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1. Favor death penalty

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

		Gender		Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly favor	40%	44%	36%	33%	38%	43%	44%	35%	34%	56%
Somewhat favor	29%	24%	33%	31%	28%	29%	28%	24%	33%	27%
Somewhat oppose	13%	12%	13%	17%	12%	12%	8%	17%	14%	5%
Strongly oppose	10%	11%	10%	11%	12%	8%	12%	17%	10%	3%
Not sure	8%	9%	8%	8%	9%	9%	8%	7%	9%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(995)	(480)	(515)	(203)	(299)	(341)	(152)	(321)	(428)	(246)

		Race			Family Income				Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly favor	40%	42%	26%	42%	38%	41%	49%	42%	32%	45%	41%	38%
Somewhat favor	29%	30%	25%	26%	27%	27%	35%	31%	33%	27%	29%	28%
Somewhat oppose	13%	12%	14%	12%	12%	15%	11%	10%	15%	10%	11%	15%
Strongly oppose	10%	10%	15%	9%	12%	10%	4%	11%	13%	9%	10%	11%
Not sure	8%	6%	20%	11%	10%	6%	1%	6%	7%	8%	9%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(995)	(737)	(116)	(142)	(409)	(278)	(60)	(109)	(167)	(217)	(363)	(248)

2. Punishment for murder
Which punishment do you prefer for people convicted of murder?

		Gender		Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
The death penalty	47%	49%	45%	35%	47%	53%	52%	36%	45%	64%
Life in prison with no chance of parole	38%	36%	39%	47%	35%	33%	39%	47%	38%	26%
Not sure	15%	15%	16%	18%	18%	15%	9%	17%	17%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(996)	(480)	(516)	(203)	(299)	(341)	(153)	(320)	(429)	(247)

		Race			Family Income				Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
The death penalty	47%	51%	24%	47%	46%	51%	67%	49%	44%	48%	48%	47%
Life in prison with no chance of parole	38%	36%	49%	36%	40%	37%	28%	35%	44%	37%	38%	33%
Not sure	15%	13%	28%	18%	14%	12%	5%	16%	12%	15%	14%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(996)	(739)	(115)	(142)	(407)	(279)	(60)	(111)	(166)	(217)	(362)	(251)

3. Approve of the following methods of execution for people convicted of murder
Do you approve or disapprove of the following methods of execution for people convicted of murder?
Asked of those who favor the death penalty

		Gender		Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Lethal injection	57%	57%	57%	46%	54%	62%	65%	48%	52%	77%
Hanging	26%	36%	17%	30%	25%	27%	22%	17%	29%	32%
Gas chamber	39%	43%	35%	27%	35%	43%	50%	33%	37%	49%
Electric chair	41%	47%	36%	32%	38%	45%	51%	33%	40%	54%
Firing squad	35%	45%	26%	34%	31%	36%	40%	23%	36%	47%
Beheading	17%	23%	12%	26%	21%	13%	9%	13%	19%	19%
Totals	(994)	(479)	(515)	(202)	(299)	(341)	(152)	(321)	(427)	(246)

		Race			Family Income				Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Lethal injection	57%	62%	36%	47%	52%	57%	82%	63%	55%	62%	56%	55%
Hanging	26%	29%	16%	19%	25%	29%	40%	27%	29%	31%	24%	22%
Gas chamber	39%	42%	26%	33%	37%	39%	67%	38%	36%	45%	40%	33%
Electric chair	41%	45%	24%	35%	36%	46%	63%	44%	41%	45%	41%	39%
Firing squad	35%	40%	16%	27%	33%	37%	44%	42%	33%	40%	32%	37%
Beheading	17%	18%	14%	14%	18%	18%	25%	17%	18%	19%	16%	17%
Totals	(994)	(737)	(116)	(141)	(409)	(277)	(60)	(109)	(167)	(216)	(363)	(248)

4. Disapprove of the following methods of execution for people convicted of murder
Do you approve or disapprove of the following methods of execution for people convicted of murder?
Asked of those who favor the death penalty

		Gender		Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Lethal injection	8%	9%	7%	10%	8%	7%	5%	8%	10%	4%
Hanging	38%	27%	48%	28%	37%	38%	48%	37%	34%	45%
Gas chamber	24%	19%	28%	30%	22%	24%	19%	20%	24%	29%
Electric chair	23%	18%	27%	24%	25%	23%	18%	21%	22%	27%
Firing squad	28%	19%	36%	23%	29%	30%	28%	29%	25%	32%
Beheading	47%	39%	54%	32%	40%	54%	61%	42%	43%	61%
Totals	(994)	(479)	(515)	(202)	(299)	(341)	(152)	(321)	(427)	(246)

		Race			Family Income				Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Lethal injection	8%	7%	5%	12%	9%	9%	–	8%	7%	7%	9%	7%
Hanging	38%	38%	31%	41%	34%	35%	44%	45%	34%	36%	39%	39%
Gas chamber	24%	25%	15%	26%	23%	25%	15%	30%	26%	20%	24%	25%
Electric chair	23%	23%	19%	27%	25%	20%	20%	24%	24%	23%	23%	22%
Firing squad	28%	27%	26%	34%	26%	28%	33%	28%	29%	26%	31%	24%
Beheading	47%	49%	32%	47%	41%	47%	55%	55%	45%	47%	49%	44%
Totals	(994)	(737)	(116)	(141)	(409)	(277)	(60)	(109)	(167)	(216)	(363)	(248)

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

		Gender		Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Opposes or is not sure about the death penalty	32%	32%	31%	37%	34%	28%	28%	41%	33%	17%
They should be as quick and painless as possible	38%	36%	39%	36%	30%	39%	48%	33%	34%	50%
Being quick and painless should not be a priority	24%	25%	23%	20%	29%	24%	21%	18%	26%	29%
Not sure	7%	6%	7%	7%	7%	8%	3%	8%	7%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(992)	(479)	(513)	(201)	(299)	(340)	(152)	(321)	(425)	(246)

		Race			Family Income				Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Opposes or is not sure about the death penalty	32%	29%	49%	33%	35%	32%	15%	27%	35%	28%	31%	34%
They should be as quick and painless as possible	38%	40%	26%	36%	31%	38%	47%	49%	39%	35%	36%	41%
Being quick and painless should not be a priority	24%	25%	16%	24%	24%	26%	31%	24%	21%	30%	26%	18%
Not sure	7%	6%	9%	7%	10%	4%	6%	1%	5%	6%	7%	7%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(992)	(735)	(116)	(141)	(409)	(275)	(60)	(109)	(167)	(215)	(362)	(248)

6. Worse punishment
Which do you personally think would be worse?

		Gender		Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Being executed	30%	29%	31%	30%	36%	28%	23%	30%	26%	36%
Spending the rest of your life in prison with no possibility of parole	56%	56%	55%	55%	46%	57%	67%	56%	60%	47%
Not sure	15%	16%	14%	15%	17%	16%	10%	14%	14%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(989)	(477)	(512)	(201)	(297)	(340)	(151)	(318)	(427)	(244)

		Race			Family Income				Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Being executed	30%	28%	28%	38%	32%	27%	36%	35%	28%	27%	32%	29%
Spending the rest of your life in prison with no possibility of parole	56%	58%	51%	47%	56%	56%	51%	53%	59%	58%	52%	56%
Not sure	15%	14%	20%	15%	13%	17%	13%	11%	12%	15%	16%	15%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(989)	(734)	(114)	(141)	(405)	(275)	(60)	(111)	(167)	(212)	(361)	(249)

7. Opinion after botched execution
Recently, a man convicted of murder, who was executed by lethal injection, gasped for breath for nearly two hours before he died, though prison officials say he was sedated the entire time. Do you support or oppose the death penalty for people convicted of murder if this may occur?
Asked of those who favor the death penalty

		Gender		Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Opposes or is not sure about the death penalty	32%	32%	31%	37%	34%	28%	28%	41%	33%	17%
Strongly favor	31%	36%	26%	19%	35%	34%	35%	23%	28%	47%
Somewhat favor	18%	16%	20%	23%	13%	19%	17%	15%	19%	21%
Somewhat oppose	8%	7%	9%	8%	7%	7%	11%	9%	6%	10%
Strongly oppose	4%	3%	5%	4%	5%	4%	4%	6%	4%	2%
Not sure	7%	5%	9%	9%	7%	8%	4%	6%	10%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(993)	(478)	(515)	(202)	(298)	(341)	(152)	(321)	(426)	(246)

		Race			Family Income				Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Opposes or is not sure about the death penalty	32%	29%	49%	33%	35%	32%	15%	27%	35%	28%	31%	34%
Strongly favor	31%	33%	15%	34%	28%	32%	47%	38%	27%	34%	34%	27%
Somewhat favor	18%	20%	11%	13%	15%	20%	25%	17%	19%	21%	15%	20%
Somewhat oppose	8%	8%	6%	7%	10%	6%	6%	8%	5%	7%	9%	9%
Strongly oppose	4%	3%	8%	7%	4%	5%	4%	5%	4%	2%	3%	8%
Not sure	7%	7%	11%	6%	8%	5%	3%	6%	11%	8%	8%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(993)	(737)	(116)	(140)	(408)	(277)	(60)	(109)	(166)	(216)	(363)	(248)