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Utah Survey Results

Q1 Which of the following issues is most important to you when deciding on your vote for your Utah State Legislator: jobs and the economy, health care, education, taxes, the environment, the death penalty, or something else?

Jobs and the economy	29%
Health care	20%
Education	22%
Taxes	12%
The environment	8%
The death penalty	1%
Something else / Not sure	8%

Q2 Republicans in Utah are currently considering a bill to replace the death penalty with a sentence of life in prison with no possibility of parole. The legislature's fiscal analyst has estimated this would save more than $1.6 million per case. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose replacing the death penalty with a sentence of life in prison with no possibility of parole?

Strongly support	26%
Somewhat support	28%
Somewhat oppose	18%
Strongly oppose	23%
Not sure	5%

Q3 If a bill eliminating the death penalty became law in Utah, where would you want to redirect the cost savings? Would you direct it to local police departments for public safety programs, to mental health programs, to local law enforcement who investigate unsolved rapes and murders, to the general fund, or something else?

Direct it to local police departments for public safety programs	21%
Direct it to mental health programs	32%
Direct it to local law enforcement who investigate unsolved rapes and murders	14%
Direct it to the general fund	18%
Something else	12%
Not sure	4%

Q4 Of the following list of choices, which punishment do you prefer for people convicted of murder: life in prison with no possibility of parole, life in prison with no possibility of parole and a requirement to work in prison and pay restitution to the victims, life in prison with a possibility of parole after at least 40 years, or the death penalty?

Prefer life in prison with no possibility of parole	9%
Prefer life in prison with no possibility of parole and a requirement to work in prison and pay restitution to the victims	47%
Prefer life in prison with a possibility of parole after at least 40 years	8%
Prefer the death penalty	29%
Not sure	6%

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Q5 How likely are you to support a candidate for office if you agree with that candidate on most issues and are of the same political party, but disagree with that candidate on the death penalty – are you very likely to support that candidate, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely to support that candidate?

Very likely	26%
Somewhat likely	45%
Somewhat unlikely	10%
Very unlikely	8%
Not sure	11%

Q6 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman	53%
Man	47%

Q7 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent or a member of another party, press 3.

Democrat	20%
Republican	55%
Independent / Other	25%

Q8 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White	87%
Other	13%

Q9 If you are 18-29 years old, press 1. If 30-45, press 2. If 46-65, press 3. If older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29	16%
30 to 45	27%
46 to 65	33%
Older than 65	24%

Q10 If you live in Salt Lake County, press 1. If you live in Utah County, press 2. If you live in Davis County, press 3. If you live in Weber County, press 4. If you live in Washington County, press 5. If you live somewhere else, press 6.

Salt Lake County	37%
Utah County	19%
Davis County	11%
Weber County	8%
Washington County	5%
Somewhere else	20%

Q11 What is your religion?

Mormon or Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	65%
Catholic	6%
Protestant	5%
Something else	10%
No religion	11%
Don't care to say	3%

Q12 Mode

Phone	80%
Internet	20%

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	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Most Important Issue			
Jobs and the econo...	**29%**	27%	31%
Health care	**20%**	23%	17%
Education	**22%**	23%	21%
Taxes	**12%**	9%	14%
The environment	**8%**	8%	7%
The death penalty	**1%**	0%	2%
Something else / Not sure	**8%**	9%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Replace Death Penalty with Life Support/Oppose			
Strongly support	**26%**	29%	22%
Somewhat support	**28%**	29%	26%
Somewhat oppose	**18%**	19%	16%
Strongly oppose	**23%**	15%	33%
Not sure	**5%**	8%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Where to Redirect Cost Savings			
Direct it to local police departments for public safety programs	**21%**	22%	21%
Direct it to mental health programs	**32%**	32%	31%
Direct it to local law enforcement who investigate unsolved rapes and murders	**14%**	14%	13%
Direct it to the general fund	**18%**	16%	21%
Something else	**12%**	11%	13%
Not sure	**4%**	6%	1%

	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Murder Punishment Preference			
Prefer life in prison with no possibility of parole	**9%**	9%	9%
Prefer life in prison with no possibility of parole and a requirement to work in prison and pay restitution to the victims	**47%**	56%	38%
Prefer life in prison with a possibility of parole after at least 40 years	**8%**	6%	11%
Prefer the death penalty	**29%**	24%	36%
Not sure	**6%**	5%	7%

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	Base	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Candidate Support Likelihood			
Very likely	**26%**	26%	25%
Somewhat likely	**45%**	47%	42%
Somewhat unlikely	**10%**	7%	13%
Very unlikely	**8%**	5%	12%
Not sure	**11%**	15%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democr-at	Republica-n	Independe-nt / Other
Most Important Issue				
Jobs and the econo...	**29%**	16%	38%	20%
Health care	**20%**	30%	20%	14%
Education	**22%**	19%	20%	31%
Taxes	**12%**	5%	13%	13%
The environment	**8%**	19%	2%	11%
The death penalty	**1%**	1%	0%	2%
Something else / Not sure	**8%**	9%	7%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democr-at	Republica-n	Independe-nt / Other
Replace Death Penalty with Life Support/Oppose				
Strongly support	**26%**	38%	21%	27%
Somewhat support	**28%**	25%	26%	32%
Somewhat oppose	**18%**	13%	19%	18%
Strongly oppose	**23%**	18%	27%	20%
Not sure	**5%**	5%	7%	3%

	Base	Party		
		Democr-at	Republica-n	Independe-nt / Other
Where to Redirect Cost Savings				
Direct it to local police departments for public safety programs	**21%**	17%	25%	16%
Direct it to mental health programs	**32%**	43%	24%	38%
Direct it to local law enforcement who investigate unsolved rapes and murders	**14%**	14%	14%	13%
Direct it to the general fund	**18%**	9%	21%	19%
Something else	**12%**	14%	11%	11%
Not sure	**4%**	3%	5%	2%

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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
Murder Punishment Preference				
Prefer life in prison with no possibility of parole	**9%**	20%	5%	9%
Prefer life in prison with no possibility of parole and a requirement to work in prison and pay restitution to the victims	**47%**	43%	48%	50%
Prefer life in prison with a possibility of parole after at least 40 years	**8%**	14%	5%	12%
Prefer the death penalty	**29%**	20%	35%	25%
Not sure	**6%**	4%	8%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
Candidate Support Likelihood				
Very likely	**26%**	31%	26%	20%
Somewhat likely	**45%**	39%	47%	45%
Somewhat unlikely	**10%**	10%	9%	12%
Very unlikely	**8%**	4%	8%	13%
Not sure	**11%**	16%	11%	10%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Most Important Issue			
Jobs and the econo...	**29%**	30%	23%
Health care	**20%**	20%	24%
Education	**22%**	22%	23%
Taxes	**12%**	10%	19%
The environment	**8%**	8%	4%
The death penalty	**1%**	1%	-
Something else / Not sure	**8%**	9%	7%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Replace Death Penalty with Life Support/Oppose			
Strongly support	**26%**	27%	19%
Somewhat support	**28%**	26%	36%
Somewhat oppose	**18%**	19%	13%
Strongly oppose	**23%**	22%	30%
Not sure	**5%**	6%	2%

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	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Where to Redirect Cost Savings			
Direct it to local police departments for public safety programs	21%	21%	26%
Direct it to mental health programs	32%	33%	20%
Direct it to local law enforcement who investigate unsolved rapes and murders	14%	14%	12%
Direct it to the general fund	18%	18%	20%
Something else	12%	10%	22%
Not sure	4%	4%	0%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Murder Punishment Preference			
Prefer life in prison with no possibility of parole	9%	9%	11%
Prefer life in prison with no possibility of parole and a requirement to work in prison and pay restitution to the victims	47%	49%	37%
Prefer life in prison with a possibility of parole after at least 40 years	8%	8%	7%
Prefer the death penalty	29%	28%	36%
Not sure	6%	5%	9%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Candidate Support Likelihood			
Very likely	26%	27%	18%
Somewhat likely	45%	44%	53%
Somewhat unlikely	10%	10%	11%
Very unlikely	8%	8%	11%
Not sure	11%	12%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Most Important Issue					
Jobs and the econo...	29%	32%	27%	31%	26%
Health care	20%	18%	16%	22%	24%
Education	22%	29%	30%	16%	17%
Taxes	12%	4%	6%	16%	16%
The environment	8%	4%	9%	8%	8%
The death penalty	1%	-	2%	0%	1%
Something else / Not sure	8%	12%	9%	7%	8%

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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Replace Death Penalty with Life Support/Oppose					
Strongly support	**26%**	17%	27%	23%	35%
Somewhat support	**28%**	41%	30%	26%	18%
Somewhat oppose	**18%**	12%	23%	19%	15%
Strongly oppose	**23%**	22%	15%	29%	25%
Not sure	**5%**	7%	6%	3%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Where to Redirect Cost Savings					
Direct it to local police departments for public safety programs	**21%**	28%	16%	19%	26%
Direct it to mental health programs	**32%**	26%	33%	38%	25%
Direct it to local law enforcement who investigate unsolved rapes and murders	**14%**	9%	8%	16%	19%
Direct it to the general fund	**18%**	30%	19%	11%	19%
Something else	**12%**	6%	19%	12%	7%
Not sure	**4%**	1%	5%	4%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Murder Punishment Preference					
Prefer life in prison with no possibility of parole	**9%**	11%	8%	7%	12%
Prefer life in prison with no possibility of parole and a requirement to work in prison and pay restitution to the victims	**47%**	50%	55%	43%	43%
Prefer life in prison with a possibility of parole after at least 40 years	**8%**	3%	6%	13%	9%
Prefer the death penalty	**29%**	25%	25%	33%	33%
Not sure	**6%**	12%	6%	5%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Candidate Support Likelihood					
Very likely	**26%**	22%	17%	29%	32%
Somewhat likely	**45%**	44%	53%	46%	36%
Somewhat unlikely	**10%**	4%	16%	8%	10%
Very unlikely	**8%**	16%	2%	9%	9%
Not sure	**11%**	13%	11%	9%	13%

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	Base	County					
		Salt Lake County	Utah Coun...	Davis Coun...	Weber Coun...	Washington County	Somewhere else
Most Important Issue							
Jobs and the econo...	29%	20%	30%	36%	31%	39%	37%
Health care	20%	19%	20%	23%	36%	19%	16%
Education	22%	28%	23%	20%	11%	11%	19%
Taxes	12%	12%	8%	12%	12%	20%	13%
The environment	8%	12%	7%	4%	2%	2%	6%
The death penalty	1%	0%	3%	-	2%	1%	0%
Something else / Not sure	8%	8%	10%	5%	5%	8%	10%

	Base	County					
		Salt Lake County	Utah Coun...	Davis Coun...	Weber Coun...	Washington County	Somewhere else
Replace Death Penalty with Life Support/Oppose							
Strongly support	26%	30%	21%	23%	20%	35%	25%
Somewhat support	28%	25%	36%	33%	33%	15%	22%
Somewhat oppose	18%	18%	16%	21%	13%	21%	19%
Strongly oppose	23%	25%	18%	20%	27%	21%	26%
Not sure	5%	2%	9%	3%	7%	7%	7%

	Base	County					
		Salt Lake County	Utah Coun...	Davis Coun...	Weber Coun...	Washington County	Somewhere else
Where to Redirect Cost Savings							
Direct it to local police departments for public safety programs	21%	16%	18%	27%	23%	25%	30%
Direct it to mental health programs	32%	36%	33%	39%	28%	21%	22%
Direct it to local law enforcement who investigate unsolved rapes and murders	14%	13%	13%	9%	15%	17%	16%
Direct it to the general fund	18%	21%	18%	17%	12%	14%	17%
Something else	12%	11%	15%	4%	21%	13%	11%
Not sure	4%	3%	4%	4%	1%	9%	4%

	Base	County					
		Salt Lake County	Utah Coun...	Davis Coun...	Weber Coun...	Washington County	Somewhere else
Murder Punishment Preference							
Prefer life in prison with no possibility of parole	9%	7%	11%	3%	16%	13%	11%
Prefer life in prison with no possibility of parole and a requirement to work in prison and pay restitution to the victims	47%	45%	49%	59%	40%	55%	46%
Prefer life in prison with a possibility of parole after at least 40 years	8%	11%	4%	8%	8%	8%	8%
Prefer the death penalty	29%	34%	23%	22%	36%	19%	31%
Not sure	6%	4%	13%	8%	-	5%	4%

	Base	County					
		Salt Lake County	Utah Coun...	Davis Coun...	Weber Coun...	Washington County	Somewhere else
Candidate Support Likelihood							
Very likely	26%	24%	22%	23%	26%	35%	31%
Somewhat likely	45%	46%	50%	53%	25%	38%	42%
Somewhat unlikely	10%	10%	7%	8%	17%	15%	10%
Very unlikely	8%	9%	10%	6%	10%	7%	7%
Not sure	11%	11%	11%	10%	22%	6%	10%

	Base	Religion					
		Mormon or Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Sai...	Catholic	Protestant	Something else	No religion	Don't care to say
Most Important Issue							
Jobs and the econo...	29%	32%	18%	33%	20%	25%	16%
Health care	20%	19%	27%	25%	25%	18%	20%
Education	22%	25%	8%	15%	14%	21%	30%
Taxes	12%	11%	18%	8%	17%	8%	20%
The environment	8%	4%	25%	9%	9%	21%	3%
The death penalty	1%	0%	2%	3%	-	5%	-
Something else / Not sure	8%	9%	1%	8%	15%	3%	12%

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		Mormon or Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Sai...	Catholic	Protestant	Something else	No religion	Don't care to say
Replace Death Penalty with Life Support/Oppose							
Strongly support	26%	21%	50%	38%	26%	35%	31%
Somewhat support	28%	28%	22%	34%	19%	32%	21%
Somewhat oppose	18%	19%	18%	5%	17%	16%	24%
Strongly oppose	23%	25%	10%	19%	35%	14%	13%
Not sure	5%	6%	0%	5%	3%	3%	11%

	Base	Religion					
		Mormon or Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Sai...	Catholic	Protestant	Something else	No religion	Don't care to say
Where to Redirect Cost Savings							
Direct it to local police departments for public safety programs	21%	25%	14%	25%	18%	8%	13%
Direct it to mental health programs	32%	25%	55%	41%	31%	52%	34%
Direct it to local law enforcement who investigate unsolved rapes and murders	14%	14%	13%	21%	20%	6%	-
Direct it to the general fund	18%	20%	15%	4%	13%	18%	26%
Something else	12%	12%	1%	4%	17%	13%	21%
Not sure	4%	4%	3%	5%	1%	2%	6%

	Base	Religion					
		Mormon or Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Sai...	Catholic	Protestant	Something else	No religion	Don't care to say
Murder Punishment Preference							
Prefer life in prison with no possibility of parole	9%	5%	14%	29%	10%	19%	4%
Prefer life in prison with no possibility of parole and a requirement to work in prison and pay restitution to the victims	47%	48%	55%	39%	49%	39%	66%
Prefer life in prison with a possibility of parole after at least 40 years	8%	6%	4%	12%	9%	18%	10%
Prefer the death penalty	29%	34%	17%	17%	31%	17%	20%
Not sure	6%	7%	10%	3%	1%	6%	-

	Base	Religion					
		Mormon or Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Sai...	Catholic	Protestant	Something else	No religion	Don't care to say
Candidate Support Likelihood							
Very likely	26%	22%	29%	26%	37%	33%	25%
Somewhat likely	45%	48%	51%	37%	37%	34%	43%
Somewhat unlikely	10%	11%	7%	5%	14%	4%	-
Very unlikely	8%	8%	6%	7%	5%	12%	20%
Not sure	11%	10%	7%	24%	7%	17%	13%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
Most Important Issue			
Jobs and the econo...	29%	27%	37%
Health care	20%	21%	17%
Education	22%	20%	31%
Taxes	12%	13%	4%
The environment	8%	8%	5%
The death penalty	1%	1%	0%
Something else / Not sure	8%	9%	6%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
Replace Death Penalty with Life Support/Oppose			
Strongly support	26%	26%	27%
Somewhat support	28%	25%	40%
Somewhat oppose	18%	18%	16%
Strongly oppose	23%	27%	7%
Not sure	5%	4%	11%

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		Pho...	Intern...
Where to Redirect Cost Savings			
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Direct it to mental health programs	**32%**	32%	30%
Direct it to local law enforcement who investigate unsolved rapes and murders	**14%**	14%	11%
Direct it to the general fund	**18%**	16%	25%
Something else	**12%**	13%	7%
Not sure	**4%**	2%	8%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
Murder Punishment Preference			
Prefer life in prison with no possibility of parole	**9%**	9%	8%
Prefer life in prison with no possibility of parole and a requirement to work in prison and pay restitution to the victims	**47%**	44%	63%
Prefer life in prison with a possibility of parole after at least 40 years	**8%**	9%	4%
Prefer the death penalty	**29%**	33%	16%
Not sure	**6%**	5%	9%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
Candidate Support Likelihood			
Very likely	**26%**	27%	18%
Somewhat likely	**45%**	41%	58%
Somewhat unlikely	**10%**	10%	11%
Very unlikely	**8%**	10%	1%
Not sure	**11%**	11%	11%

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