



National Survey Results

Q1 Which punishment do you prefer for persons convicted of 1st degree murder--the death penalty or life in prison with absolutely no possibility of parole?

Death penalty..... 52%
Life in prison with absolutely no possibility of parole..... 37%
Not sure 11%

Q2 Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons with mental illness?

Favor 28%
Oppose 58%
Not sure 14%

Q3 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q4 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

Democrat 38%
Republican..... 38%
Independent..... 23%

Q5 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 9%
White 73%
African-American 12%
Other..... 6%

Q6 If you are 18-29 years old, press 1. If 30-45, press 2. If 46-65, press 3. If other, press 4.

18 to 29..... 12%
30 to 45..... 17%
46 to 65..... 45%
Other..... 25%

Q7 Which area of the country do you live in: the Northeast, the Midwest, the South, or the West?

Northeast 28%
Midwest 23%
South 31%
West..... 18%

Q8 Which of the following best describes the highest level of education you completed: some high school but did not finish, high school graduate, some college but did not finish, two year college degree, four-year college degree, some graduate work, or post-graduate degree?

Some high school but did not finish 6%
High school graduate 18%
Some college but did not finish 19%
Two-year college degree..... 10%
Four-year college degree..... 18%
Some graduate work..... 8%
Post-graduate degree 15%
Don't care to say 5%

Q9 What is your household's annual income: less than \$30,000, \$30,000 to \$50,000, \$50,000 to \$75,000, \$75,000 to \$100,000, or more than \$100,000?

Less than \$30,000 16%
\$30,000 to \$50,000..... 15%
\$50,000 to \$75,000..... 17%
\$75,000 to \$100,000..... 13%
More than \$100,000..... 16%
Don't care to say..... 23%





| | Base | Gender | |
|---|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Death Penalty/Life in Prison | | | |
| Death penalty | 52% | 46% | 59% |
| Life in prison with absolutely no possibility of parole | 37% | 42% | 31% |
| Not sure | 11% | 12% | 10% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|--|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Death Pen. Eligib. for Mentally Ill | | | |
| Favor | 28% | 26% | 31% |
| Oppose | 58% | 60% | 56% |
| Not sure | 14% | 15% | 13% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|---|------|----------|------------|-------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent |
| Death Penalty/Life in Prison | | | | |
| Death penalty | 52% | 43% | 60% | 56% |
| Life in prison with absolutely no possibility of parole | 37% | 45% | 32% | 31% |
| Not sure | 11% | 12% | 9% | 13% |





| | Base | Party | | |
|--|------|----------|------------|-------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent |
| Death Pen. Eligib. for Mentally Ill | | | | |
| Favor | 28% | 26% | 28% | 32% |
| Oppose | 58% | 62% | 59% | 51% |
| Not sure | 14% | 12% | 13% | 17% |

| | Base | Race | | | |
|---|------|----------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | | Hispanic | White | African-American | Other |
| Death Penalty/Life in Prison | | | | | |
| Death penalty | 52% | 54% | 55% | 34% | 50% |
| Life in prison with absolutely no possibility of parole | 37% | 44% | 36% | 39% | 33% |
| Not sure | 11% | 2% | 9% | 26% | 17% |

| | Base | Race | | | |
|--|------|----------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | | Hispanic | White | African-American | Other |
| Death Pen. Eligib. for Mentally Ill | | | | | |
| Favor | 28% | 46% | 28% | 17% | 21% |
| Oppose | 58% | 47% | 60% | 59% | 55% |
| Not sure | 14% | 7% | 12% | 24% | 24% |





| | Base | Age | | | |
|--|------|----------|----------|----------|-------|
| | | 18 to 29 | 30 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Other |
| Death Penalty/Life in Prison | | | | | |
| Death penalty | 52% | 46% | 56% | 54% | 49% |
| Life in prison with absolutely no possibility of parole | 37% | 37% | 30% | 38% | 39% |
| Not sure | 11% | 16% | 14% | 8% | 12% |

| | Base | Age | | | |
|--|------|----------|----------|----------|-------|
| | | 18 to 29 | 30 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Other |
| Death Pen. Eligib. for Mentally Ill | | | | | |
| Favor | 28% | 51% | 23% | 29% | 19% |
| Oppose | 58% | 36% | 50% | 63% | 66% |
| Not sure | 14% | 13% | 26% | 9% | 14% |

| | Base | Area | | | |
|--|------|-----------|---------|-------|------|
| | | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Death Penalty/Life in Prison | | | | | |
| Death penalty | 52% | 55% | 46% | 56% | 50% |
| Life in prison with absolutely no possibility of parole | 37% | 36% | 43% | 34% | 34% |
| Not sure | 11% | 9% | 11% | 10% | 16% |





| | Base | Area | | | |
|--|------|-----------|---------|-------|------|
| | | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Death Pen. Eligib. for Mentally III | | | | | |
| Favor | 28% | 30% | 27% | 29% | 26% |
| Oppose | 58% | 55% | 64% | 55% | 61% |
| Not sure | 14% | 16% | 9% | 16% | 13% |

| | Base | Education | | | | | | | |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | | Some high school but did not finish | High school graduate | Some college but did not finish | Two-year college degree | Four-year college degree | Some graduate work | Post-graduate degree | Don't care to say |
| Death Penalty/Life in Prison | | | | | | | | | |
| Death penalty | 52% | 45% | 50% | 57% | 58% | 48% | 56% | 54% | 44% |
| Life in prison with absolutely no possibility of parole | 37% | 35% | 36% | 33% | 34% | 43% | 37% | 36% | 41% |
| Not sure | 11% | 21% | 14% | 10% | 8% | 9% | 6% | 10% | 15% |

| | Base | Education | | | | | | | |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | | Some high school but did not finish | High school graduate | Some college but did not finish | Two-year college degree | Four-year college degree | Some graduate work | Post-graduate degree | Don't care to say |
| Death Pen. Eligib. for Mentally III | | | | | | | | | |
| Favor | 28% | 27% | 28% | 33% | 28% | 23% | 30% | 28% | 33% |
| Oppose | 58% | 40% | 56% | 59% | 61% | 67% | 63% | 58% | 38% |
| Not sure | 14% | 33% | 16% | 8% | 11% | 10% | 8% | 14% | 29% |





| | Base | Income | | | | | |
|--|------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | | Less than \$30,000 | \$30,000 to \$50,000 | \$50,000 to \$75,000 | \$75,000 to \$100,000 | More than \$100,000 | Don't care to say |
| Death Penalty/Life in Prison | | | | | | | |
| Death penalty | 52% | 48% | 60% | 56% | 55% | 53% | 45% |
| Life in prison with absolutely no possibility of parole | 37% | 31% | 26% | 38% | 36% | 42% | 44% |
| Not sure | 11% | 20% | 14% | 6% | 9% | 5% | 11% |

| | Base | Income | | | | | |
|--|------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | | Less than \$30,000 | \$30,000 to \$50,000 | \$50,000 to \$75,000 | \$75,000 to \$100,000 | More than \$100,000 | Don't care to say |
| Death Pen. Eligib. for Mentally Ill | | | | | | | |
| Favor | 28% | 28% | 31% | 28% | 28% | 32% | 24% |
| Oppose | 58% | 55% | 56% | 61% | 63% | 61% | 55% |
| Not sure | 14% | 17% | 13% | 11% | 9% | 7% | 21% |

