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OCTOBER WAVE 2

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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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 2018 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2018 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**.

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On a different topic,

8.   If you could choose between the following two approaches, which do you think is the better penalty for murder -- [ROTATED: the death penalty (or) life imprisonment, with absolutely no possibility of parole]?

	The death penalty	Life imprisonment	No opinion
2019 Oct 14-31	36	60	4
2014 Sep 25-30	50	45	5
2010 Oct 7-10 ^	49	46	6
2006 May 5-7 ^	47	48	5
2001 Feb 19-21 ^	54	42	4
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5 ^	49	47	4
2000 Feb 20-21	52	37	11
1999 Feb 8-9 ^	56	38	6
1997 Aug 12-13 ^	61	29	10
1993 Oct 13-18	59	29	12
1992 Mar 30-Apr 5	50	37	13
1991 Jun 13-16	53	35	11
1986 Jan 10-13	55	35	10
1985 Jan 11-14	56	34	10

^   Asked of a half sample.

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GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: CRIME

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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
2019 Oct 1-13	56	42	2	1999 Feb 8-9	71	22	7
				1995 May 11-14	77	13	10
2018 Oct 1-10	56	41	4	1994 Sep 6-7	80	16	4
2017 Oct 5-11	55	41	3	1991 Jun 13-16	76	18	6
2016 Oct 5-9	60	37	3	1988 Sep 25-Oct 1	79	16	5
2015 Oct 7-11	61	37	2	1988 Sep 9-11	79	16	5
2014 Oct 12-15	63	33	4	1986 Jan 10-13	70	22	8
2013 Oct 3-6	60	35	5	1985 Nov 11-18	75	17	8
2012 Dec 19-22	63	32	6	1985 Jan 11-14	72	20	8
2011 Oct 6-9	61	35	4	1981 Jan 30-Feb 2	66	25	9
2010 Oct 7-10 ^	64	29	6	1978 Mar 3-6	62	27	11
2009 Oct 1-4	65	31	5	1976 Apr 9-12	66	26	8
2008 Oct 3-5	64	30	5	1972 Nov 10-13	57	32	11
2007 Oct 4-7	69	27	4	1972 Mar 3-5	50	41	9
2006 Oct 9-12	67	28	5	1971 Oct 29-Nov 2	49	40	11
2006 May 5-7 ^	65	28	7	1969 Jan 23-28	51	40	9
2005 Oct 13-16	64	30	6	1967 Jun 2-7	54	38	8
2004 Oct 11-14	64	31	5	1966 May 19-24	42	47	11
2003 Oct 6-8	64	32	4	1965 Jan 7-12	45	43	12
2003 May 19-21	70	28	2	1960 Mar 2-7	53	36	11
2002 Oct 14-17	70	25	5	1957 Aug 29-Sep 4	47	34	18
2001 Oct 11-14	68	26	6	1956 Mar 29-Apr 3	53	34	13
2001 Feb 19-21 ^	67	25	8	1953 Nov 1-5	68	25	7
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	67	28	5	1937 Dec 1-6	60	33	7
2000 Jun 23-25	66	26	8	1936 Dec 2-7	59	38	3
2000 Feb 14-15	66	28	6				

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QN8: If you could choose between the following two approaches, which do you think is the better penalty for murder? BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
			Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1506	803	703	1098	367	274	394	811	651	520	308	460	559	450	603	547	303
	Weighted n	1505	739	766	993	491	411	494	572	483	431	577	418	587	467	573	555	331
The death penalty (or)		549	323	226	429	112	113	201	228	151	162	232	244	205	90	290	180	65
		36%	44%	29%	43%	23%	28%	41%	40%	31%	38%	40%	58%	35%	19%	51%	32%	20%
Life imprisonment, with absolutely no possibility of parole (or)		900	394	506	535	355	280	277	327	314	249	327	160	354	366	261	358	254
		60%	53%	66%	54%	72%	68%	56%	57%	65%	58%	57%	38%	60%	79%	46%	65%	77%
(DK)/(Refused)		56	22	34	30	24	18	16	17	18	20	18	15	29	11	21	17	11
		4%	3%	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	3%	4%	5%	3%	4%	5%	2%	4%	3%	3%

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QN8: Death penalty BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
			Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1526	835	691	1132	359	279	403	815	626	537	349	462	612	419	604	531	348
	Weighted n	1526	751	775	1000	502	414	497	587	492	438	588	393	655	450	556	559	373
Yes, in favor		851	463	388	609	228	203	286	344	238	260	347	315	350	174	406	297	126
		56%	62%	50%	61%	45%	49%	58%	59%	48%	59%	59%	80%	53%	39%	73%	53%	34%
No, not in favor		641	271	370	368	264	207	194	230	249	167	223	72	279	274	138	243	244
		42%	36%	48%	37%	53%	50%	39%	39%	51%	38%	38%	18%	43%	61%	25%	43%	65%
(DK)/(Refused)		35	18	17	23	10	5	17	12	5	11	19	6	26	2	12	20	3
		2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	4%	0%	2%	4%	1%