

Opinion Polls on the Death Penalty

1. Guess what the results in the USA were and write down the figures in per cent in the grey columns of the table below:

	Percentage of Americans that are for the death penalty <i>(your guess)</i>	Results Gallup Poll	Percentage of Americans that are against the death penalty <i>(your guess)</i>	Results Gallup Poll	Percentage of Americans that have no opinion <i>(your guess)</i>	Results Gallup Poll
October 2001 (after attack on World Trade Center)						
May 2002						
October 2002 (after two serial killers were caught)						

2. Find out the results of the Gallup survey:

<http://pollingreport.com/crime.htm#Death>

and write down the real figures in the white columns above.

3. Find a partner and compare your guesses with the real figures. Are you surprised by the results?
4. Additional task: Try to find a German opinion poll on the death penalty and compare the results.