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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 1-16, 2025, with a random sample of –1,000—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 ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of –500—national adults in Form A and the sample of –500— national adults in Form B, the margin of sampling error is ± 6 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 of national adults includes a minimum quota of 80% cell phone respondents and 20% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. 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, party identification, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the most recent Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the most recent National Health Interview Survey. Party identification targets are based on the average of the three most recent Gallup polls. Population density targets are based on the 2020 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.

Turning to a different subject,

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

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion		Favor	Oppose	No opinion
2025 Oct 1-16	52	44	4	2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	67	28	5
				2000 Jun 23-25	66	26	8
2024 Oct 1-12	53	43	4	2000 Feb 14-15	66	28	6
2023 Oct 2-23	53	44	2	1999 Feb 8-9	71	22	7
2022 Oct 3-20	55	42	3	1995 May 11-14	77	13	10
2021 Oct 1-19	54	43	3	1994 Sep 6-7	80	16	4
2020 Sep 30-Oct 15	55	43	2	1991 Jun 13-16	76	18	6
2019 Oct 1-13	56	42	2	1988 Sep 25-Oct 1	79	16	5
2018 Oct 1-10	56	41	4	1988 Sep 9-11	79	16	5
2017 Oct 5-11	55	41	3	1986 Jan 10-13	70	22	8
2016 Oct 5-9	60	37	3	1985 Nov 11-18	75	17	8
2015 Oct 7-11	61	37	2	1985 Jan 11-14	72	20	8
2014 Oct 12-15	63	33	4	1981 Jan 30-Feb 2	66	25	9
2013 Oct 3-6	60	35	5	1978 Mar 3-6	62	27	11
2012 Dec 19-22	63	32	6	1976 Apr 9-12	66	26	8
2011 Oct 6-9	61	35	4	1972 Nov 10-13	57	32	11
2010 Oct 7-10 ^	64	29	6	1972 Mar 3-5	50	41	9
2009 Oct 1-4	65	31	5	1971 Oct 29-Nov 2	49	40	11
2008 Oct 3-5	64	30	5	1969 Jan 23-28	51	40	9
2007 Oct 4-7	69	27	4	1967 Jun 2-7	54	38	8
2006 Oct 9-12	67	28	5	1966 May 19-24	42	47	11
2006 May 5-7 ^	65	28	7	1965 Jan 7-12	45	43	12
2005 Oct 13-16	64	30	6	1960 Mar 2-7	53	36	11
2004 Oct 11-14	64	31	5	1957 Aug 29-Sep 4	47	34	18
2003 Oct 6-8	64	32	4	1956 Mar 29-Apr 3	53	34	13
2003 May 19-21	70	28	2	1953 Nov 1-5	68	25	7
2002 Oct 14-17	70	25	5	1937 Dec 1-6	60	33	7
2001 Oct 11-14	68	26	6	1936 Dec 2-7	59	38	3
2001 Feb 19-21 ^	67	25	8				

^ Asked of half sample.

16. Which of the following approaches to lowering the crime rate in the United States comes closer to your own view – [ROTATED: more money and effort should go to addressing social and economic problems such as drug addiction, homelessness, and mental health (or) more money and effort should go to strengthening law enforcement]?

	<u>Address social problems</u>	<u>Strengthen law enforcement</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2025 Oct 1-16	67	29	4
2023 Oct 2-23 ^	64	35	1
2020 Sep 30-Oct 15	63	34	2

^ Asked of a half sample

For comparison: Which of the following approaches to lowering the crime rate in the United States comes closer to your own view -- do you think [ROTATED: more money and effort should go to attacking the social and economic problems that lead to crime through better education and job training (or) more money and effort should go to deterring crime by improving law enforcement with more prisons, police, and judges]?

	<u>Attack social problems</u>	<u>More law enforcement</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Oct 7-10	64	32	4
2006 Oct 9-12	65	31	4
2003 Oct 6-8	69	29	2
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	68	27	5
1994 Aug 15-16 †	51	42	7
1994 Feb 26-28 †	57	39	4
1992 Aug 28-Sep 2 †	67	25	8
1992 Mar 30-Apr 5 †	64	27	9
1990 Sep 10-11 †	57	36	2
1989 Jun 8-11 †	61	32	7

† WORDING: To lower the crime rate in the United States, some people think additional money and effort should go to attacking the social and economic problems that lead to crime through better education and job training. Others feel more money and effort should go to deterring crime by improving law enforcement with more prisons, police, and judges. Which comes closer to your view?

Q.40/41 SPLIT SAMPLED

40. *(Asked of a half sample)* Do you favor or oppose sending national guard troops to U.S. cities to try to control crime?

BASED ON – 500—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2025 Oct 1-16 ^	41	56	3

^ Asked of a half sample

41. *(Asked of a half sample)* Do you favor or oppose sending U.S. military troops to U.S. cities to try to control crime?

BASED ON – 500—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2025 Oct 1-16 ^	39	60	1

^ Asked of a half sample

19. *(Asked of a half sample)* In your view, how should juveniles between the ages of 14 and 17 who commit violent crimes be treated in the criminal justice system -- [ROTATED: should they be treated the same as adults, (or) should they be given more lenient treatment in a juvenile court]?

BASED ON – 500 – NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A

	<u>Same as adults</u>	<u>More lenient treatment</u>	<u>Tougher (vol.)</u>	<u>Depends (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2025 Oct 1-16 ^	41	50	--	8	1
2023 Oct 2-23	46	47	*	6	1
2003 Oct 6-8	59	32	*	8	1
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	65	24	1	9	1

^ Asked of a half sample

42. *(Asked of a half sample)* Would you generally favor or oppose a law that would hold parents legally responsible if their children commit crimes with the parents' guns?

BASED ON – 500 – NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2025 Oct 1-16 ^	73	22	4
2000 Apr 7-9	69	24	7

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QN7: Death Penalty: Favor BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Yes, in favor	52%	60%	44%	59%	39%	41%	46%	62%	45%	47%	62%	81%	47%	32%	52%	48%	56%
No, not in favor	44%	34%	52%	37%	57%	52%	50%	34%	50%	46%	35%	17%	47%	66%	46%	49%	40%
(DK)/(Refused)	4%	6%	4%	4%	4%	6%	4%	3%	4%	7%	3%	2%	6%	3%	3%	3%	4%

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QN16: Approaches to lowering crime in US BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
More money and effort should go to addressing social and economic problems such as drug addiction, homelessness, and men	67%	58%	75%	58%	81%	80%	72%	55%	69%	69%	62%	32%	73%	89%	68%	70%	65%
More money and effort should go to strengthening law enforcement	29%	38%	22%	37%	17%	18%	26%	39%	27%	28%	34%	63%	23%	8%	29%	27%	32%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	4%	4%	4%	5%	2%	2%	3%	6%	4%	3%	4%	5%	4%	3%	2%	3%	4%

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QN40: Sending national guard troops to US cities to control crime BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Favor	41%	48%	35%	44%	35%	39%	37%	46%	31%	41%	52%	85%	38%	5%	39%	42%	44%
Oppose	56%	47%	64%	54%	59%	58%	58%	53%	66%	56%	45%	15%	58%	91%	60%	54%	55%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	3%	5%	1%	2%	6%	3%	5%	1%	3%	3%	3%	0%	4%	4%	1%	4%	1%

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QN41: Sending US troops to cities to control crime BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Favor	39%	44%	36%	43%	34%	28%	34%	49%	33%	37%	48%	84%	31%	10%	43%	37%	37%
Oppose	60%	55%	64%	57%	65%	72%	66%	50%	67%	63%	52%	16%	68%	89%	57%	62%	63%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	-	-	1%	0%	0%	-	-	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%

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QN19: Juveniles treated in criminal justice system who commit violent crimes BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Should they be treated the same as adults	41%	46%	37%	42%	38%	34%	37%	49%	31%	35%	54%	65%	35%	27%	48%	37%	38%
Should they be given more lenient treatment in a juvenile court	50%	42%	57%	47%	55%	61%	50%	43%	56%	53%	42%	27%	53%	68%	48%	51%	49%
DEPENDS (VOL)	8%	10%	6%	10%	5%	4%	11%	7%	11%	10%	3%	8%	9%	4%	3%	10%	11%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	1%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	3%	0%	2%	2%	1%

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QN42: Hold parents responsible if children commit gun crimes BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Favor	73%	72%	75%	78%	65%	74%	69%	76%	77%	73%	70%	71%	73%	77%	65%	82%	80%
Oppose	22%	24%	21%	18%	30%	23%	27%	18%	19%	21%	27%	22%	24%	19%	32%	12%	17%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	2%	4%	6%	4%	5%	2%	7%	2%	3%	3%	5%	3%

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