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1. Favor death penalty

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

	Registered voters		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly favor	28%	31%	34%	23%	18%	26%	33%	35%	32%	16%	26%	17%
Somewhat favor	25%	24%	22%	28%	21%	24%	27%	25%	27%	12%	24%	27%
Somewhat oppose	17%	19%	15%	18%	22%	17%	14%	16%	15%	25%	16%	23%
Strongly oppose	15%	18%	16%	15%	23%	13%	13%	15%	16%	17%	13%	12%
Not sure	14%	8%	13%	15%	16%	20%	13%	9%	10%	30%	21%	21%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(997)	(733)	(468)	(529)	(222)	(221)	(348)	(206)	(688)	(125)	(126)	(58)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly favor	28%	12%	26%	55%	11%	56%	29%	29%	24%	26%	26%	33%	25%
Somewhat favor	25%	22%	24%	30%	20%	30%	21%	30%	25%	24%	29%	25%	23%
Somewhat oppose	17%	26%	15%	7%	29%	7%	18%	16%	18%	22%	15%	15%	17%
Strongly oppose	15%	28%	12%	3%	31%	3%	13%	15%	28%	14%	19%	13%	18%
Not sure	14%	12%	23%	5%	9%	4%	19%	10%	5%	14%	11%	14%	17%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(997)	(363)	(394)	(240)	(302)	(242)	(430)	(291)	(160)	(175)	(188)	(371)	(263)

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2. Applied fairly

Generally speaking, do you believe the death penalty is applied fairly or unfairly in this country today?

	Total	Registered voters		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	
Fairly	35%	38%	37%	34%	29%	39%	38%	34%	39%	18%	36%	27%	
Unfairly	34%	39%	36%	32%	37%	28%	31%	42%	32%	43%	35%	35%	
Not sure	31%	24%	27%	34%	34%	33%	31%	24%	29%	39%	28%	38%	
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	
Unweighted N	(990)	(730)	(465)	(525)	(218)	(219)	(349)	(204)	(687)	(124)	(122)	(57)	

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Fairly	35%	18%	29%	68%	13%	68%	30%	44%	40%	39%	30%	41%	28%
Unfairly	34%	57%	28%	12%	61%	13%	34%	32%	43%	30%	41%	30%	38%
Not sure	31%	26%	43%	20%	25%	19%	36%	24%	17%	31%	29%	30%	33%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%
Unweighted N	(990)	(361)	(390)	(239)	(300)	(243)	(425)	(291)	(159)	(174)	(187)	(368)	(261)

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3. Frequency of sentence

Which comes closest to your opinion?

	Registered voters		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
The death penalty is imposed too often	23%	28%	24%	22%	28%	20%	21%	25%	25%	21%	19%	19%
The death penalty is imposed about the right amount	17%	18%	19%	16%	19%	24%	13%	15%	16%	21%	21%	18%
The death penalty isn't imposed often enough	32%	33%	33%	31%	19%	24%	42%	39%	37%	13%	27%	24%
Not sure	28%	22%	24%	31%	34%	33%	25%	21%	23%	44%	34%	39%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	101%	99%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(994)	(732)	(467)	(527)	(220)	(219)	(349)	(206)	(687)	(124)	(125)	(58)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
The death penalty is imposed too often	23%	41%	18%	6%	46%	7%	20%	23%	34%	24%	26%	19%	26%
The death penalty is imposed about the right amount	17%	13%	13%	29%	13%	25%	15%	20%	18%	19%	17%	16%	18%
The death penalty isn't imposed often enough	32%	17%	33%	52%	15%	55%	33%	37%	25%	30%	29%	39%	26%
Not sure	28%	29%	36%	13%	26%	13%	32%	20%	23%	27%	28%	26%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(994)	(362)	(391)	(241)	(301)	(243)	(429)	(290)	(160)	(174)	(187)	(371)	(262)

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4. Crime prevention

Which comes closest to your opinion?

	Total	Registered voters		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	
Having the death penalty helps to prevent crime	35%	37%	40%	31%	30%	32%	38%	40%	39%	23%	31%	30%	
Having the death penalty DOES NOT help to prevent crime	43%	46%	41%	44%	46%	38%	41%	46%	42%	49%	43%	34%	
Not sure	22%	16%	19%	25%	24%	29%	21%	14%	19%	28%	26%	35%	
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	
Unweighted N	(995)	(731)	(467)	(528)	(220)	(220)	(349)	(206)	(689)	(124)	(124)	(58)	

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Having the death penalty helps to prevent crime	35%	20%	30%	63%	14%	68%	33%	38%	37%	32%	35%	40%	30%
Having the death penalty DOES NOT help to prevent crime	43%	67%	36%	20%	73%	17%	41%	45%	48%	46%	48%	36%	47%
Not sure	22%	13%	34%	17%	14%	15%	26%	18%	15%	22%	17%	24%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(995)	(361)	(393)	(241)	(300)	(243)	(429)	(290)	(160)	(174)	(187)	(371)	(263)

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5. State death penalty

Which would you prefer your state to do?

	Total	Registered voters		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Allow the death penalty	50%	52%		53%	47%	37%	48%	56%	54%	54%	31%	46%	40%
Ban the death penalty	27%	32%		27%	26%	34%	23%	22%	30%	27%	26%	27%	24%
Not sure	24%	16%		20%	27%	29%	28%	22%	16%	19%	43%	27%	36%
Totals	101%	100%		100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(991)	(727)		(466)	(525)	(218)	(221)	(347)	(205)	(685)	(124)	(124)	(58)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Allow the death penalty	50%	29%	46%	83%	26%	84%	47%	55%	50%	46%	51%	55%	44%
Ban the death penalty	27%	47%	21%	7%	53%	9%	24%	28%	38%	31%	28%	20%	32%
Not sure	24%	23%	33%	10%	21%	7%	29%	17%	12%	24%	21%	25%	23%
Totals	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(991)	(361)	(392)	(238)	(299)	(240)	(427)	(289)	(160)	(175)	(187)	(368)	(261)

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6. Federal death penalty

Which would you prefer the federal government to do?

	Registered voters		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Allow the death penalty	52%	54%	55%	49%	40%	52%	57%	56%	57%	32%	48%	42%
Ban the death penalty	25%	30%	26%	25%	33%	19%	22%	28%	25%	24%	24%	26%
Not sure	23%	16%	20%	26%	27%	29%	21%	16%	18%	44%	28%	31%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(991)	(729)	(464)	(527)	(219)	(220)	(347)	(205)	(686)	(124)	(124)	(57)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Allow the death penalty	52%	32%	47%	86%	28%	87%	48%	58%	53%	50%	52%	56%	47%
Ban the death penalty	25%	46%	19%	7%	51%	7%	23%	26%	38%	27%	27%	20%	30%
Not sure	23%	23%	34%	7%	21%	6%	29%	16%	9%	23%	22%	24%	23%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(991)	(362)	(390)	(239)	(299)	(243)	(424)	(291)	(160)	(174)	(187)	(368)	(262)

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7. Innocent people executed

How often do you think innocent people are executed under the death penalty?

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Frequently	12%	13%	12%	13%	17%	12%	8%	15%	10%	27%	14%	10%
Occasionally	33%	34%	31%	34%	37%	33%	31%	32%	33%	32%	28%	44%
Rarely	33%	35%	34%	31%	24%	29%	37%	38%	38%	17%	23%	20%
Never	6%	7%	8%	4%	6%	8%	6%	4%	6%	5%	10%	4%
Not sure	16%	11%	15%	17%	16%	18%	17%	12%	14%	19%	25%	22%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(998)	(734)	(468)	(530)	(222)	(221)	(349)	(206)	(689)	(125)	(126)	(58)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Frequently	12%	18%	10%	9%	17%	8%	11%	14%	10%	13%	13%	11%	13%
Occasionally	33%	47%	29%	19%	51%	17%	34%	31%	38%	29%	34%	32%	36%
Rarely	33%	22%	29%	52%	18%	56%	30%	36%	37%	34%	37%	32%	29%
Never	6%	5%	4%	11%	3%	10%	5%	8%	5%	7%	6%	6%	6%
Not sure	16%	9%	27%	10%	10%	9%	19%	11%	10%	16%	11%	18%	17%
Totals	100%	101%	99%	101%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	101%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(998)	(363)	(394)	(241)	(302)	(243)	(430)	(292)	(160)	(175)	(188)	(372)	(263)

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Interviewing Dates	July 25 - 26, 2019
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2016 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2016 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, and 2016 Presidential vote. The weights range from 0.355 to 1.912, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.269.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	70 questions not reported.