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**Note:** Q.25-27 should be cited as a *USA Today*/Gallup poll.

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 5-8, 2011 with a random sample of **1,018**—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

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 sample of **530**—national adults in Form A and **488**—national adults in Form B, the maximum margins of sampling error are **±5** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **886**—registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is **±4** percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in 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.

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18. 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]?

<i>2011 May 5-8</i> <i>(sorted by "morally acceptable")</i>	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong
Divorce	69	23
The death penalty	65	28
Gambling	64	31
Medical research using stem cells obtained from human embryos	62	30
Sex between an unmarried man and woman	60	36
Buying and wearing clothing made of animal fur	56	39
Gay or lesbian relations	56	39
Medical testing on animals	55	38
Having a baby outside of marriage	54	41
Doctor assisted suicide	45	48
Abortion	39	51
Cloning animals	32	62
Pornography	30	66
Suicide	15	80
Cloning humans	12	84
Polygamy, when one husband has more than one wife at the same time	11	86
Married men and women having an affair	7	91

**FULL TRENDS: MORAL ACCEPTABILITY**

**A. Abortion**

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 5-8	39	51	7	*	3
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

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**B. The death penalty**

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 5-8	65	28	5	*	2
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**

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 5-8	45	48	5	*	2
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

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### D. Medical testing on animals

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 5-8	55	38	4	*	3
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

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 5-8	56	39	3	1	2
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

**Q.18 (MORAL ACCEPTABILITY) CONTINUED****F. Sex between an unmarried man and woman**

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 5-8	60	36	1	*	3
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**

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 5-8	7	91	1	*	1
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

**Q.18 (MORAL ACCEPTABILITY) CONTINUED****H. Divorce**

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 5-8	69	23	7	*	1
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**

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 5-8	32	62	2	1	3
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

## Q.18 (MORAL ACCEPTABILITY) CONTINUED

### J. Cloning humans

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 5-8	12	84	1	*	3
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

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 5-8	15	80	2	*	2
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

## Q.18 (MORAL ACCEPTABILITY) CONTINUED

### L. Medical research using stem cells obtained from human embryos

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 5-8	62	30	3	*	5
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

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 5-8	54	41	2	*	2
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

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 5-8	64	31	2	1	2
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



## Q.18 (MORAL ACCEPTABILITY) CONTINUED

### O. Polygamy, when a married person has more than one spouse at the same time

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 5-8	11	86	1	*	1
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	--	*

^ WORDING: Polygamy, when one husband has more than one wife at the same time

### P. Gay or Lesbian Relations

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 5-8	56	39	1	1	3
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

### Q. Pornography

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 5-8	30	66	1	*	3