

GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

17. 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

B. The death penalty

| | Morally acceptable | Morally wrong | Depends on situation (vol.) | Not a moral issue (vol.) | No opinion |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 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 |

C. Doctor assisted suicide

| | Morally acceptable | Morally wrong | Depends on situation (vol.) | Not a moral issue (vol.) | No opinion |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 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

| | Morally acceptable | Morally wrong | Depends on situation (vol.) | Not a moral issue (vol.) | No opinion |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 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 |

E. Buying and wearing clothing made of animal fur

| | Morally acceptable | Morally wrong | Depends on situation (vol.) | Not a moral issue (vol.) | No opinion |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 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

| | Morally acceptable | Morally wrong | Depends on situation (vol.) | Not a moral issue (vol.) | No opinion |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 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 |

G. Married men and women having an affair

| | Morally acceptable | Morally wrong | Depends on situation (vol.) | Not a moral issue (vol.) | No opinion |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 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 |

K. Suicide

| | Morally acceptable | Morally wrong | Depends on situation (vol.) | Not a moral issue (vol.) | No opinion |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 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

| | Morally acceptable | Morally wrong | Depends on situation (vol.) | Not a moral issue (vol.) | No opinion |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 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 |

M. Having a baby outside of marriage

| | Morally acceptable | Morally wrong | Depends on situation (vol.) | Not a moral issue (vol.) | No opinion |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 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 |

N. Gambling

| | Morally acceptable | Morally wrong | Depends on situation (vol.) | Not a moral issue (vol.) | No opinion |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 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 |

O. Polygamy, when one husband has more than one wife at the same time

| | Morally acceptable | Morally wrong | Depends on situation (vol.) | Not a moral issue (vol.) | No opinion |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 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 | -- | * |

P. Gay or Lesbian Relations

| | Morally acceptable | Morally wrong | Depends on situation (vol.) | Not a moral issue (vol.) | No opinion |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 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