

Table 2.119

Attitudes toward the legality of homosexual relations

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1996

Question: "Do you think homosexual relations between consenting adults should or should not be legal?"

	Legal	Not legal	Don't know/ refused
National	44%	47%	9%
Sex			
Male	48	45	7
Female	41	49	10
Race			
White	45	47	8
Black	43	48	9
Nonwhite ^a	42	49	9
Age			
18 to 29 years	55	38	7
30 to 49 years	49	43	8
50 to 64 years	41	49	10
65 years and older	24	65	11
Education			
College post graduate	64	26	10
College graduate	67	26	7
Some college	46	45	9
No college	32	60	8
Income			
\$75,000 and over	49	40	11
\$50,000 and over ^b	51	40	9
\$30,000 to \$49,999	47	45	8
\$20,000 to \$29,999	47	47	6
Under \$20,000	38	55	7
Community			
Urban area	45	47	8
Suburban area	46	44	10
Rural area	39	53	8
Region			
East	47	45	8
Midwest	41	46	13
South	39	52	9
West	52	43	5
Politics			
Republican	33	62	5
Democrat	52	40	8
Independent	45	43	12

Note: For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 6.

^aIncludes black respondents.

^bIncludes \$75,000 and over category.

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