

**1. Favorability**

Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Eric Holder?

|                          | Gender        |               |               | Age           |               |               |               | Party ID      |               |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                          | Total         | Male          | Female        | 18-29         | 30-44         | 45-64         | 65+           | Democrat      | Independent   | Republican    |
| Very favorable           | 8%            | 10%           | 6%            | 4%            | 5%            | 11%           | 12%           | 15%           | 6%            | 3%            |
| Somewhat favorable       | 18%           | 20%           | 17%           | 15%           | 19%           | 19%           | 20%           | 29%           | 14%           | 11%           |
| Somewhat unfavorable     | 11%           | 13%           | 8%            | 14%           | 10%           | 10%           | 9%            | 13%           | 9%            | 10%           |
| Very unfavorable         | 26%           | 33%           | 19%           | 9%            | 24%           | 31%           | 40%           | 3%            | 27%           | 54%           |
| Don't know               | 37%           | 23%           | 50%           | 59%           | 42%           | 28%           | 19%           | 40%           | 43%           | 22%           |
| Totals<br>(Unweighted N) | 100%<br>(997) | 100%<br>(482) | 100%<br>(515) | 100%<br>(198) | 100%<br>(273) | 100%<br>(375) | 100%<br>(151) | 100%<br>(345) | 100%<br>(406) | 100%<br>(246) |

|                          | Race          |               |               | Family Income |               |               | Region        |               |               |               |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                          | Total         | White         | Black         | Hispanic      | Under 40      | 40-80         | 80+           | Northeast     | Midwest       | South         | West          |
| Very favorable           | 8%            | 5%            | 23%           | 10%           | 9%            | 9%            | 10%           | 5%            | 8%            | 12%           | 4%            |
| Somewhat favorable       | 18%           | 16%           | 34%           | 16%           | 20%           | 20%           | 20%           | 23%           | 15%           | 16%           | 21%           |
| Somewhat unfavorable     | 11%           | 11%           | 4%            | 15%           | 10%           | 12%           | 11%           | 11%           | 12%           | 9%            | 11%           |
| Very unfavorable         | 26%           | 31%           | 2%            | 17%           | 15%           | 33%           | 41%           | 18%           | 32%           | 27%           | 26%           |
| Don't know               | 37%           | 36%           | 37%           | 41%           | 45%           | 27%           | 18%           | 44%           | 33%           | 36%           | 38%           |
| Totals<br>(Unweighted N) | 100%<br>(997) | 100%<br>(752) | 100%<br>(113) | 100%<br>(132) | 100%<br>(402) | 100%<br>(293) | 100%<br>(162) | 100%<br>(160) | 100%<br>(192) | 100%<br>(392) | 100%<br>(253) |

**2. Heard about resignation**

How much have you heard about Eric Holder announcing he will step down as the US Attorney General?

|                      | Gender |       |        | Age   |       |       |       | Party ID |             |            |
|----------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------------|------------|
|                      | Total  | Male  | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+   | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Heard a lot          | 32%    | 39%   | 26%    | 10%   | 27%   | 39%   | 56%   | 28%      | 30%         | 43%        |
| Heard a little       | 40%    | 39%   | 40%    | 42%   | 37%   | 42%   | 37%   | 46%      | 34%         | 41%        |
| Heard nothing at all | 28%    | 22%   | 34%    | 49%   | 36%   | 19%   | 8%    | 26%      | 36%         | 17%        |
| Totals               | 100%   | 100%  | 100%   | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | 100%     | 100%        | 100%       |
| (Unweighted N)       | (999)  | (484) | (515)  | (198) | (272) | (377) | (152) | (346)    | (406)       | (247)      |

|                      | Race  |       |       | Family Income |          |       | Region |           |         |       |       |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|----------|-------|--------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
|                      | Total | White | Black | Hispanic      | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+    | Northeast | Midwest | South | West  |
| Heard a lot          | 32%   | 34%   | 30%   | 23%           | 21%      | 40%   | 51%    | 25%       | 36%     | 34%   | 32%   |
| Heard a little       | 40%   | 40%   | 43%   | 36%           | 47%      | 38%   | 35%    | 43%       | 43%     | 37%   | 39%   |
| Heard nothing at all | 28%   | 26%   | 27%   | 41%           | 31%      | 23%   | 15%    | 32%       | 21%     | 29%   | 29%   |
| Totals               | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | 100%          | 100%     | 100%  | 100%   | 100%      | 100%    | 100%  | 100%  |
| (Unweighted N)       | (999) | (754) | (113) | (132)         | (402)    | (294) | (162)  | (162)     | (192)   | (393) | (252) |

**3. Job approval**

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Eric Holder handled his job as US Attorney General?

|                          | Gender        |               |               | Age           |               |               |               | Party ID      |               |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                          | Total         | Male          | Female        | 18-29         | 30-44         | 45-64         | 65+           | Democrat      | Independent   | Republican    |
| Approve strongly         | 8%            | 8%            | 8%            | 5%            | 5%            | 11%           | 12%           | 16%           | 7%            | 1%            |
| Approve somewhat         | 19%           | 22%           | 17%           | 17%           | 17%           | 22%           | 21%           | 34%           | 14%           | 10%           |
| Disapprove somewhat      | 11%           | 14%           | 9%            | 13%           | 13%           | 12%           | 6%            | 9%            | 12%           | 13%           |
| Disapprove strongly      | 28%           | 35%           | 21%           | 10%           | 26%           | 35%           | 41%           | 6%            | 29%           | 57%           |
| Not sure                 | 33%           | 21%           | 45%           | 55%           | 39%           | 20%           | 20%           | 36%           | 39%           | 19%           |
| Totals<br>(Unweighted N) | 100%<br>(998) | 100%<br>(484) | 100%<br>(514) | 100%<br>(198) | 100%<br>(273) | 100%<br>(377) | 100%<br>(150) | 100%<br>(345) | 100%<br>(406) | 100%<br>(247) |

|                          | Race          |               |               | Family Income |               |               | Region        |               |               |               |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                          | Total         | White         | Black         | Hispanic      | Under 40      | 40-80         | 80+           | Northeast     | Midwest       | South         | West          |
| Approve strongly         | 8%            | 5%            | 28%           | 6%            | 9%            | 8%            | 12%           | 5%            | 9%            | 12%           | 5%            |
| Approve somewhat         | 19%           | 18%           | 27%           | 20%           | 24%           | 22%           | 16%           | 20%           | 19%           | 17%           | 23%           |
| Disapprove somewhat      | 11%           | 12%           | 1%            | 14%           | 10%           | 11%           | 14%           | 17%           | 12%           | 8%            | 10%           |
| Disapprove strongly      | 28%           | 34%           | 1%            | 22%           | 18%           | 33%           | 44%           | 20%           | 32%           | 30%           | 27%           |
| Not sure                 | 33%           | 31%           | 43%           | 39%           | 39%           | 25%           | 15%           | 39%           | 28%           | 32%           | 35%           |
| Totals<br>(Unweighted N) | 100%<br>(998) | 100%<br>(754) | 100%<br>(113) | 100%<br>(131) | 100%<br>(403) | 100%<br>(293) | 100%<br>(162) | 100%<br>(162) | 100%<br>(192) | 100%<br>(391) | 100%<br>(253) |

**4. Refusing to defend – The Eisenhower administration refused to defend federal laws that imposed separate-but-equal facilities in schools and hospitals.**

Do you think the following Presidential administrations were right or wrong when they refused to defend the following laws in federal court?

|                                   | Gender       |            |            | Age        |            |            |            | Party ID   |             |            |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|                                   | Total        | Male       | Female     | 18-29      | 30-44      | 45-64      | 65+        | Democrat   | Independent | Republican |
| RIGHT to refuse to defend the law | 41%          | 47%        | 35%        | 41%        | 38%        | 41%        | 44%        | 41%        | 41%         | 39%        |
| WRONG to refuse to defend the law | 31%          | 33%        | 29%        | 26%        | 30%        | 37%        | 28%        | 34%        | 29%         | 31%        |
| Not sure                          | 28%          | 20%        | 36%        | 33%        | 32%        | 22%        | 28%        | 25%        | 30%         | 29%        |
| Totals (Unweighted N)             | 100% (1,000) | 100% (484) | 100% (516) | 100% (198) | 100% (273) | 100% (377) | 100% (152) | 100% (346) | 100% (407)  | 100% (247) |

|                                   | Race         |            |            | Family Income |            |            | Region     |            |            |            |            |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                   | Total        | White      | Black      | Hispanic      | Under 40   | 40-80      | 80+        | Northeast  | Midwest    | South      | West       |
| RIGHT to refuse to defend the law | 41%          | 42%        | 39%        | 33%           | 33%        | 47%        | 52%        | 45%        | 45%        | 37%        | 39%        |
| WRONG to refuse to defend the law | 31%          | 30%        | 36%        | 32%           | 34%        | 30%        | 26%        | 26%        | 35%        | 31%        | 32%        |
| Not sure                          | 28%          | 28%        | 25%        | 34%           | 33%        | 23%        | 22%        | 29%        | 20%        | 32%        | 29%        |
| Totals (Unweighted N)             | 100% (1,000) | 100% (755) | 100% (113) | 100% (132)    | 100% (403) | 100% (294) | 100% (162) | 100% (162) | 100% (192) | 100% (393) | 100% (253) |

**5. Refusing to defend – The Reagan administration refused to defend the federal independent counsel law.**

Do you think the following Presidential administrations were right or wrong when they refused to defend the following laws in federal court?

|                                   | Gender     |            |            | Age        |            |            |            | Party ID   |             |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|                                   | Total      | Male       | Female     | 18-29      | 30-44      | 45-64      | 65+        | Democrat   | Independent | Republican |
| RIGHT to refuse to defend the law | 16%        | 18%        | 13%        | 11%        | 14%        | 19%        | 16%        | 14%        | 12%         | 24%        |
| WRONG to refuse to defend the law | 30%        | 36%        | 25%        | 25%        | 29%        | 36%        | 30%        | 35%        | 31%         | 23%        |
| Not sure                          | 54%        | 46%        | 62%        | 63%        | 57%        | 46%        | 54%        | 50%        | 58%         | 52%        |
| Totals (Unweighted N)             | 100% (999) | 100% (484) | 100% (515) | 100% (198) | 100% (273) | 100% (376) | 100% (152) | 100% (345) | 100% (407)  | 100% (247) |

|                                   | Race       |            |            | Family Income |            |            | Region     |            |            |            |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                   | Total      | White      | Black      | Hispanic      | Under 40   | 40-80      | 80+        | Northeast  | Midwest    | South      | West       |
| RIGHT to refuse to defend the law | 16%        | 15%        | 12%        | 22%           | 15%        | 19%        | 15%        | 17%        | 11%        | 17%        | 15%        |
| WRONG to refuse to defend the law | 30%        | 30%        | 35%        | 30%           | 29%        | 31%        | 27%        | 27%        | 28%        | 29%        | 37%        |
| Not sure                          | 54%        | 56%        | 52%        | 48%           | 56%        | 51%        | 58%        | 56%        | 61%        | 54%        | 48%        |
| Totals (Unweighted N)             | 100% (999) | 100% (755) | 100% (112) | 100% (132)    | 100% (402) | 100% (294) | 100% (162) | 100% (161) | 100% (192) | 100% (393) | 100% (253) |

**6. Refusing to defend – The Clinton administration refused to defend the federal law that required discharging military members who contracted the HIV virus.**

Do you think the following Presidential administrations were right or wrong when they refused to defend the following laws in federal court?

|                                   | Gender       |            |            | Age        |            |            |            | Party ID   |             |            |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|                                   | Total        | Male       | Female     | 18-29      | 30-44      | 45-64      | 65+        | Democrat   | Independent | Republican |
| RIGHT to refuse to defend the law | 38%          | 38%        | 39%        | 42%        | 35%        | 40%        | 35%        | 52%        | 36%         | 23%        |
| WRONG to refuse to defend the law | 36%          | 41%        | 32%        | 27%        | 33%        | 43%        | 42%        | 25%        | 35%         | 54%        |
| Not sure                          | 25%          | 21%        | 29%        | 31%        | 32%        | 17%        | 23%        | 23%        | 29%         | 22%        |
| Totals (Unweighted N)             | 100% (1,000) | 100% (484) | 100% (516) | 100% (198) | 100% (273) | 100% (377) | 100% (152) | 100% (346) | 100% (407)  | 100% (247) |

|                                   | Race         |            |            | Family Income |            |            | Region     |            |            |            |            |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                   | Total        | White      | Black      | Hispanic      | Under 40   | 40-80      | 80+        | Northeast  | Midwest    | South      | West       |
| RIGHT to refuse to defend the law | 38%          | 35%        | 50%        | 48%           | 37%        | 42%        | 46%        | 41%        | 38%        | 39%        | 36%        |
| WRONG to refuse to defend the law | 36%          | 41%        | 18%        | 27%           | 34%        | 40%        | 35%        | 34%        | 39%        | 34%        | 39%        |
| Not sure                          | 25%          | 24%        | 33%        | 25%           | 30%        | 18%        | 19%        | 26%        | 23%        | 26%        | 25%        |
| Totals (Unweighted N)             | 100% (1,000) | 100% (755) | 100% (113) | 100% (132)    | 100% (403) | 100% (294) | 100% (162) | 100% (162) | 100% (192) | 100% (393) | 100% (253) |

**7. Refusing to defend – The George W Bush administration refused to defend the federal law providing affirmative action in the awarding of broadcasting licenses.**

Do you think the following Presidential administrations were right or wrong when they refused to defend the following laws in federal court?

|                                   | Total        | Gender     |            | Age        |            |            |            | Party ID   |             |            |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|                                   |              | Male       | Female     | 18-29      | 30-44      | 45-64      | 65+        | Democrat   | Independent | Republican |
| RIGHT to refuse to defend the law | 31%          | 39%        | 23%        | 24%        | 25%        | 37%        | 38%        | 23%        | 28%         | 48%        |
| WRONG to refuse to defend the law | 31%          | 34%        | 28%        | 30%        | 27%        | 34%        | 31%        | 39%        | 31%         | 19%        |
| Not sure                          | 38%          | 27%        | 49%        | 47%        | 48%        | 29%        | 30%        | 38%        | 41%         | 33%        |
| Totals (Unweighted N)             | 100% (1,000) | 100% (484) | 100% (516) | 100% (198) | 100% (273) | 100% (377) | 100% (152) | 100% (346) | 100% (407)  | 100% (247) |

|                                   | Total        | Race       |            |            | Family Income |            |            | Region     |            |            |            |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                   |              | White      | Black      | Hispanic   | Under 40      | 40-80      | 80+        | Northeast  | Midwest    | South      | West       |
| RIGHT to refuse to defend the law | 31%          | 34%        | 15%        | 29%        | 24%           | 36%        | 40%        | 37%        | 33%        | 32%        | 23%        |
| WRONG to refuse to defend the law | 31%          | 30%        | 42%        | 28%        | 32%           | 33%        | 26%        | 23%        | 35%        | 30%        | 33%        |
| Not sure                          | 38%          | 37%        | 43%        | 43%        | 45%           | 31%        | 34%        | 40%        | 32%        | 37%        | 44%        |
| Totals (Unweighted N)             | 100% (1,000) | 100% (755) | 100% (113) | 100% (132) | 100% (403)    | 100% (294) | 100% (162) | 100% (162) | 100% (192) | 100% (393) | 100% (253) |

**8. Refusing to defend – The Obama administration refused to defend the federal Defense of Marriage Act.**

Do you think the following Presidential administrations were right or wrong when they refused to defend the following laws in federal court?

|                                   | Total        | Gender     |            | Age        |            |            |            | Party ID   |             |            |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|                                   |              | Male       | Female     | 18-29      | 30-44      | 45-64      | 65+        | Democrat   | Independent | Republican |
| RIGHT to refuse to defend the law | 31%          | 34%        | 28%        | 36%        | 30%        | 27%        | 34%        | 49%        | 27%         | 14%        |
| WRONG to refuse to defend the law | 40%          | 43%        | 37%        | 28%        | 37%        | 47%        | 45%        | 24%        | 40%         | 60%        |
| Not sure                          | 29%          | 23%        | 35%        | 36%        | 33%        | 26%        | 21%        | 26%        | 33%         | 26%        |
| Totals (Unweighted N)             | 100% (1,000) | 100% (484) | 100% (516) | 100% (198) | 100% (273) | 100% (377) | 100% (152) | 100% (346) | 100% (407)  | 100% (247) |

|                                   | Total        | Race       |            |            | Family Income |            |            | Region     |            |            |            |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                   |              | White      | Black      | Hispanic   | Under 40      | 40-80      | 80+        | Northeast  | Midwest    | South      | West       |
| RIGHT to refuse to defend the law | 31%          | 29%        | 37%        | 33%        | 26%           | 34%        | 39%        | 31%        | 29%        | 31%        | 33%        |
| WRONG to refuse to defend the law | 40%          | 43%        | 30%        | 29%        | 42%           | 34%        | 41%        | 35%        | 46%        | 40%        | 37%        |
| Not sure                          | 29%          | 27%        | 33%        | 37%        | 31%           | 32%        | 20%        | 34%        | 25%        | 29%        | 30%        |
| Totals (Unweighted N)             | 100% (1,000) | 100% (755) | 100% (113) | 100% (132) | 100% (403)    | 100% (294) | 100% (162) | 100% (162) | 100% (192) | 100% (393) | 100% (253) |

**9. Disenfranchising felons**

Which of the following comes closest to your opinion about voting rights for people who have been convicted of felonies?

|  | Total      | Gender     |            | Age        |            |            |            | Party ID   |             |            |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|  |            | Male       | Female     | 18-29      | 30-44      | 45-64      | 65+        | Democrat   | Independent | Republican |
| They should permanently lose their right to vote                                   | 21%        | 21%        | 20%        | 8%         | 23%        | 24%        | 28%        | 15%        | 17%         | 34%        |
| They should lose their right to vote only until they have completed their sentence | 51%        | 53%        | 48%        | 47%        | 41%        | 56%        | 58%        | 56%        | 50%         | 44%        |
| They should not lose their right to vote at all                                    | 18%        | 16%        | 20%        | 28%        | 22%        | 12%        | 11%        | 22%        | 19%         | 11%        |
| Not sure   | 11%        | 9%         | 12%        | 17%        | 15%        | 8%         | 3%         | 8%         | 14%         | 10%        |
| Totals (Unweighted N)  | 100% (990) | 100% (479) | 100% (511) | 100% (194) | 100% (270) | 100% (375) | 100% (151) | 100% (343) | 100% (403)  | 100% (244) |

|  | Total      | Race       |            |            | Family Income |            |            | Region     |            |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|  |            | White      | Black      | Hispanic   | Under 40      | 40-80      | 80+        | Northeast  | Midwest    | South      | West       |
| They should permanently lose their right to vote                                   | 21%        | 24%        | 8%         | 14%        | 18%           | 22%        | 25%        | 16%        | 30%        | 20%        | 18%        |
| They should lose their right to vote only until they have completed their sentence | 51%        | 50%        | 56%        | 48%        | 47%           | 56%        | 58%        | 45%        | 49%        | 53%        | 53%        |
| They should not lose their right to vote at all                                    | 18%        | 17%        | 22%        | 19%        | 22%           | 16%        | 11%        | 24%        | 13%        | 16%        | 21%        |
| Not sure   | 11%        | 9%         | 14%        | 18%        | 13%           | 6%         | 6%         | 15%        | 9%         | 12%        | 7%         |
| Totals (Unweighted N)  | 100% (990) | 100% (748) | 100% (112) | 100% (130) | 100% (397)    | 100% (291) | 100% (162) | 100% (161) | 100% (190) | 100% (389) | 100% (250) |