5 %
Strongly Disagree	14.4 %
Don't Know / Refused	09.8 %

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