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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 4-8, 2016 with a random sample of –1,025—adults, aged 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 –521—national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –504—national adults in Form B, the margins of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –910—registered voters, the margins of sampling error is ± 4 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 60% cell phone respondents and 40% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by 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, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2015 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2015 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.

21. Next, I'm going to read you a list of issues. Regardless of whether or not you think it should be legal, for each one, please tell me whether you personally believe that in general it is morally acceptable or morally wrong. How about -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

<i>2016 May 4-8</i> <i>(sorted by "morally acceptable")</i>	Morally acceptable	Morally wrong
Birth control	89	6
Divorce	72	19
Sex between an unmarried man and woman	67	30
Gambling	67	27
Having a baby outside of marriage	62	34
Medical research using stem cells obtained from human embryos	60	32
Gay or lesbian relations	60	37
The death penalty	59	34
Buying and wearing clothing made of animal fur	59	37
Doctor assisted suicide	53	41
Medical testing on animals	53	41
Abortion	43	47
Sex between teenagers	37	56
Pornography	34	61
Cloning animals	34	60
Suicide	18	73
Polygamy, when a married person has more than one spouse at the same time	14	82
Cloning humans	13	81
Married men and women having an affair	10	88

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Q.21 (MORAL ACCEPTABILITY) CONTINUED

FULL TRENDS: MORAL ACCEPTABILITY

A. Abortion

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	No <u>opinion</u>
2016 May 4-8	43	47	9	*	2
2015 May 6-10	45	45	8	1	1
2014 May 8-11	42	48	8	*	1
2013 May 2-7	42	49	8	*	2
2012 May 3-6	38	51	9	*	2
2011 May 5-8	39	51	7	*	3
2010 May 3-6	38	50	9	*	3
2009 May 7-10	36	56	6	*	1
2008 May 8-11	40	48	10	*	2
2007 May 10-13	40	51	7	*	1
2006 May 8-11	43	44	11	*	2
2005 May 2-5	40	51	8	--	1
2004 May 2-4	40	50	8	*	2
2003 May 5-7	37	53	9	*	1
2002 May 6-9	38	53	8	*	1
2001 May 10-14	42	45	11	1	1

B. The death penalty

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	Depends on situation (vol.)	Not a moral issue (vol.)	No <u>opinion</u>
2016 May 4-8	59	34	6	*	1
2015 May 6-10	60	33	5	*	2
2014 May 8-11	61	30	7	*	3
2013 May 2-7	62	31	5	*	2
2012 May 3-6	58	34	6	*	1
2011 May 5-8	65	28	5	*	2
2010 May 3-6	65	26	7	--	2
2009 May 7-10	62	30	6	*	2
2008 May 8-11	62	30	5	*	3
2007 May 10-13	66	27	5	*	2
2006 May 8-11	71	22	5	*	2
2005 May 2-5	70	25	4	*	1
2004 May 2-4	65	28	4	1	2
2003 May 5-7	64	31	4	--	1
2002 May 6-9	65	28	5	*	2
2001 May 10-14	63	27	7	1	2

Q.21 (MORAL ACCEPTABILITY) CONTINUED

C. Doctor assisted suicide

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 May 4-8	53	41	4	*	3
2015 May 6-10	56	37	4	*	2
2014 May 8-11	52	43	3	*	1
2013 May 2-7	45	49	4	*	1
2012 May 3-6	45	48	4	*	3
2011 May 5-8	45	48	5	*	2
2010 May 3-6	46	46	6	*	2
2008 May 8-11	51	44	3	*	1
2007 May 10-13	49	44	5	--	2
2006 May 8-11	50	41	6	*	2
2005 May 2-5	49	46	4	*	1
2004 May 2-4	53	41	3	1	2
2003 May 5-7	45	49	5	--	1
2002 May 6-9	50	44	4	*	2
2001 May 10-14	49	40	8	*	3

D. Medical testing on animals

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 May 4-8	53	41	4	*	2
2015 May 6-10	56	39	3	*	1
2014 May 8-11	57	38	4	*	2
2013 May 2-7	56	39	3	*	1
2012 May 3-6	55	38	4	1	2
2011 May 5-8	55	38	4	*	3
2010 May 3-6	59	34	4	1	2
2009 May 7-10	57	36	5	*	2
2008 May 8-11	56	38	3	*	3
2007 May 10-13	59	37	3	*	1
2006 May 8-11	61	32	5	*	2
2005 May 2-5	66	30	2	*	2
2004 May 2-4	62	32	4	*	2
2003 May 5-7	63	33	3	*	1
2002 May 6-9	63	30	3	1	3
2001 May 10-14	65	26	5	1	3

Q.21 (MORAL ACCEPTABILITY) CONTINUED

E. Buying and wearing clothing made of animal fur

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 May 4-8	59	37	2	1	2
2015 May 6-10	61	35	2	1	1
2014 May 8-11	58	37	2	1	2
2013 May 2-7	59	36	2	1	2
2012 May 3-6	60	35	2	1	1
2011 May 5-8	56	39	3	1	2
2010 May 3-6	60	35	2	1	2
2009 May 7-10	61	35	1	1	1
2008 May 8-11	54	39	3	1	2
2007 May 10-13	58	38	2	1	2
2006 May 8-11	62	32	2	2	2
2005 May 2-5	64	32	2	1	1
2004 May 2-4	63	31	2	2	2
2003 May 5-7	60	36	2	1	1
2002 May 6-9	59	35	2	2	2
2001 May 10-14	60	32	2	3	3

F. Sex between an unmarried man and woman

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 May 4-8	67	30	1	1	1
2015 May 6-10	68	29	1	1	2
2014 May 8-11	66	31	1	1	1
2013 May 2-7	63	33	1	1	2
2012 May 3-6	59	38	1	1	2
2011 May 5-8	60	36	1	*	3
2010 May 3-6	59	38	1	1	1
2009 May 7-10	57	40	1	*	1
2008 May 8-11	61	36	1	1	1
2007 May 10-13	59	38	1	1	1
2006 May 8-11	59	37	2	1	1
2005 May 2-5	58	39	2	*	1
2004 May 2-4	60	36	1	1	2
2003 May 5-7	58	41	1	*	*
2002 May 6-9	53	42	2	*	3
2001 May 10-14	53	42	3	1	1

Q.21 (MORAL ACCEPTABILITY) CONTINUED

G. Married men and women having an affair

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 May 4-8	10	88	1	*	1
2015 May 6-10	8	89	1	*	1
2014 May 8-11	7	91	1	*	1
2013 May 2-7	6	91	2	*	1
2012 May 3-6	7	89	2	*	2
2011 May 5-8	7	91	1	*	1
2010 May 3-6	6	92	1	*	1
2009 May 7-10	6	92	1	1	1
2008 May 8-11	7	91	1	*	1
2007 May 10-13	6	91	2	*	1
2006 May 8-11	4	93	2	*	1
2005 May 2-5	5	93	1	*	1
2004 May 2-4	7	91	1	*	1
2003 May 5-7	6	93	*	*	1
2002 May 6-9	9	87	1	1	2
2001 May 10-14	7	89	3	*	1

H. Divorce

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 May 4-8	72	19	7	1	1
2015 May 6-10	71	20	7	*	1
2014 May 8-11	69	22	8	1	1
2013 May 2-7	68	24	6	1	1
2012 May 3-6	67	25	7	1	1
2011 May 5-8	69	23	7	*	1
2010 May 3-6	69	23	7	*	1
2009 May 7-10	62	30	6	*	1
2008 May 8-11	70	22	6	*	1
2007 May 10-13	65	26	8	*	1
2006 May 8-11	67	24	8	1	1
2005 May 2-5	66	27	6	*	1
2004 May 2-4	66	26	6	1	1
2003 May 5-7	66	27	6	*	1
2002 May 6-9	63	28	8	*	1
2001 May 10-14	59	28	12	*	1

Q.21 (MORAL ACCEPTABILITY) CONTINUED

I. Cloning animals

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 May 4-8	34	60	2	2	3
2015 May 6-10	34	60	2	1	3
2014 May 8-11	34	60	1	1	3
2013 May 2-7	34	60	1	1	3
2012 May 3-6	34	60	2	1	4
2011 May 5-8	32	62	2	1	3
2010 May 3-6	31	63	1	1	4
2009 May 7-10	34	63	1	1	2
2008 May 8-11	33	61	2	1	3
2007 May 10-13	36	59	2	1	3
2006 May 8-11	29	65	2	1	3
2005 May 2-5	35	61	1	*	3
2004 May 2-4	32	64	1	1	2
2003 May 5-7	29	68	1	*	2
2002 May 6-9	29	66	3	1	1
2001 May 10-14	31	63	2	1	3

J. Cloning humans

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 May 4-8	13	81	2	1	4
2015 May 6-10	15	81	1	1	2
2014 May 8-11	13	83	2	1	2
2013 May 2-7	13	83	1	1	3
2012 May 3-6	10	86	1	*	3
2011 May 5-8	12	84	1	*	3
2010 May 3-6	9	88	*	1	3
2009 May 7-10	9	88	*	*	3
2008 May 8-11	11	85	1	*	2
2007 May 10-13	11	86	1	*	2
2006 May 8-11	8	88	1	*	3
2005 May 2-5	9	87	1	1	2
2004 May 2-4	9	88	1	*	2
2003 May 5-7	8	90	1	*	1
2002 May 6-9	7	90	2	*	1
2001 May 10-14	7	88	1	1	3

Q.21 (MORAL ACCEPTABILITY) CONTINUED

K. Suicide

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 May 4-8	18	73	5	1	3
2015 May 6-10	19	73	3	1	3
2014 May 8-11	19	74	3	1	2
2013 May 2-7	16	77	3	1	3
2012 May 3-6	14	80	3	1	2
2011 May 5-8	15	80	2	*	2
2010 May 3-6	15	77	3	1	3
2009 May 7-10	15	80	2	1	2
2008 May 8-11	15	78	3	1	3
2007 May 10-13	16	78	3	1	2
2006 May 8-11	15	78	3	1	3
2005 May 2-5	13	82	3	*	2
2004 May 2-4	15	79	3	1	2
2003 May 5-7	14	81	2	1	2
2002 May 6-9	12	83	3	*	2
2001 May 10-14	13	78	6	1	2

L. Medical research using stem cells obtained from human embryos

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 May 4-8	60	32	3	*	5
2015 May 6-10	64	29	3	*	4
2014 May 8-11	65	27	3	*	4
2013 May 2-7	60	32	3	*	5
2012 May 3-6	58	33	3	*	6
2011 May 5-8	62	30	3	*	5
2010 May 3-6	59	32	3	*	6
2009 May 7-10	57	36	2	1	4
2008 May 8-11	62	30	3	*	5
2007 May 10-13	64	30	2	*	4
2006 May 8-11	61	30	3	*	6
2005 May 2-5	60	33	3	--	4
2004 May 2-4	54	37	3	*	6
2003 May 5-7	54	38	3	--	5
2002 May 6-9	52	39	2	1	6

Q.21 (MORAL ACCEPTABILITY) CONTINUED

M. Having a baby outside of marriage

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 May 4-8	62	34	3	1	1
2015 May 6-10	61	35	2	1	1
2014 May 8-11	58	38	2	1	1
2013 May 2-7 ^	60	36	2	1	1
2012 May 3-6	54	42	2	*	1
2011 May 5-8	54	41	2	*	2
2010 May 3-6	54	40	4	*	2
2009 May 7-10	51	45	3	1	1
2008 May 8-11	55	41	2	*	1
2007 May 10-13	54	42	2	1	1
2006 May 8-11	51	43	4	*	1
2005 May 2-5	54	43	2	*	1
2004 May 2-4	49	45	3	1	2
2003 May 5-7	51	46	2	*	1
2002 May 6-9	45	50	3	1	1

^ Asked of a half sample.

N. Gambling

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 May 4-8	67	27	2	2	1
2015 May 6-10	67	27	1	1	2
2014 May 8-11	62	33	3	2	1
2013 May 2-7	64	31	2	1	1
2012 May 3-6	64	31	2	1	2
2011 May 5-8	64	31	2	1	2
2010 May 3-6	61	34	3	1	1
2009 May 7-10	58	36	2	2	2
2008 May 8-11	63	32	2	1	2
2007 May 10-13	63	32	2	1	1
2006 May 8-11	60	34	2	2	1
2005 May 2-5	64	32	2	1	1
2004 May 2-4	66	30	1	2	1
2003 May 5-7	63	34	2	*	1

Q.21 (MORAL ACCEPTABILITY) CONTINUED

O. Polygamy, when a married person has more than one spouse at the same time

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 May 4-8	14	82	1	1	2
2015 May 6-10	16	81	1	1	1
2014 May 8-11	14	84	1	*	1
2013 May 2-7	14	83	1	1	1
2012 May 3-6	11	86	2	*	1
2011 May 5-8	11	86	1	*	1
2010 May 3-6 ^	7	90	1	*	1
2009 May 7-10 ^	7	91	1	1	1
2008 May 8-11 ^	8	90	1	*	1
2007 May 10-13 ^	8	90	1	*	*
2006 May 8-11 ^	5	93	1	*	2
2005 May 2-5 ^	6	92	1	*	1
2004 May 2-4 ^	7	91	1	*	1
2003 May 5-7 ^	7	92	1	--	*

^ WORDING: Polygamy, when one husband has more than one wife at the same time

P. Gay or Lesbian Relations

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 May 4-8	60	37	1	1	2
2015 May 6-10	63	34	1	1	2
2014 May 8-11	58	38	2	1	2
2013 May 2-7	59	38	1	*	2
2012 May 3-6	54	42	1	1	3
2011 May 5-8	56	39	1	1	3
2010 May 3-6	52	43	1	*	4
2009 May 7-10	49	47	1	1	3
2008 May 8-11 †	48	48	1	1	2
2007 May 10-13 †	47	49	2	*	2
2006 May 8-11 †	44	51	1	1	2
2005 May 2-5 ^	45	51	1	--	3
2004 May 2-4 ‡	42	54	1	1	2
2003 May 5-7 ‡	44	52	2	*	2
2002 May 6-9 ‡	38	55	2	1	4
2001 May 10-14 ‡	40	53	3	1	3

^ Asked of a half sample.

† WORDING: Homosexual relations

‡ WORDING: Homosexual behavior

Q.21 (MORAL ACCEPTABILITY) CONTINUED**Q. Pornography**

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 May 4-8	34	61	2	1	1
2015 May 6-10	34	62	2	1	2
2014 May 8-11	33	64	2	*	1
2013 May 2-7	31	66	1	1	1
2012 May 3-6	31	64	3	*	2
2011 May 5-8	30	66	1	*	3

R. Birth Control

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 May 4-8	89	6	2	1	2
2015 May 6-10	89	8	1	1	1
2014 May 8-11	90	7	1	*	1
2013 May 2-7	91	6	2	1	2
2012 May 3-6	89	8	2	*	1

S. Sex between Teenagers

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Depends on situation (vol.)</u>	<u>Not a moral issue (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 May 4-8	37	56	4	1	2
2015 May 6-10	37	56	3	1	2
2014 May 8-11	30	64	3	1	2
2013 May 2-7	32	63	2	1	2