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# Results of a National Survey: Views of the American Public about the Use of Torture

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A new national survey on attitudes toward the government's use of "enhanced interrogation techniques" indicates broad bipartisan opposition to a number of such methods used by the CIA and described in the recent report of the US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. The survey also shows that majorities across the political parties support strengthening US laws against torture by making it clearer to the CIA and to the military what behavior is legal and what is illegal when interrogating people. These findings are particularly noteworthy because the survey was taken January 8-11, 2015 -- during the four days of intense international news coverage of terrorist attacks in Paris.

## Disapproval of "enhanced interrogation techniques"

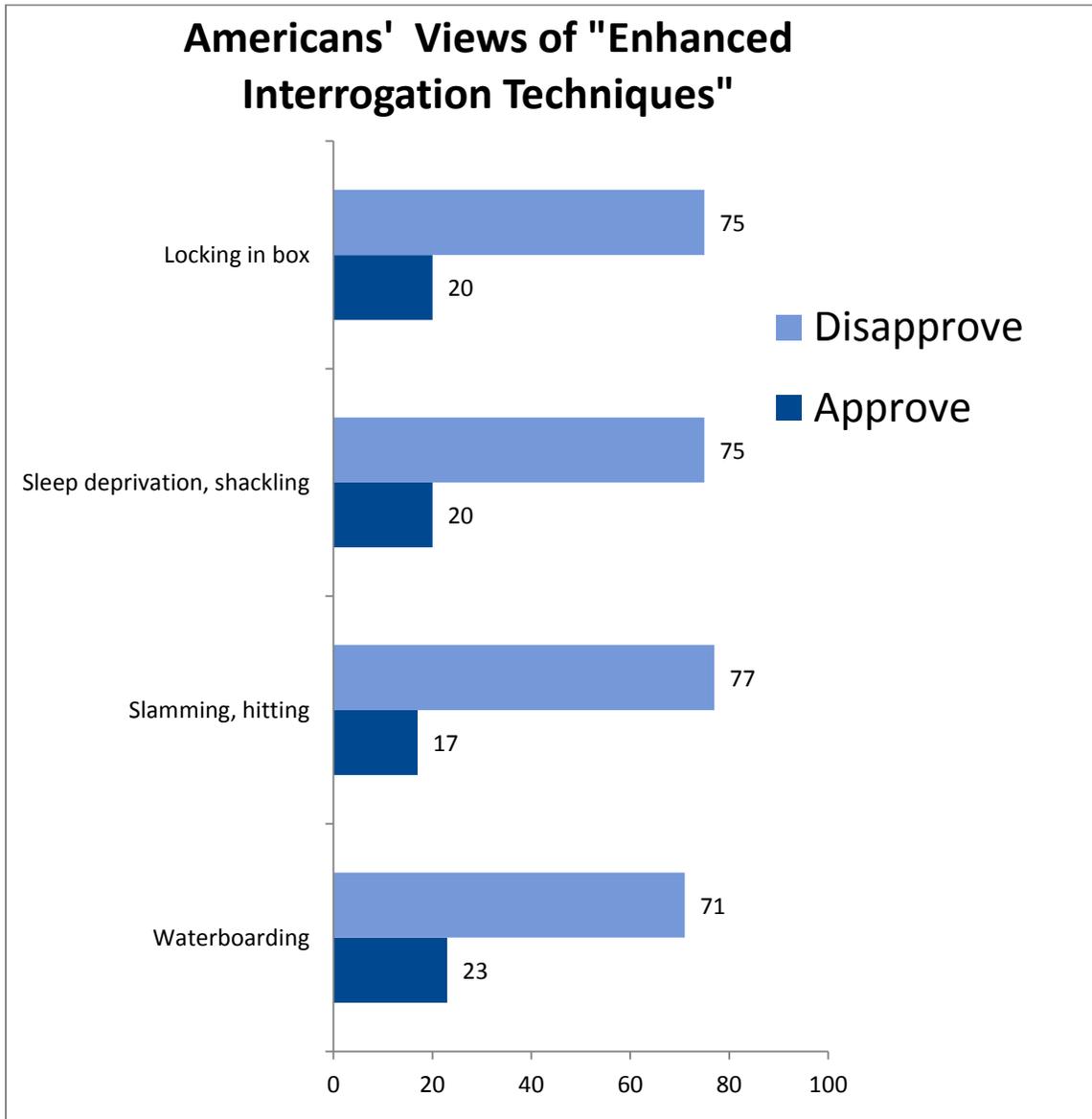
The survey, conducted for The Constitution Project by Belden Russonello Strategists, reveals that large majorities of the public disapprove of US government agents using specific "enhanced interrogation techniques" that were described in the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence report. Republicans across the country disapprove of all but one of the techniques described in the survey, while decisive majorities of Democrats and independents disapprove of all four. In each of these cases the number of Americans who strongly disapprove is far greater than the number who approve.

- "Slamming a person into a wall and hitting him in the face and stomach" is disapproved of by 77% and approved of by 17% of Americans. These figures include six in ten (62%) who strongly disapprove, compared to 8% who strongly approve. Democrats are the most disapproving (88%), along with independents (75%) and Republicans (65%).
- "Forcing a person to stay awake for up to seven consecutive days, shackled and wearing a diaper" is disapproved of by 75% and approved of by 20% -- including six in ten (64%)

strongly disapproving, while 10% strongly approve. Majorities of Democrats (88%), independents (74%), and Republicans (55%) all reject this technique.

- "Locking a person for hours in a box the size of a small dog crate" is also disapproved of by 75% and approved of by 20%. Once again, six in ten (63%) strongly disapprove, while 9% strongly approve. This technique also draws censure among all three political affiliations: Democrats (88%), independents (75%), and Republicans (55%).
- Waterboarding is disapproved by 71% of the public, with 23% saying they are okay with this technique. Six in ten (62%) strongly disapprove of "waterboarding, which is forcing water into a person's lungs while they are strapped to a board so they feel as if they are drowning," compared to 11% who strongly approve. While Democrats (87%) and independents (71%) register broad disapproval of waterboarding, Republican attitudes are divided, with 48% disapproving and 48% who approve of it.

Young adults, ages 18-34 are more likely than older Americans to disapprove of every one of the "enhanced interrogation techniques" in the survey.



## Support for clearer torture law, more oversight of CIA by Congress

The Constitution Project wanted to learn the level of support among the public for a proposal "to strengthen U.S. laws against torture by making it clearer to the CIA and to the military what behavior is legal and what is illegal when interrogating people who may have information about terrorism."

- Among all Americans, two-thirds (67%) support this proposal, while fewer than three in ten (27%) oppose. The number who strongly approve of the proposal (39%) is more than double of those who strongly disapprove (16%). The proposal enjoys broad bipartisan support with 75% of Democrats, 69% of independents and 56% of Republicans voicing approval. Younger adults are especially likely to support making the torture definition clearer.

In addition to their support for a tighter definition of torture, most Americans believe "Congress needs to exert stronger oversight of secret CIA activities."

- Overall, 63% of Americans think stronger Congressional oversight is needed, while 26% do not think so. The number agreeing strongly that more oversight is needed (38%) is more than double those who disagree strongly with the need (15%). Support for Congress more actively overseeing secret CIA activities is spread across all political persuasions: 61% of Republicans, 61% of independents, and 71% of Democrats.

## Consistently negative views on torture

Americans believe the use of torture is immoral, inconsistent with American values, and harmful to America's standing in the world.

- About seven in ten Americans (69%) agree (53% strongly) that "torture is immoral." This includes 56% of Republicans, 77% of Democrats, and 72% of independents. Younger adults under age 34 are more likely than older Americans to call torture immoral.
- Most Americans -- 61% -- also see torture as "inconsistent with American values," with 44% who feel that way strongly. Majorities of Democrats (71%), independents (62%), and Republicans (51%) concur.
- More than six in ten -- 63% -- of the public agree (43% strongly) that "when America uses torture it hurts our moral standing in the world." While large majorities of Democrats (73%) and independents (66%) worry about torture's impact on America's standing, Republicans

are more evenly divided, with 46% agreeing and 50% disagreeing that torture hurts the country's moral standing in the world.

Americans' disapproval of torture generally was expressed in the broad agreement with the statement: "Our government should not use torture if we think there may be other ways to obtain information about terrorists."

- Overall, 76% agree (54% strongly) with this statement, including 69% of Republicans, 78% of independents, and 83% of Democrats.

## Methodology

The survey was drafted and analyzed by Belden Russonello Strategists. It consisted of 1,023 telephone interviews, conducted January 8 to 11, 2015 by professional interviewers. Sampling and field work was performed by ORC International, as part of its Caravan national omnibus survey.

ORC used two probability samples: randomly selected landline telephone numbers and randomly selected mobile telephone numbers. The combined sample includes adults 18 years old and older living in the continental United States. Of the 1,023 interviews, 521 were from the landline sample and 502 from the cell phone sample. The margin of sampling error for the sample of this size is +/- 3.06 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. Smaller subgroups will have larger error margins.

The survey was collected by trained and supervised US based interviewers using ORC International's computer assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) system. Final data were adjusted to consider the two sample frames and then weighted by age, gender, region, race/ethnicity and education to be proportionally representative of the US adult population.

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## Appendix A: Questionnaire



## National Survey on Torture For The Constitution Project

Interviewing January 8-11, 2015 by land line and cell phone

National random sample, N = 1,023

Margin of sampling error +/- 3 percentage points

Now I have some questions about a topic that has been in the news lately. Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of U.S. government agents using each one of the following techniques on people they are interrogating. Do you approve strongly, approve somewhat, disapprove somewhat or disapprove strongly? [RANDOMIZED ITEMS]

**1. Waterboarding, which is forcing water into a person's lungs while they are strapped to a board so they feel as if they are drowning.**

11% Approve strongly  
12 Approve somewhat  
9 Disapprove somewhat  
62 Disapprove strongly  
2 DON'T KNOW  
1 REFUSED/-

**2. Locking a person for hours in a box the size of a small dog crate.**

9% Approve strongly  
11 Approve somewhat  
12 Disapprove somewhat  
63 Disapprove strongly  
2 DON'T KNOW  
3 REFUSED



**3. Forcing a person to stay awake for up to seven consecutive days, shackled and wearing a diaper.**

10% Approve strongly  
10 Approve somewhat  
11 Disapprove somewhat  
64 Disapprove strongly  
1 DON'T KNOW  
4 REFUSED

**4. Slamming a person into a wall and hitting him in the face and stomach.**

8% Approve strongly  
9 Approve somewhat  
15 Disapprove somewhat  
62 Disapprove strongly  
2 DON'T KNOW  
4 REFUSED

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly? [RANDOMIZED ITEMS]

**5. Torturing people is immoral.**

53% Agree strongly  
15 Agree somewhat  
13 Disagree somewhat  
14 Disagree strongly  
1 DON'T KNOW  
3 REFUSED

**6. Torture is inconsistent with American values.**

44% Agree strongly  
17 Agree somewhat  
16 Disagree somewhat  
16 Disagree strongly  
4 DON'T KNOW  
3 REFUSED

**7. Our government should not use torture if we think there may be other ways to obtain information about terrorists.**

54% Agree strongly  
22 Agree somewhat  
7 Disagree somewhat  
11 Disagree strongly  
3 DON'T KNOW  
3 REFUSED

**8. When America uses torture it hurts our moral standing in the world.**

43% Agree strongly  
19 Agree somewhat  
14 Disagree somewhat  
18 Disagree strongly  
2 DON'T KNOW  
3 REFUSED

**9. Congress needs to exert stronger oversight of secret CIA activities.**

38% Agree strongly  
25 Agree somewhat  
11 Disagree somewhat  
15 Disagree strongly  
8 DON'T KNOW  
4 REFUSED

**10. Please tell me if you would approve or disapprove of a proposal to strengthen U.S. laws against torture by making it clearer to the CIA and to the military what behavior is legal and what is illegal, when interrogating people who may have information about terrorists. Do you approve strongly, approve somewhat, disapprove somewhat or disapprove strongly?**

39% Approve strongly  
28 Approve somewhat  
10 Disapprove somewhat  
16 Or, disapprove strongly  
3 DON'T KNOW  
3 REFUSED

## Appendix B: Crosstab Tables

**Table 1: Waterboarding**

Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of U.S. government agents using each one of the following techniques on people they are interrogating. Do you approve strongly, approve somewhat, disapprove somewhat or disapprove strongly: **Waterboarding, which is forcing water into a person's lungs while they are strapped to a board so they feel as if they are drowning.**

	Approve Net	Disapprove Net	Approve Strongly	Approve Somewhat	Disapprove Somewhat	Disapprove Strongly
<b>Total</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>62</b>
Men	33%	61	17%	16	11	50
Women	14%	80	6%	9	7	73
18-34	13%	79	6%	8	10	69
35-44	22%	72	5%	17	11	60
45-54	27%	68	16%	12	9	59
55-64	31%	64	14%	17	5	59
65+	30%	65	18%	12	7	58
White	28%	66	14%	14	9	56
African American	11%	86	5%	6	8	77
Latino/a*	13%	82	5%	8	8	74
Democrats	10%	87	5%	5	8	79
Republicans	48%	48	21%	26	9	38
Independents	21%	71	10%	11	10	61
High school or less	20%	73	10%	9	7	66
Some college	26%	69	10%	16	9	60
College grad	26%	70	12%	13	12	59
<\$35k	18%	78	10%	9	9	69
\$35-50k	19%	75	6%	13	9	65
\$50-75k	26%	70	11%	14	9	62
\$75-100k	33%	65	14%	19	5	59
\$100k+	34%	60	18%	17	13	47
NE region	22%	71	12%	10	6	65
Midwest	24%	70	9%	15	8	63
South	26%	68	12%	13	8	60
West	21%	76	10%	10	13	63

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**Table 2: Locking Person in Box for Hours**

Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of U.S. government agents using each one of the following techniques on people they are interrogating. Do you approve strongly, approve somewhat, disapprove somewhat or disapprove strongly: **Locking a person for hours in a box the size of a small dog crate.**

	Approve Net	Disapprove Net	Approve Strongly	Approve Somewhat	Disapprove Somewhat	Disapprove Strongly
<b>Total</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>63</b>
Men	28%	66	13%	15	15	51
Women	13%	83	5%	8	10	73
18-34	12%	82	5%	7	14	68
35-44	18%	75	3%	15	13	63
45-54	25%	70	14%	11	11	60
55-64	27%	67	11%	15	12	55
65+	24%	73	12%	12	10	63
White	24%	71	10%	13	13	57
African American	12%	86	3%	9	9	76
Latino/a*	19%	85	4%	6	7	78
Democrats	9%	88	6%	4	13	75
Republicans	40%	55	17%	23	13	42
Independents	19%	75	8%	11	12	63
High school or less	16%	78	8%	8	10	67
Some college	24%	72	9%	15	13	59
College grad	22%	73	10%	12	14	59
<\$35k	17%	81	8%	9	8	72
\$35-50k	12%	80	5%	7	9	71
\$50-75k	21%	74	9%	12	13	61
\$75-100k	27%	72	13%	14	12	60
\$100k+	34%	60	13%	21	21	39
NE region	17%	77	6%	11	12	65
Midwest	20%	73	8%	12	13	60
South	23%	72	11%	12	12	60
West	18%	79	9%	9	11	67

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**Table 3: Forcing Person to Stay Awake**

Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of U.S. government agents using each one of the following techniques on people they are interrogating. Do you approve strongly, approve somewhat, disapprove somewhat or disapprove strongly: **Forcing a person to stay awake for up to seven consecutive days, shackled and wearing a diaper.**

	Approve Net	Disapprove Net	Approve Strongly	Approve Somewhat	Disapprove Somewhat	Disapprove Strongly
<b>Total</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>64</b>
Men	28%	66	15%	13	12	54
Women	13%	83	6%	7	9	74
18-34	9%	86	6%	3	13	73
35-44	20%	73	2%	18	11	62
45-54	26%	71	17%	9	7	63
55-64	28%	66	14%	13	10	56
65+	27%	69	15%	12	11	59
White	24%	70	13%	12	12	58
African American	11%	87	4%	6	6	81
Latino/a*	12%	83	6%	7	8	75
Democrats	10%	88	7%	3	9	80
Republicans	39%	55	18%	21	16	39
Independents	20%	74	10%	10	10	64
High school or less	15%	79	9%	6	9	70
Some college	23%	74	10%	13	12	62
College grad	25%	70	12%	13	12	58
<\$35k	15%	82	10%	5	8	74
\$35-50k	11%	83	5%	6	12	71
\$50-75k	24%	74	12%	12	13	61
\$75-100k	27%	72	12%	15	12	60
\$100k+	35%	60	15%	19	15	45
NE region	20%	73	10%	10	9	63
Midwest	22%	73	8%	13	8	65
South	21%	74	12%	10	12	62
West	18%	79	10%	8	11	67

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**Table 4: Slamming and Hitting Person**

Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of U.S. government agents using each one of the following techniques on people they are interrogating. Do you approve strongly, approve somewhat, disapprove somewhat or disapprove strongly: **Slamming a person into a wall and hitting him in the face and stomach.**

	Approve Net	Disapprove Net	Approve Strongly	Approve Somewhat	Disapprove Somewhat	Disapprove Strongly
<b>Total</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>62</b>
Men	24%	69	12%	12	17	52
Women	10%	84	4%	6	12	72
18-34	13%	81	5%	8	15	65
35-44	17%	76	5%	12	16	60
45-54	22%	71	13%	10	10	61
55-64	19%	76	9%	10	19	58
65+	17%	79	9%	8	14	65
White	20%	73	9%	11	16	58
African American	13%	84	5%	9	10	74
Latino/a*	10%	86	4%	6	15	71
Democrats	9%	88	4%	5	9	79
Republicans	30%	65	13%	16	19	46
Independents	17%	75	8%	9	17	58
High school or less	15%	76	7%	8	12	65
Some college	18%	78	7%	11	15	62
College grad	19%	77	9%	10	18	59
<\$35k	13%	82	6%	7	11	71
\$35-50k	12%	81	5%	7	14	67
\$50-75k	18%	79	8%	9	17	62
\$75-100k	21%	78	11%	10	17	61
\$100k+	29%	63	12%	17	21	42
NE region	15%	78	7%	8	19	59
Midwest	17%	74	8%	10	12	62
South	19%	75	9%	10	14	62
West	15%	80	6%	9	14	66

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**Table 5: Torturing People is Immoral**

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly: **Torturing people is immoral.**

	Agree Net	Disagree Net	Agree Strongly	Agree Somewhat	Disagree Somewhat	Disagree Strongly
<b>Total</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Men	62%	32	45%	17	17	14
Women	75%	22	61%	14	9	13
18-34	76%	17	59%	17	9	8
35-44	75%	21	61%	15	15	6
45-54	65%	32	50%	15	15	17
55-64	65%	31	48%	17	14	17
65+	59%	38	45%	14	15	23
White	67%	29	51%	16	16	13
African-American	73%	25	58%	15	12	13
Latino/a*	76%	19	61%	15	6	13
Democrats	77%	21	62%	14	10	11
Republicans	56%	40	35%	21	23	17
Independents	72%	23	57%	15	11	12
High school or less	64%	31	50%	14	12	19
Some college	73%	24	55%	18	15	9
College grad	72%	22	56%	16	13	9
<\$35k	73%	24	60%	13	10	14
\$35-50k	70%	26	54%	17	14	12
\$50-75k	75%	24	59%	16	15	9
\$75-100k	64%	33	44%	20	17	16
\$100k+	66%	27	49%	18	15	12
NE region	67%	28	56%	12	13	15
Midwest	68%	27	57%	11	14	14
South	66%	29	47%	19	15	14
West	75%	21	59%	17	9	12

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**Table 6: Torture is Inconsistent with American Values**

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly: **Torture is inconsistent with American values.**

	Agree Net	Disagree Net	Agree Strongly	Agree Somewhat	Disagree Somewhat	Disagree Strongly
<b>Total</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>
Men	57%	35	40%	18	17	18
Women	64%	30	48%	16	15	15
18-34	64%	26	42%	22	17	9
35-44	62%	34	50%	12	15	19
45-54	58%	36	45%	13	20	15
55-64	57%	38	39%	19	17	21
65+	61%	33	46%	15	12	21
White	61%	33	43%	17	17	16
African American	57%	39	43%	14	14	25
Latino/a*	66%	25	47%	19	12	13
Democrats	71%	25	53%	18	12	13
Republicans	51%	43	32%	19	21	22
Independents	62%	30	46%	16	16	14
High school or less	52%	40	38%	14	16	24
Some college	66%	29	47%	19	20	10
College grad	69%	24	50%	19	14	10
<\$35k	61%	31	47%	14	16	15
\$35-50k	65%	32	45%	21	15	17
\$50-75k	71%	25	55%	16	14	12
\$75-100k	66%	30	40%	26	17	13
\$100k+	62%	33	43%	20	17	16
NE region	56%	35	41%	15	15	20
Midwest	61%	29	44%	18	14	15
South	57%	38	41%	16	19	19
West	70%	24	51%	18	15	10

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**Table 7: Government Should Not Use Torture if There May Be Other Ways to Obtain Information about Terrorists**

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly: **Our government should not use torture if we think there may be other ways to obtain information about terrorists.**

	Agree Net	Disagree Net	Agree Strongly	Agree Somewhat	Disagree Somewhat	Disagree Strongly
<b>Total</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>
Men	73%	21	49%	24	8	13
Women	79%	15	58%	21	6	9
18-34	81%	12	54%	26	6	6
35-44	75%	19	55%	21	6	13
45-54	75%	15	51%	25	6	9
55-64	74%	23	53%	21	7	16
65+	73%	23	56%	17	8	15
White	77%	17	55%	23	7	10
African American	76%	18	56%	20	5	13
Latino/a*	69%	22	49%	20	9	13
Democrats	83%	14	62%	20	5	9
Republicans	69%	25	38%	31	9	16
Independents	78%	17	58%	19	7	10
High school or less	70%	24	49%	20	7	17
Some college	79%	16	53%	26	8	8
College grad	82%	11	60%	22	5	6
<\$35k	76%	19	57%	19	6	12
\$35k-50k	76%	19	45%	31	7	12
\$50k-75k	83%	13	61%	22	6	7
\$75k-100k	77%	19	59%	18	7	12
\$100k+	76%	18	49%	27	5	13
NE region	79%	15	60%	20	7	8
Midwest	76%	17	55%	21	5	12
South	74%	19	49%	25	6	13
West	77%	18	55%	22	8	11

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**Table 8: Use of Torture Hurts Our Moral Standing in the World**

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly: **When America uses torture it hurts our moral standing in the world.**

	Agree Net	Disagree Net	Agree Strongly	Agree Somewhat	Disagree Somewhat	Disagree Strongly
<b>Total</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>
Men	59%	34	40%	19	15	20
Women	66%	31	47%	20	13	17
18-34	71%	23	45%	26	14	9
35-44	68%	28	45%	23	11	18
45-54	61%	36	44%	17	19	17
55-64	54%	41	37%	17	13	28
65+	55%	41	44%	11	13	27
White	59%	36	40%	19	15	21
African American	65%	33	46%	19	15	18
Latino/a*	72%	22	53%	19	12	10
Democrats	73%	24	55%	18	10	14
Republicans	46%	50	25%	20	16	34
Independents	66%	29	45%	21	14	15
High school or less	58%	37	42%	16	13	24
Some college	64%	31	44%	20	18	13
College grad	68%	27	43%	24	11	16
<\$35k	65%	31	46%	19	12	19
\$35-50k	62%	36	44%	18	20	15
\$50-75k	73%	22	53%	21	8	14
\$75-100k	63%	32	36%	27	11	20
\$100k+	57%	39	38%	19	18	21
NE region	59%	33	39%	20	12	21
Midwest	62%	32	41%	21	13	20
South	60%	37	40%	19	18	19
West	71%	25	53%	18	10	15

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**Table 9: Congress Needs to Exert Stronger Oversight of Secret CIA Activities**

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly: **Congress needs to exert stronger oversight of secret CIA activities.**

	Agree Net	Disagree Net	Agree Strongly	Agree Somewhat	Disagree Somewhat	Disagree Strongly
<b>Total</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>
Men	62%	28	38%	24	12	16
Women	64%	23	38%	26	10	13
18-34	63%	23	34%	30	16	6
35-44	64%	27	38%	26	7	19
45-54	71%	21	41%	29	10	12
55-64	59%	28	40%	19	10	18
65+	58%	33	41%	18	9	23
White	61%	28	36%	25	12	16
African American	56%	29	34%	22	10	18
Latino/a*	69%	18	41%	27	8	9
Democrats	71%	18	45%	26	9	9
Republicans	61%	33	38%	24	13	20
Independents	61%	26	35%	26	12	14
High school or less	61%	25	40%	21	9	16
Some college	63%	27	38%	25	13	14
College grad	65%	26	35%	30	13	13
<\$35k	64%	23	42%	21	10	14
\$35-50K	61%	30	30%	31	17	13
\$50-75k	74%	19	47%	27	7	12
\$75-100k	69%	28	40%	29	11	17
\$100k+	62%	32	35%	26	15	16
NE Region	61%	27	41%	20	16	12
Midwest	65%	21	38%	28	8	13
South	62%	30	34%	28	11	19
West	63%	23	42%	21	11	12

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**Table 10: Proposal to Strengthen U.S. Laws against Torture**

Please tell me if you would approve or disapprove of a proposal to strengthen U.S. laws against torture by making it clearer to the CIA and to the military what behavior is legal and what is illegal, when interrogating people who may have information about terrorists. Do you...

	Approve Net	Disapprove Net	Approve Strongly	Approve Somewhat	Disapprove Somewhat	Disapprove Strongly
<b>Total</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>
Men	67%	28	40%	27	9	19
Women	68%	25	38%	30	11	14
18-34	72%	21	39%	34	14	7
35-44	77%	19	45%	32	4	14
45-54	68%	28	41%	27	11	17
55-64	58%	36	32%	26	9	26
65+	60%	34	41%	20	10	23
White	66%	28	37%	29	11	17
African American	71%	25	39%	31	12	13
Latino/a*	70%	22	45%	26	9	13
Democrats	75%	20	49%	26	11	9
Republicans	56%	40	27%	28	13	27
Independents	69%	24	39%	31	9	15
High School or less	67%	27	43%	24	9	18
Some college	69%	25	37%	32	11	13
College grad	67%	27	36%	31	12	15
<\$35k	69%	26	42%	27	9	17
\$35-50k	71%	22	42%	29	11	11
\$50-75k	74%	22	48%	26	13	9
\$75-100k	67%	31	35%	33	13	18
\$100k+	65%	31	40%	25	9	21
NE region	62%	28	35%	27	9	19
Midwest	68%	26	34%	34	10	17
South	70%	25	42%	28	10	16
West	67%	27	43%	24	13	14

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