

	Total (n=1500)	Catholic (n=347)	Christian /Non- Catholic (n=747)	Non- Christian (n=406)
Gender of respondent				
Male	48	49	46	51
Female	52	51	54	49
Region				
New England.....	5	5	5	5
Middle Atlantic.....	14	21	10	15
East North Central	17	16	16	19
West North Central	7	7	8	6
South Atlantic.....	20	15	24	17
East South Central.....	6	1	9	4
West South Central.....	11	12	12	8
Mountain	7	6	6	9
Pacific.....	13	17	10	16
Death penalty states	76	68	81	76
Non-death penalty states	24	32	19	24

Hello. This is (caller name). I'm calling from National Opinion Surveys. We are conducting a public opinion survey and I would like to ask you some questions. I am not selling anything, and I will not ask for a contribution.

Could I please speak with the (MALE/FEMALE) in your household, 18 years or older, who celebrated a birthday most recently?

First, are you registered to vote at this address?

**IF NO, ASK FOR A FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS REGISTERED TO VOTE.
 IF NONE, TERMINATE AND MARK TQ1 ON SAMPLE SHEET.**

These days, state and local governments often have to make tough budgetary choices. For each one of the following, please rate how high a priority it is for your state or local government on a scale of 0 to 10, where 10 means it is a very high priority, and 0 means it is not a high priority at all. If you are not sure, please say so. Here's the first one.

[READ ITEM EVERY 3RD QUESTION.] Rate how high a priority that should be from 0 to 10, where 10 means it should be a very high priority, and 0 means it is not a high priority at all.

RANDOMIZE Q21-27

21. Schools and libraries

Mean	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.7
10 – Priority.....	50	48	49	54
8 – 9	28	30	28	25
6 – 7	9	9	9	10
5 – Neutral.....	8	8	9	7
0 - 4 - Not a priority	3	4	4	2
(Don't know).....	2	2	2	2

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22. Public health care services.				
Mean	7.8	8.1	7.6	7.7
10 – Priority.....	39	40	38	39
8 – 9.....	25	28	24	23
6 – 7.....	14	15	14	14
5 – Neutral.....	10	9	10	10
0 - 4 - Not a priority.....	11	6	12	13
(Don't know).....	1	1	1	1
23. Emergency services like fire and rescue				
Mean	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.9
10 – Priority.....	57	60	57	54
8 – 9.....	27	25	27	29
6 – 7.....	10	11	9	12
5 – Neutral.....	3	2	3	3
0 - 4 - Not a priority.....	2	2	2	2
(Don't know).....	1	1	0	0
24. Pursuing the death penalty				
Mean	5.4	4.8	5.9	5.1
10 – Priority.....	19	14	22	20
8 – 9.....	12	12	15	8
6 – 7.....	12	12	14	9
5 – Neutral.....	19	18	17	23
0 - 4 - Not a priority.....	33	40	27	37
(Don't know).....	4	4	4	3
25. Roads and transportation				
Mean	7.4	7.3	7.5	7.4
10 – Priority.....	24	21	25	23
8 – 9.....	28	29	28	28
6 – 7.....	26	28	24	29
5 – Neutral.....	14	13	14	13
0 - 4 - Not a priority.....	7	8	7	7
(Don't know).....	1	1	1	0
26. Police and crime prevention				
Mean	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.5
10 – Priority.....	50	51	51	46
8 – 9.....	31	32	31	30
6 – 7.....	12	8	11	16
5 – Neutral.....	4	5	4	4
0 - 4 - Not a priority.....	3	2	3	4
(Don't know).....	0	1	0	0

			<i>Christian</i>	
			<i>/Non-</i>	
			<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Non-</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>(n=747)</i>	<i>Christian</i>
	<i>(n=1500)</i>	<i>(n=347)</i>		<i>(n=406)</i>

27. Creating jobs

Mean	8.4	8.5	8.5	7.9
10 – Priority.....	55	57	59	47
8 – 9.....	19	19	19	18
6 – 7.....	10	10	8	16
5 – Neutral.....	6	6	6	7
0 - 4 - Not a priority.....	8	8	7	11
(Don't know).....	1	1	1	1

28. **SSA:** I'm going to read four statements. Listen carefully, then please tell me which of them—number 1, 2, 3, or 4—is closest to your own view:

READ/DO NOT RANDOMIZE:

1. The penalty for murder should be the death penalty.....	33	24	38	30
2. The penalty for murder should be life in prison <u>with</u> the possibility of parole.....	9	11	8	12
3. The penalty for murder should be life in prison with <u>no</u> possibility of parole.....	13	12	13	13
4. The penalty for murder should be life in prison with <u>no</u> possibility of parole, <u>and</u> a requirement to work to make restitution for the victim's family.....	39	46	37	38
(Don't know/refused).....	6	7	5	7

29. **SSB:** I'm going to read four statements. Listen carefully, then please tell me which of them—number 1, 2, 3, or 4—is closest to your own view:

READ/DO NOT RANDOMIZE:

1. The penalty for murder should be the death penalty.....	33	22	38	36
2. The penalty for murder should be life in prison <u>with</u> the possibility of parole.....	12	11	11	14
3. The penalty for murder should permanent imprisonment.....	12	15	11	9
4. The penalty for murder should be permanent imprisonment <u>and</u> a requirement to work to make restitution for the victim's family.....	36	47	34	30
(Don't know/refused).....	7	5	6	10

30. On a scale of 0 to 10, please tell me how much you would support replacing the death penalty with a penalty of life in prison without possibility of parole? Ten means you would be extremely supportive, and zero means you would not be supportive at all, and you can choose any number in between.

Mean	5.6	6.8	5.2	5.6
10 – Supportive.....	25	36	21	24
8 – 9.....	18	18	17	17
6 – 7.....	10	10	9	11
5 – Neutral.....	11	11	11	11
0 - 4 - Not supportive.....	33	21	38	33
(Don't know).....	4	4	3	4

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ASK ONLY IN DEATH PENALTY STATES

31. If your state representative voted to repeal the death penalty in your state, would that make you more or less likely to vote for him or her, or would it not make a difference? **[IF MORE/LESS LIKELY ASK:]** Is that much more/less likely or somewhat more/less likely?

Much more likely	16	19	12	21
Somewhat more likely	8	7	9	7
Somewhat less likely	8	11	10	4
Much less likely	27	22	30	26
No difference	38	38	37	40
(Don't know/refused)	2	3	2	3
More likely	24	26	21	28
Less likely	35	33	39	30

ASK ONLY IN NON-DEATH PENALTY STATES

32. If your state representative voted to bring back the death penalty in your state, would that make you more or less likely to vote for him or her, or would it not make a difference? **[IF MORE/LESS LIKELY ASK:]** Is that much more/less likely or somewhat more/less likely?

Much more likely	18	16	18	20
Somewhat more likely	11	12	13	7
Somewhat less likely	6	6	6	6
Much less likely	19	27	13	20
No difference	43	36	47	45
(Don't know/refused)	3	3	3	2
More likely	29	28	31	27
Less likely	25	33	19	26

RESUME ASKING ALL

Now, I'm going to read you some statements some people have made about the death penalty. For each one, please rate how much you agree with that statement on a scale of 0 to 10, where 10 means you are in total agreement, and 0 means you do not agree at all, and you can choose any number in between. If you are not sure, please say so. Here's the first one.

[READ ITEM EVERY 3RD QUESTION.] Give this statement a rating from 0 to 10, where 10 means you are in total agreement, and 0 means you do not agree at all.

RANDOMIZE Q33-50

33. **SSA:** The death penalty carries too much risk of executing an innocent person.

Mean	6.4	6.7	6.2	6.7
10 – Agreement	26	26	22	34
8 – 9	20	25	20	14
6 – 7	14	10	16	13
5 – Neutral	16	15	16	16
0 - 4 – Disagreement	23	23	25	21
(Don't know)	1	1	1	1

			<i>Christian</i>	
			<i>/Non-</i>	
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Non-</i>
	<i>(n=1500)</i>	<i>(n=347)</i>	<i>(n=747)</i>	<i>Christian</i>
				<i>(n=406)</i>

34. **SSB:** I don't trust politicians with the power to decide who lives and who dies.

Mean	7.0	7.4	6.9	6.8
10 – Agreement	38	37	39	37
8 – 9	19	24	18	16
6 – 7	9	9	7	13
5 – Neutral.....	14	14	14	14
0 - 4 – Disagreement	18	13	20	19
(Don't know).....	2	3	2	1

35. **SSA:** I don't trust the government with the power to decide who lives and who dies.

Mean	6.4	6.7	6.1	6.6
10 – Agreement	31	32	28	35
8 – 9	15	17	15	12
6 – 7	12	11	12	12
5 – Neutral.....	16	17	17	13
0 - 4 – Disagreement	25	21	28	24
(Don't know).....	2	2	1	3

36. **SSB:** It's not up to me to decide who lives and who dies.

Mean	7.7	8.0	7.7	7.4
10 – Agreement	52	56	52	50
8 – 9	16	16	17	14
6 – 7	7	6	7	8
5 – Neutral.....	10	8	10	13
0 - 4 – Disagreement	14	13	14	15
(Don't know).....	1	1	1	2

37. **SSA:** With a sentence of life without parole, people at least have a chance to change while serving their time.

Mean	5.9	6.1	5.8	5.8
10 – Agreement	25	27	22	28
8 – 9	15	14	18	11
6 – 7	14	14	16	11
5 – Neutral.....	13	13	13	13
0 - 4 – Disagreement	31	28	30	35
(Don't know).....	1	2	1	1

38. **SSB:** With a sentence of life without parole, if new evidence of innocence emerges, the case can be reopened.

Mean	8.7	8.9	8.6	8.7
10 – Agreement	66	71	63	68
8 – 9	14	10	16	13
6 – 7	8	7	8	7
5 – Neutral.....	6	7	6	7
0 - 4 – Disagreement	5	4	6	5
(Don't know).....	1	0	1	0

			<i>Christian</i>	
			<i>/Non-</i>	
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	<i>(n=1500)</i>	<i>(n=347)</i>	<i>(n=747)</i>	<i>(n=406)</i>

39. The Death Penalty is against my moral beliefs

Mean	4.7	5.9	4.2	4.8
10 – Agreement	24	34	19	25
8 – 9	11	15	10	10
6 – 7	6	4	7	6
5 – Neutral.....	12	12	13	12
0 - 4 – Disagreement	45	34	51	45
(Don't know).....	2	1	2	2

40. **SSA:** The death penalty system often discriminates on the basis of race.

Mean	4.7	5.1	4.3	5.1
10 – Agreement	19	20	16	21
8 – 9	13	17	11	12
6 – 7	9	10	10	9
5 – Neutral.....	14	12	13	17
0 - 4 – Disagreement	43	39	47	39
(Don't know).....	3	2	3	3

41. **SSB:** The death penalty system often discriminates on the basis of race, and that is unfair.

Mean	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4
10 – Agreement	24	22	23	27
8 – 9	14	11	17	11
6 – 7	10	14	8	9
5 – Neutral.....	12	13	13	10
0 - 4 – Disagreement	36	34	36	36
(Don't know).....	5	6	3	8

42. **SSA:** We need the death penalty to deter murder and other heinous crimes.

Mean	6.3	5.9	6.9	5.6
10 – Agreement	35	34	38	28
8 – 9	15	13	16	14
6 – 7	11	7	12	11
5 – Neutral.....	10	10	10	11
0 - 4 – Disagreement	28	35	22	34
(Don't know).....	1	1	1	1

43. **SSB:** We need the death penalty to show that there is a clear difference between right and wrong.

Mean	5.6	4.4	6.2	5.6
10 – Agreement	29	21	32	29
8 – 9	12	11	14	11
6 – 7	7	6	8	7
5 – Neutral.....	14	13	13	16
0 - 4 – Disagreement	35	47	29	35
(Don't know).....	3	4	3	2

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44. **SSA:** The death penalty would be cheaper, more efficient, and more effective if we used it more rather than less.

Mean	5.5	5.3	6.0	4.8
10 – Agreement	24	24	26	21
8 – 9	13	12	16	8
6 – 7	12	12	13	11
5 – Neutral	13	10	15	15
0 - 4 – Disagreement	33	39	27	41
(Don't know)	4	3	4	5

45. **SSB:** The death penalty would be cheaper, more efficient, and more effective if we limited the number of appeals.

Mean	6.5	6.1	6.7	6.4
10 – Agreement	34	32	33	35
8 – 9	14	14	15	12
6 – 7	11	11	11	9
5 – Neutral	13	9	14	15
0 - 4 – Disagreement	23	29	20	25
(Don't know)	5	4	7	4

46. The death penalty makes me personally feel safer.

Mean	4.5	4.0	5.0	4.1
10 – Agreement	19	15	22	17
8 – 9	10	10	12	9
6 – 7	9	6	9	10
5 – Neutral	14	13	15	13
0 - 4 – Disagreement	46	54	41	51
(Don't know)	1	1	1	1

47. If we're going to have the death penalty, we need to take every precaution to make sure innocent people are not executed.

Mean	8.9	9.1	8.9	8.9
10 – Agreement	71	74	70	72
8 – 9	11	11	12	9
6 – 7	7	6	7	9
5 – Neutral	4	5	5	3
0 - 4 – Disagreement	5	3	5	6
(Don't know)	1	1	1	1

48. With new technology like DNA evidence, we don't have to worry about innocent people being wrongly executed.

Mean	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.5
10 – Agreement	23	26	23	22
8 – 9	16	16	17	15
6 – 7	14	13	15	14
5 – Neutral	15	14	15	15
0 - 4 – Disagreement	30	29	28	33
(Don't know)	1	2	2	1

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49. The death penalty is a wasteful big government program because it costs a lot of money and it is not effective.

Mean	4.8	5.6	4.5	4.8
10 – Agreement	19	24	16	19
8 – 9	11	14	10	11
6 – 7	11	10	11	11
5 – Neutral.....	13	13	14	12
0 - 4 – Disagreement	42	35	45	42
(Don't know).....	4	3	5	4

50. The death penalty does not deter murder because criminals don't think about the punishment when committing their crime.

Mean	6.8	7.1	6.7	6.7
10 – Agreement	37	40	36	34
8 – 9	17	18	17	15
6 – 7	12	10	12	13
5 – Neutral.....	11	13	10	13
0 - 4 – Disagreement	21	18	23	21
(Don't know).....	2	2	2	4

SPLIT SAMPLE C

Now I am going to read you some facts about the death penalty in the United States. Please tell me whether you find these facts totally believable, somewhat believable, somewhat unbelievable, or totally unbelievable. **REPEAT PROMPT AS NEEDED**

(RANDOMIZE Q51 – Q58)

51. From sentencing to execution, the average appeal time of a death penalty case is 12 years, while a person who receives life without parole starts serving the sentence immediately.

Totally unbelievable	8	7	10	5
Somewhat unbelievable.....	13	12	14	13
(Don't know).....	12	13	10	16
Somewhat believable.....	35	33	36	34
Totally believable	32	36	30	33
Unbelievable	21	19	23	18
Believable	67	68	66	66

52. Since 1973, 138 people have been released from death row after being exonerated of their crimes.

Totally unbelievable	6	6	6	5
Somewhat unbelievable.....	13	14	12	14
(Don't know).....	13	13	13	13
Somewhat believable.....	37	34	40	33
Totally believable	31	33	29	34
Unbelievable	19	19	18	19
Believable	68	67	69	68

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53. Over the past 30 years, states in the South have accounted for 80 percent of all executions and have the highest murder rate. States in the Northeast have accounted for less than 1 percent of all executions and have the lowest murder rate.

Totally unbelievable	12	8	16	10
Somewhat unbelievable	19	13	20	23
(Don't know)	19	24	17	16
Somewhat believable	30	32	30	29
Totally believable	19	23	17	21
Unbelievable	32	21	36	34
Believable	49	55	47	50

54. **SSA:** Prosecuting and defending one death penalty case can cost as much as \$3 million dollars.

Totally unbelievable	11	8	14	7
Somewhat unbelievable	13	10	13	15
(Don't know)	15	15	13	17
Somewhat believable	30	29	26	38
Totally believable	32	38	33	23
Unbelievable	24	18	27	22
Believable	61	67	59	61

55. **SSB:** Prosecuting and defending one death penalty case can cost as much as \$3 million dollars. But because only 1 in 10 cases results in an actual execution, the true cost to the state per execution is about \$30 million dollars, far more than the cost of a lifetime of incarceration.

Totally unbelievable	17	20	13	22
Somewhat unbelievable	16	14	17	15
(Don't know)	14	14	15	13
Somewhat believable	29	30	32	19
Totally believable	25	21	23	32
Unbelievable	33	34	30	36
Believable	53	52	55	51

56. In order, the top five countries in the world who recently executed the most people were China, followed by Iran, Saudi Arabia, the United States, and Pakistan.

Totally unbelievable	8	7	9	9
Somewhat unbelievable	13	12	14	14
(Don't know)	18	18	17	18
Somewhat believable	32	35	30	32
Totally believable	29	28	30	28
Unbelievable	22	19	23	22
Believable	61	63	60	60

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57. Studies in states that have had the sentence of life without parole for a long time reveal that no one with that sentence has been released from prison.

Totally unbelievable	14	15	14	12
Somewhat unbelievable	23	18	26	21
(Don't know)	18	16	19	20
Somewhat believable	30	38	26	30
Totally believable	15	14	14	18
Unbelievable	37	33	40	33
Believable	45	52	41	47

58. DNA evidence is only available in less than 20% of murder cases.

Totally unbelievable	15	16	15	13
Somewhat unbelievable	22	21	22	23
(Don't know)	17	16	19	14
Somewhat believable	29	29	26	35
Totally believable	17	18	16	15
Unbelievable	37	37	38	36
Believable	46	47	43	50

END SPLIT SAMPLE C SKIP TO Q67

SPLIT SAMPLE D

Now I am going to read you some facts about the death penalty in the United States. Please tell me whether these facts raise serious doubts, some doubts, minor doubts, or no real doubts about the death penalty in your own mind. **REPEAT PROMPT AS NEEDED**

(RANDOMIZE Q59 – Q66)

59. From sentencing to execution, the average appeal time of a death penalty case is 12 years, while a person who receives life without parole starts serving the sentence immediately.

No real doubts	28	26	28	32
Minor doubts	18	18	20	17
(Don't know)	13	11	13	15
Some doubts	24	27	25	19
Serious doubts	16	18	15	18
No doubts	47	44	48	48
Doubts	40	45	39	37

60. Since 1973, 138 people have been released from death row after being exonerated of their crimes.

No real doubts	25	22	27	25
Minor doubts	14	10	15	16
(Don't know)	13	12	14	12
Some doubts	27	30	25	27
Serious doubts	22	26	20	20
No doubts	39	32	41	41
Doubts	48	57	45	47

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61. Over the past 30 years, states in the South have accounted for 80 percent of all executions and have the highest murder rate. States in the Northeast have accounted for less than 1 percent of all executions and have the lowest murder rate.

No real doubts.....	23	20	26	22
Minor doubts	15	14	15	15
(Don't know).....	17	14	18	18
Some doubts.....	23	24	23	22
Serious doubts.....	22	28	18	23
No doubts	38	34	41	37
Doubts.....	45	52	41	45

62. **SSA:** Prosecuting and defending one death penalty case can cost as much as \$3 million dollars.

No real doubts.....	21	23	19	22
Minor doubts	18	13	23	14
(Don't know).....	14	12	14	16
Some doubts.....	20	23	18	23
Serious doubts.....	27	29	27	25
No doubts	39	36	42	36
Doubts.....	48	52	45	48

63. **SSB:** Prosecuting and defending one death penalty case can cost as much as \$3 million dollars. But because only 1 in 10 cases results in an actual execution, the true cost to the state per execution is about \$30 million dollars, far more than the cost of a lifetime of incarceration.

No real doubts.....	18	14	19	20
Minor doubts	15	15	16	13
(Don't know).....	12	11	14	11
Some doubts.....	24	23	27	21
Serious doubts.....	31	37	25	35
No doubts	33	28	34	34
Doubts.....	55	61	52	56

64. In order, the top five countries in the world who recently executed the most people were China, followed by Iran, Saudi Arabia, the United States, and Pakistan.

No real doubts.....	29	28	29	30
Minor doubts	17	17	16	17
(Don't know).....	17	13	19	19
Some doubts.....	21	23	21	21
Serious doubts.....	16	19	15	14
No doubts	45	45	45	46
Doubts.....	37	42	36	35

	<i>Total</i> <i>(n=1500)</i>	<i>Catholic</i> <i>(n=347)</i>	<i>Christian</i> <i>/Non-</i> <i>Catholic</i> <i>(n=747)</i>	<i>Non-</i> <i>Christian</i> <i>(n=406)</i>
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65. Studies in states that have had the sentence of life without parole for a long time reveal that no one with that sentence has been released from prison.

No real doubts.....	22	24	21	22
Minor doubts	20	17	23	19
(Don't know).....	17	17	18	17
Some doubts.....	27	24	26	32
Serious doubts.....	13	18	12	10
No doubts	42	41	44	40
Doubts.....	40	42	38	42

66. DNA evidence is only available in less than 20% of murder cases.

No real doubts.....	18	18	18	19
Minor doubts	16	13	18	16
(Don't know).....	16	15	17	14
Some doubts.....	26	26	25	28
Serious doubts.....	24	28	22	23
No doubts	34	31	36	34
Doubts.....	50	54	48	51

**END SPLIT SAMPLE D SKIP TO Q67
RESUME ASKING ALL**

67. Would you favor or oppose replacing the death penalty with a penalty of life in prison with no possibility of parole if the money saved were used to fund crime prevention measures? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE ASK:]** Is that strongly favor/oppose or somewhat favor/oppose?

Strongly favor.....	44	50	42	43
Somewhat favor	21	22	20	21
Somewhat oppose	9	9	10	7
Strongly oppose.....	21	15	23	23
(Don't know/refused).....	5	6	5	6
Favor	65	71	62	65
Oppose.....	30	23	33	29

		<i>Christian /Non- Catholic</i>	<i>Non- Christian</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Christian</i>
<i>(n=1500)</i>	<i>(n=347)</i>	<i>(n=747)</i>	<i>(n=406)</i>

Now, I'm going to read you some statements people have made in support of replacing the death penalty with a sentence of life in prison with no possibility of parole. Please tell me whether each statement I read is a VERY convincing, SOMEWHAT convincing, NOT TOO convincing, or not AT ALL convincing reason to replace the death penalty with a sentence of life in prison with no possibility of parole. If you are not sure how you feel about a particular item, please say so.

PROMPT EVERY THIRD STATEMENT: Is that a VERY convincing, SOMEWHAT convincing, NOT TOO convincing, or not AT ALL convincing reason to support replacing the death penalty with a sentence of life in prison with no possibility of parole?

RANDOMIZE LIST Q68-78

[Cost]

68. **SSA:** By the time the costs of all the trials and appeals are taken into account, the death penalty costs more than imprisoning a criminal for life. The death penalty is a huge government program that has bogged down law enforcement and wasted millions of dollars that could be used for many other purposes. States are cutting back on police forces, shutting libraries and schools, and public hospitals are closing emergency rooms, and yet we are spending millions of dollars on a death penalty system when lifetime imprisonment with no parole would cost less.

Very convincing.....	30	34	27	31
Somewhat convincing.....	38	45	36	35
Not too convincing.....	13	10	13	17
Not at all convincing.....	16	10	20	13
(Don't know/refused).....	3	2	4	3
Very /somewhat convincing.....	68	79	63	67
Not very /not at all convincing.....	29	19	33	31

[Cost w/restitution]

69. **SSB:** By the time the costs of all the trials and appeals are taken into account, the death penalty costs more than imprisoning a criminal for life. The death penalty is a huge government program that has bogged down law enforcement and wasted millions of dollars that could be used for many other purposes. States are cutting back on police forces, shutting libraries and schools, and public hospitals are closing emergency rooms, and yet we are spending millions of dollars on a death penalty system when lifetime imprisonment with no parole would cost less. Keep these criminals in prison for life and have them work and pay restitution to the victims' families.

Very convincing.....	32	35	30	35
Somewhat convincing.....	37	42	37	32
Not too convincing.....	14	11	18	11
Not at all convincing.....	13	9	13	17
(Don't know/refused).....	3	3	3	5
Very /somewhat convincing.....	69	77	67	68
Not very /not at all convincing.....	27	20	30	27

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[Victims’ Families w/restitution]

70. **SSA:** Many victims’ family members say every time there is a court hearing, a conviction, or an appeal, the focus is on the defendant, but the family still has to go through their pain again and again. It’s very, very hard for the families. It reopens the wounds each time. When we condemn people to life without parole instead, family members will not be subjected to years of court hearings, and they can turn to the process of healing. If we replaced the death penalty with a sentence of life without parole with labor and restitution, we could use the money to help provide counseling services to victims’ families.

Very convincing.....	33	39	32	30
Somewhat convincing.....	36	34	35	38
Not too convincing.....	16	13	17	16
Not at all convincing.....	13	12	15	11
(Don’t know/refused).....	2	2	1	4
Very /somewhat convincing.....	69	73	67	69
Not very /not at all convincing.....	29	25	31	27

[Victims’ Families]

71. **SSB:** Many victims’ family members say every time there is a court hearing, a conviction, or an appeal, the focus is on the defendant, but the family still has to go through their pain again and again. It’s very, very hard for the families. It reopens the wounds each time. When we condemn people to life without parole instead, family members will not be subjected to years of court hearings, and they can turn to the process of healing.

Very convincing.....	32	35	28	35
Somewhat convincing.....	37	35	39	35
Not too convincing.....	15	13	18	12
Not at all convincing.....	13	13	13	14
(Don’t know/refused).....	3	4	3	3
Very /somewhat convincing.....	68	70	67	70
Not very /not at all convincing.....	28	26	30	27

[Innocence]

72. The death penalty risks executing the innocent. Many innocent people have been sent to our nation’s death rows before new evidence freed them and some innocent people may have been executed. It is unacceptable to execute innocent people, and in a system run by human beings that’s inevitable. Executing innocent people is a risk we can completely avoid by using sentences of life with no possibility of parole.

Very convincing.....	33	35	29	39
Somewhat convincing.....	38	39	38	35
Not too convincing.....	13	12	14	12
Not at all convincing.....	13	13	15	10
(Don’t know/refused).....	3	2	3	4
Very /somewhat convincing.....	71	74	68	74
Not very /not at all convincing.....	26	24	29	23

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[Libertarian]

73. **SSA:** The death penalty is the worst of all the big government programs. It costs hundreds of millions of dollars, has shown no evidence of being an effective deterrent or keeping society safer, and is too big a role for the government to be taking. We should get rid of the death penalty, shrink the government and give that wasted money back to the taxpayers.

Very convincing.....	28	34	25	29
Somewhat convincing.....	29	29	28	30
Not too convincing.....	16	13	17	17
Not at all convincing.....	24	21	27	21
(Don't know/refused).....	4	4	3	4
Very /somewhat convincing.....	56	63	52	58
Not very /not at all convincing.....	40	34	44	38

[Not a deterrent]

74. **SSB:** The death penalty is not a deterrent, and we don't need it. States without the death penalty have lower murder rates than states with it. Murders happen either in the heat of the moment, or when someone thinks they can get away with it. Criminals don't think about the chance of getting the death penalty when they're committing a crime. Instead, we should use our resources on getting violent criminals off the street and using life without parole for the worst cases.

Very convincing.....	29	34	24	33
Somewhat convincing.....	31	31	34	27
Not too convincing.....	18	16	19	19
Not at all convincing.....	18	17	19	17
(Don't know/refused).....	4	2	5	4
Very /somewhat convincing.....	60	65	58	60
Not very /not at all convincing.....	36	33	38	36

[Moral]

75. **SSA:** Human life is the most precious thing in the world, and we need to respect it. The death penalty offers the tragic illusion that we can defend life by taking life. In reality, the death penalty diminishes all of us. Every life has value, and sometimes even the worst criminals can change and become better people after years in prison. Killing is wrong, no matter who does it.

Very convincing.....	28	33	24	30
Somewhat convincing.....	32	37	30	32
Not too convincing.....	18	11	21	20
Not at all convincing.....	19	17	21	15
(Don't know/refused).....	3	3	3	4
Very /somewhat convincing.....	60	70	54	62
Not very /not at all convincing.....	37	27	43	34

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[Moral w/faith]

76. **SSB:** Human life is the most precious thing in the world, and we need to respect it. The death penalty offers the tragic illusion that we can defend life by taking life. In reality, the death penalty diminishes all of us. Every life has value, and sometimes even the worst criminals can change and become better people after years in prison. Our faiths teach us that “thou shalt not kill” and that vengeance is God’s and God’s alone. Killing is wrong, no matter who does it.

Very convincing.....	30	37	23	36
Somewhat convincing.....	30	26	35	22
Not too convincing.....	20	13	22	23
Not at all convincing.....	18	20	17	16
(Don't know/refused).....	3	3	3	2
Very /somewhat convincing.....	59	63	58	58
Not very /not at all convincing.....	38	34	39	40

[Unfairness]

77. **SSA:** Our criminal justice system should treat all people equally, regardless of how much money they make, where they live, or the color of their skin. In reality, the death penalty is applied unevenly and unfairly, even for similar crimes. Some people are sentenced to die because they couldn’t afford a better lawyer, or because they live in a county that seeks the death penalty a lot. A system that is so arbitrary should not be allowed to choose who lives and who dies.

Very convincing.....	37	43	33	37
Somewhat convincing.....	32	38	29	31
Not too convincing.....	15	9	18	17
Not at all convincing.....	12	8	16	10
(Don't know/refused).....	4	2	4	5
Very /somewhat convincing.....	69	81	63	68
Not very /not at all convincing.....	28	17	33	27

[Unfairness w/race]

78. **SSB:** The death penalty is particularly unfair along racial lines. Those who kill a white victim are much more likely to face the death penalty than those who kill a black victim. A system that seems to value some lives more because of race should not be deciding who lives and who dies.

Very convincing.....	29	29	27	32
Somewhat convincing.....	30	38	30	24
Not too convincing.....	16	10	17	20
Not at all convincing.....	21	18	22	20
(Don't know/refused).....	4	5	4	4
Very /somewhat convincing.....	59	67	57	56
Not very /not at all convincing.....	37	28	39	40

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79. Sometimes in a survey like this, people change their minds. On a scale of 0 to 10, please tell me how much you would support replacing the death penalty with a penalty of life in prison without possibility of parole? Ten means you would be extremely supportive, and zero means you would not be supportive at all, and you can choose any number in between.

Mean	5.9	6.7	5.6	5.7
10 – Supportive	27	33	23	26
8 – 9	19	20	18	18
6 – 7	12	13	12	9
5 – Neutral.....	11	9	13	10
0 - 4 - Not supportive	29	22	31	32
(Don't know).....	3	3	2	5

Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

80. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat	25	27	24	23
Not very strong Democrat	6	5	7	6
Independent/lean Democrat.....	6	6	5	9
Democrat	37	38	36	37
Strictly independent	27	27	25	31
Republican	31	30	35	23
Independent/lean Republican	9	8	10	7
Not very strong Republican.....	5	9	5	3
Strong Republican	17	14	21	12
Other	3	3	2	4
(Not sure/nothing)	2	2	2	5

81. In terms of politics, do you consider yourself VERY liberal, SOMEWHAT liberal, MODERATE, somewhat CONSERVATIVE, or VERY conservative?

Very liberal	11	10	9	14
Somewhat liberal	14	14	12	17
Liberal	24	25	21	31
Moderate	30	36	30	28
Conservative	40	36	45	33
Somewhat conservative	19	21	21	16
Very conservative	21	15	25	17
(Don't know).....	5	4	4	8

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				<i>(n=406)</i>

82. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to? **(READ LIST.)**

18-24.....	8	11	6	8
25-29.....	9	8	8	11
30-34.....	5	5	5	6
35-39.....	11	13	10	9
40-44.....	6	5	6	8
45-49.....	11	8	11	12
50-54.....	8	6	9	10
55-59.....	8	9	9	6
60-64.....	10	11	10	8
65-69.....	6	5	6	6
70-74.....	4	5	5	3
75 and older.....	11	9	13	8
(Refused).....	3	3	2	4

83. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed? **(DO NOT READ LIST.)**

1st through 11th grade.....	7	10	6	6
High school graduate.....	25	27	26	20
Non-college post-high school (e.g., technical school).....	3	2	3	3
Some college.....	26	25	26	25
College graduate.....	29	26	30	29
Postgraduate school.....	10	9	8	14
Not sure.....	1	1	0	2

84. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background? **[IF “NO”, ASK:]** What is your race--white, black, Asian, American Indian, or something else?

DO NOT READ

White/Caucasian.....	74	70	76	72
Black/African American.....	13	4	17	13
Hispanic/Latino.....	10	23	5	7
Asian/Pacific Islander.....	1	1	0	3
Native American/American Indian.....	0	0	0	1
(Other).....	1	1	1	2
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1	0	2

85. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian and other Christians).....	GO TO Q86 50	0	100	0
Catholic.....	GO TO Q86 24	100	0	0
Jewish.....	3	0	0	11
Muslim.....	0	0	0	1
Mormon, Latter Day Saints, LDS.....	1	0	0	4
Other.....	7	0	0	28
None.....	11	0	0	40
(Don't know/refused).....	4	0	0	16

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		<i>/Non-</i>	<i>Non-</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Christian</i>
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ASK ONLY IF PROTESTANT OR CATHOLIC Q85 = 1 OR 2

86. Do you think of yourself as a born again or evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Born-again/evangelical Christian	35	13	46
NOT born again	48	64	40
(Don't know)	11	14	9
(Refused)	6	10	5

87. On average, how often would you say you attend church or religious services – once a week or more, once or twice a month, several times a year, hardly ever, or never?

Every week or more	41	46	48	22
Once or twice a month	18	19	21	11
Several times a year	14	16	15	11
Hardly ever	13	13	11	16
Never	11	4	4	29
(Don't know)	4	2	1	11

88. What is your zip code?..... _____

89. [RECORD RESPONDENT'S FIRST NAME FOR VERIFICATION]..... _____

That concludes my interview today. Thank you for your time and cooperation.