

Table 2.118

Attitudes toward the legalization of prostitution

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1996

Question: "In your opinion, should prostitution involving adults aged 18 years of age and older be legal or illegal in your state?"

	Legal	Illegal	Don't know/ refused
National	26%	70%	4%
Sex			
Male	32	63	5
Female	21	77	2
Race			
White	27	70	3
Black	20	79	1
Nonwhite ^a	22	75	3
Age			
18 to 29 years	25	74	1
30 to 49 years	28	68	4
50 to 64 years	32	65	3
65 years and older	18	77	5
Education			
College post graduate	41	57	2
College graduate	28	69	3
Some college	28	68	4
No college	21	76	3
Income			
\$75,000 and over	34	61	5
\$50,000 and over ^b	33	64	3
\$30,000 to \$49,999	26	70	4
\$20,000 to \$29,999	27	71	2
Under \$20,000	18	80	2
Community			
Urban area	30	68	2
Suburban area	26	69	5
Rural area	22	77	1
Region			
East	28	68	4
Midwest	20	78	2
South	24	75	1
West	34	58	8
Politics			
Republican	23	74	3
Democrat	25	71	4
Independent	31	66	3

Note: For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 6.

^aIncludes black respondents.

^bIncludes \$75,000 and over category.

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