

Table 2.71

Attitudes toward the death penalty for persons convicted of murder

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1995

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

	Yes, in favor	No, not in favor	Depends
National	77%	13%	8%
Sex			
Male	80	12	6
Female	74	15	9
Race			
White	81	10	7
Black	53	31	14
Nonwhite ^a	56	30	12
Age			
18 to 29 years	80	14	4
30 to 49 years	77	13	8
50 to 64 years	79	12	7
50 years and older	75	12	11
65 years and older	71	13	14
Education			
College post graduate	69	22	7
College graduate	75	17	6
Some college	81	9	8
No college	76	14	8
Income			
\$50,000 and over	81	14	4
\$30,000 to \$49,999	82	7	9
\$20,000 to \$29,999	75	14	8
Under \$20,000	71	17	11
Community			
Urban area	72	17	8
Suburban area	83	9	7
Rural area	79	11	8
Region			
East	75	17	8
Midwest	78	10	9
South	77	12	8
West	78	15	6
Politics			
Republican	89	7	4
Democrat	67	20	10
Independent	76	13	9

Note: The "no opinion" category has been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 6.

^aIncludes black respondents.

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