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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 1-10, 2018 with a random sample of **-1,019-** adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

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 of national adults includes a minimum quota of 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Survey Sampling International. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2017 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2017 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

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. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact [galluphelp@gallup.com](mailto:galluphelp@gallup.com).

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Turning to a different subject,

8. Are you in favor of the death penalty for a person convicted of murder?

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion		Favor	Oppose	No opinion
2018 Oct 1-10	56	41	4	1999 Feb 8-9	71	22	7
				1995 May 11-14	77	13	10
2017 Oct 5-11	55	41	3	1994 Sep 6-7	80	16	4
2016 Oct 5-9	60	37	3	1991 Jun 13-16	76	18	6
2015 Oct 7-11	61	37	2	1988 Sep 25-Oct 1	79	16	5
2014 Oct 12-15	63	33	4	1988 Sep 9-11	79	16	5
2013 Oct 3-6	60	35	5	1986 Jan 10-13	70	22	8
2012 Dec 19-22	63	32	6	1985 Nov 11-18	75	17	8
2011 Oct 6-9	61	35	4	1985 Jan 11-14	72	20	8
2010 Oct 7-10 ^	64	29	6	1981 Jan 30-Feb 2	66	25	9
2009 Oct 1-4	65	31	5	1978 Mar 3-6	62	27	11
2008 Oct 3-5	64	30	5	1976 Apr 9-12	66	26	8
2007 Oct 4-7	69	27	4	1972 Nov 10-13	57	32	11
2006 Oct 9-12	67	28	5	1972 Mar 3-5	50	41	9
2006 May 5-7 ^	65	28	7	1971 Oct 29-Nov 2	49	40	11
2005 Oct 13-16	64	30	6	1969 Jan 23-28	51	40	9
2004 Oct 11-14	64	31	5	1967 Jun 2-7	54	38	8
2003 Oct 6-8	64	32	4	1966 May 19-24	42	47	11
2003 May 19-21	70	28	2	1965 Jan 7-12	45	43	12
2002 Oct 14-17	70	25	5	1960 Mar 2-7	53	36	11
2001 Oct 11-14	68	26	6	1957 Aug 29-Sep 4	47	34	18
2001 Feb 19-21 ^	67	25	8	1956 Mar 29-Apr 3	53	34	13
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	67	28	5	1953 Nov 1-5	68	25	7
2000 Jun 23-25	66	26	8	1937 Dec 1-6	60	33	7
2000 Feb 14-15	66	28	6	1936 Dec 2-7	59	38	3

^ Asked of half sample.

9. In your opinion, is the death penalty imposed -- [ROTATED: too often, about the right amount, or not often enough]?

	<u>Too often</u>	<u>About the right amount</u>	<u>Not enough</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Oct 1-10	29	28	37	6
2017 Oct 5-11	26	26	39	8
2016 Oct 5-9	26	26	41	7
2015 Oct 7-11	27	27	40	5
2014 Oct 12-15	24	28	40	9
2013 Oct 3-6	22	26	44	9
2011 Oct 6-9	25	27	40	8
2010 Oct 7-10	18	26	49	7
2009 Oct 1-4	20	24	49	7
2008 Oct 3-5	21	23	48	8
2007 Oct 4-7	21	26	49	4
2006 May 8-11	21	25	51	3
2005 May 2-5	20	24	53	3
2004 May 2-4	23	25	48	4
2003 May 5-7	23	26	48	3
2002 May 6-9	22	24	47	7
2001 May 10-14	21	34	38	7

10. Generally speaking, do you believe the death penalty is applied fairly or unfairly in this country today?

	<u>Fairly</u>	<u>Unfairly</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2018 Oct 1-10	49	45	6
2017 Oct 5-11	51	43	7
2016 Oct 5-9	50	44	5
2015 Oct 7-11	53	41	6
2014 Oct 12-15	51	42	7
2013 Oct 3-6	52	40	8
2011 Oct 6-9	52	41	6
2010 Oct 7-10	58	36	7
2009 Oct 1-4	57	34	9
2008 Oct 3-5	54	38	8
2007 Oct 4-7	57	38	5
2006 May 8-11	60	35	4
2005 May 2-5	61	35	4
2004 May 2-4	55	39	6
2003 May 5-7	60	37	3
2002 May 6-9	53	40	7
2000 Jun 23-25	51	41	8