

**Sources and Journalists survey — 2004**  
**First Amendment Center**

*Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements:*

1. Journalists should be allowed to keep a news source confidential.

Strongly agree	42%
Mildly agree	30%
Mildly disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	11%
Don't know	4%
Refused	--

2. When a news story relies on an unnamed source, one should question the accuracy of that news story.

Strongly agree	63%
Mildly agree	23%
Mildly disagree	6%
Strongly disagree	4%
Don't know	3%
Refused	--

3. News stories that rely on unnamed sources should not be published in the first place.

Strongly agree	33%
Mildly agree	19%
Mildly disagree	25%
Strongly disagree	19%
Don't know	3%
Refused	--

*Note:* The survey was conducted for the First Amendment Center in the first week of October 2004 by the Center for Survey Research and Analysis at the University of Connecticut. The national survey of 669 respondents was conducted by telephone in the first week of October 2004. The sampling error is plus-or-minus 3.7%.