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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 3-6, 2010 with a random sample of **-1,029—adults, aged 18+, living in the continental U.S., selected using a random-digit dial sampling technique.**

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with **95% confidence that the margin of error is ± 4 percentage points.**

For results based on the **-501—national adults in the Form A half-sample and -528—national adults in the Form B half-sample, the maximum margins of sampling error are ± 5 percentage points.**

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones (for respondents with a landline telephone) and cellular phones (for respondents who are cell phone only). Each sample includes a minimum quota of **150 cell phone only respondents and 850 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.**

Samples are weighted on the basis of gender, age, race, education, region and phone lines. Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2009 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in continental U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

17. Next, I'm going to read you a list of issues. Regardless of whether or not you think it should be legal, for each one, please tell me whether you personally believe that in general it is morally acceptable or morally wrong. How about -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

2010 May 3-6 (sorted by "morally acceptable")	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong
Divorce	69	23
The death penalty	65	26
Gambling	61	34
Buying and wearing clothing made of animal fur	60	35
Medical research using stem cells obtained from human embryos	59	32
Medical testing on animals	59	34
Sex between an unmarried man and woman	59	38
Having a baby outside of marriage	54	40
Gay or lesbian relations	52	43
Doctor assisted suicide	46	46
Abortion	38	50
Cloning animals	31	63
Suicide	15	77
Cloning humans	9	88
Polygamy, when one husband has more than one wife at the same time	7	90
Married men and women having an affair	6	92

Full Trends: Moral Acceptability

A. Abortion

	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	No opinion
2010 May 3-6	38	50	9	*	3
2009 May 7-10	36	56	6	*	1
2008 May 8-11	40	48	10	*	2
2007 May 10-13	40	51	7	*	1
2006 May 8-11	43	44	11	*	2
2005 May 2-5	40	51	8	--	1
2004 May 2-4	40	50	8	*	2
2003 May 5-7	37	53	9	*	1
2002 May 6-9	38	53	8	*	1
2001 May 10-14	42	45	11	1	1

B. The death penalty

	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	No opinion
2010 May 3-6	65	26	7	--	2
2009 May 7-10	62	30	6	*	2
2008 May 8-11	62	30	5	*	3
2007 May 10-13	66	27	5	*	2
2006 May 8-11	71	22	5	*	2
2005 May 2-5	70	25	4	*	1
2004 May 2-4	65	28	4	1	2
2003 May 5-7	64	31	4	--	1
2002 May 6-9	65	28	5	*	2
2001 May 10-14	63	27	7	1	2

C. Doctor assisted suicide

	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	No opinion
2010 May 3-6	46	46	6	*	2
2008 May 8-11	51	44	3	*	1
2007 May 10-13	49	44	5	--	2
2006 May 8-11	50	41	6	*	2
2005 May 2-5	49	46	4	*	1
2004 May 2-4	53	41	3	1	2
2003 May 5-7	45	49	5	--	1
2002 May 6-9	50	44	4	*	2
2001 May 10-14	49	40	8	*	3

D. Medical testing on animals

	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	No opinion
2010 May 3-6	59	34	4	1	2
2009 May 7-10	57	36	5	*	2
2008 May 8-11	56	38	3	*	3
2007 May 10-13	59	37	3	*	1
2006 May 8-11	61	32	5	*	2
2005 May 2-5	66	30	2	*	2
2004 May 2-4	62	32	4	*	2
2003 May 5-7	63	33	3	*	1
2002 May 6-9	63	30	3	1	3
2001 May 10-14	65	26	5	1	3

E. Buying and wearing clothing made of animal fur

	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	No opinion
2010 May 3-6	60	35	2	1	2
2009 May 7-10	61	35	1	1	1
2008 May 8-11	54	39	3	1	2
2007 May 10-13	58	38	2	1	2
2006 May 8-11	62	32	2	2	2
2005 May 2-5	64	32	2	1	1
2004 May 2-4	63	31	2	2	2
2003 May 5-7	60	36	2	1	1
2002 May 6-9	59	35	2	2	2
2001 May 10-14	60	32	2	3	3

F. Sex between an unmarried man and woman

	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	No opinion
2010 May 3-6	59	38	1	1	1
2009 May 7-10	57	40	1	*	1
2008 May 8-11	61	36	1	1	1
2007 May 10-13	59	38	1	1	1
2006 May 8-11	59	37	2	1	1
2005 May 2-5	58	39	2	*	1
2004 May 2-4	60	36	1	1	2
2003 May 5-7	58	41	1	*	*
2002 May 6-9	53	42	2	*	3
2001 May 10-14	53	42	3	1	1

G. Married men and women having an affair

	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	No opinion
2010 May 3-6	6	92	1	*	1
2009 May 7-10	6	92	1	1	1
2008 May 8-11	7	91	1	*	1
2007 May 10-13	6	91	2	*	1
2006 May 8-11	4	93	2	*	1
2005 May 2-5	5	93	1	*	1
2004 May 2-4	7	91	1	*	1
2003 May 5-7	6	93	*	*	1
2002 May 6-9	9	87	1	1	2
2001 May 10-14	7	89	3	*	1

H. Divorce

	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	No opinion
2010 May 3-6	69	23	7	*	1
2009 May 7-10	62	30	6	*	1
2008 May 8-11	70	22	6	*	1
2007 May 10-13	65	26	8	*	1
2006 May 8-11	67	24	8	1	1
2005 May 2-5	66	27	6	*	1
2004 May 2-4	66	26	6	1	1
2003 May 5-7	66	27	6	*	1
2002 May 6-9	63	28	8	*	1
2001 May 10-14	59	28	12	*	1

I. Cloning animals

	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	No opinion
2010 May 3-6	31	63	1	1	4
2009 May 7-10	34	63	1	1	2
2008 May 8-11	33	61	2	1	3
2007 May 10-13	36	59	2	1	3
2006 May 8-11	29	65	2	1	3
2005 May 2-5	35	61	1	*	3
2004 May 2-4	32	64	1	1	2
2003 May 5-7	29	68	1	*	2
2002 May 6-9	29	66	3	1	1
2001 May 10-14	31	63	2	1	3

J. Cloning humans

	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	No opinion
2010 May 3-6	9	88	*	1	3
2009 May 7-10	9	88	*	*	3
2008 May 8-11	11	85	1	*	2
2007 May 10-13	11	86	1	*	2
2006 May 8-11	8	88	1	*	3
2005 May 2-5	9	87	1	1	2
2004 May 2-4	9	88	1	*	2
2003 May 5-7	8	90	1	*	1
2002 May 6-9	7	90	2	*	1
2001 May 10-14	7	88	1	1	3

K. Suicide

	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	No opinion
2010 May 3-6	15	77	3	1	3
2009 May 7-10	15	80	2	1	2
2008 May 8-11	15	78	3	1	3
2007 May 10-13	16	78	3	1	2
2006 May 8-11	15	78	3	1	3
2005 May 2-5	13	82	3	*	2
2004 May 2-4	15	79	3	1	2
2003 May 5-7	14	81	2	1	2
2002 May 6-9	12	83	3	*	2
2001 May 10-14	13	78	6	1	2

L. Medical research using stem cells obtained from human embryos

	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	No opinion
2010 May 3-6	59	32	3	*	6
2009 May 7-10	57	36	2	1	4
2008 May 8-11	62	30	3	*	5
2007 May 10-13	64	30	2	*	4
2006 May 8-11	61	30	3	*	6
2005 May 2-5	60	33	3	--	4
2004 May 2-4	54	37	3	*	6
2003 May 5-7	54	38	3	--	5
2002 May 6-9	52	39	2	1	6

M. Having a baby outside of marriage

	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	No opinion
2010 May 3-6	54	40	4	*	2
2009 May 7-10	51	45	3	1	1
2008 May 8-11	55	41	2	*	1
2007 May 10-13	54	42	2	1	1
2006 May 8-11	51	43	4	*	1
2005 May 2-5	54	43	2	*	1
2004 May 2-4	49	45	3	1	2
2003 May 5-7	51	46	2	*	1
2002 May 6-9	45	50	3	1	1

N. Gambling

	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	No opinion
2010 May 3-6	61	34	3	1	1
2009 May 7-10	58	36	2	2	2
2008 May 8-11	63	32	2	1	2
2007 May 10-13	63	32	2	1	1
2006 May 8-11	60	34	2	2	1
2005 May 2-5	64	32	2	1	1
2004 May 2-4	66	30	1	2	1
2003 May 5-7	63	34	2	*	1

O. Polygamy, when one husband has more than one wife at the same time

	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	No opinion
2010 May 3-6	7	90	1	*	1
2009 May 7-10	7	91	1	1	1
2008 May 8-11	8	90	1	*	1
2007 May 10-13	8	90	1	*	*
2006 May 8-11	5	93	1	*	2
2005 May 2-5	6	92	1	*	1
2004 May 2-4	7	91	1	*	1
2003 May 5-7	7	92	1	--	*

P. Gay or Lesbian Relations

	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	No opinion
2010 May 3-6	52	43	1	*	4
2009 May 7-10	49	47	1	1	3
2008 May 8-11 [†]	48	48	1	1	2
2007 May 10-13 [†]	47	49	2	*	2
2006 May 8-11 [†]	44	51	1	1	2
2005 May 2-5 [^]	45	51	1	--	3
2004 May 2-4 [‡]	42	54	1	1	2
2003 May 5-7 [‡]	44	52	2	*	2
2002 May 6-9 [‡]	38	55	2	1	4
2001 May 10-14 [‡]	40	53	3	1	3

[^] Asked of a half sample.

[†] WORDING: Homosexual relations

[‡] WORDING: Homosexual behavior