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GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES:
CRIME

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 1-19, 2026, with a random sample of –1,200— 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.

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
2026 Oct 1-19	49	45	5	2001 Feb 19-21 ^	67	25	8
				2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	67	28	5
2025 Oct 1-16	52	44	4	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

^ Asked of half sample.

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

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
	Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	Grad	College	Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	$50,000	100,000	$100,000+
Yes, in favor	49%	55%	45%	53%	44%	41%	50%	54%	40%	57%	52%	73%	50%	28%	49%	55%	46%
No, not in favor	45%	40%	49%	42%	52%	57%	41%	42%	55%	36%	43%	19%	45%	68%	45%	42%	50%
(DK)/(Refused)	5%	5%	7%	5%	5%	2%	9%	4%	5%	7%	4%	8%	5%	4%	6%	3%	5%