

National Guns Survey

April 11-14, 2013
1000 Total Registered Voters (800 Weighted)
335 Registered Voters age 18-29 (140 Weighted)
624 Registered Voters age 30+ (632 Weighted)

Q.2 First of all, are you currently registered to vote?

	Total	18-29	30+
Yes	100	100	100
No.....	-	-	-
(Don't know/refused).....	-	-	-
(ref:NRV)			

Q.4 In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of firearms should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

	Total	18-29	30+
More strict.....	51	48	52
Kept as they are now	33	36	33
Less strict	10	11	9
(Don't know/refused).....	6	5	5
 More strict - Less strict	 41	 36	 43
(ref:GUNLAWS)			

Q.5 Thinking about yourself personally, would you feel more safe in a community where a lot of people have guns or more safe in a community where fewer people have guns?

	Total	18-29	30+
Safer where fewer people have guns.....	47	52	46
Safer where a lot of people have guns.....	37	32	38
(Don't know/depends/refused).....	16	15	15
 Safer where fewer people have guns –			
Safer where a lot of people have guns	10	20	8
(ref:GUNAMT2)			

Q.6 Thinking about the elementary school shootings in Newtown, Connecticut last year, would you say this incident has made you more or less likely to support stricter laws covering the sale of firearms, or has it not made a difference?

	Total	18-29	30+
More likely to support stricter laws	38	42	37
Less likely to support stricter laws.....	8	8	8
Hasn't made a difference.....	49	48	50
(Don't know/refused).....	4	2	4
More likely to support stricter laws – Less likely to support stricter laws	30	33	29
(ref:NEWTOWN)			

Q.7 When you think about guns in America, what word or phrase comes to mind?

	Total	18-29	30+
NEGATIVE	45	45	46
Shootings/Murder/Killing.....	7	10	6
Violence.....	5	8	5
Too many guns/Guns too easy to get/Need fewer guns	5	3	6
Need more regulation/more gun control.....	5	3	6
Safety	5	7	5
Dangerous/Danger	4	6	4
Misuse of guns/negligence/should be responsible.....	4	4	3
Unnecessary/people don't need to have guns.....	3	1	3
Crimes/Criminal	2	1	2
Out of control.....	2	1	3
Only for police/military	2	2	2
Scared	1	1	2
Other negative.....	6	5	6
POSITIVE.....	45	42	46
Second Amendment/Constitutional right/Right to bear arms.....	19	16	20
Protection/Self-defense.....	12	14	12
Freedom/Liberty	10	8	10
Hunting/Sports/Hobby/Recreation	5	3	5
People kill people, not guns.....	2	1	2
American/Tradition.....	1	1	2
Other positive.....	1	2	1
Good/Great	0	0	0
OTHER	5	4	5
Other	5	4	5
NON-ANSWER.....	11	14	10
Nothing/Don't know/Refused.....	11	14	10
(ref:GUNSOE)			

Now I am going to read you some different proposals regarding gun violence that may be considered by Congress in the coming year. After I read each one, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose that proposal.

	Strng Favr	Smwt Favr	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	DK/ Ref	Total Favr	Total Opp	Favr -
8 A proposal to ban the sale and possession of military-style semi-automatic assault weapons to everyone except the police and military								
.....	44	12	12	27	5	56	39	18
18-29	37	16	18	24	4	53	42	11
30+	46	11	10	28	5	57	38	19
9 A proposal to ban the sale and possession of high-capacity magazines, which allow some guns to shoot more than ten bullets before they need to be reloaded								
.....	39	11	15	32	4	49	46	3
18-29	31	20	21	24	4	51	45	7
30+	40	8	13	34	4	49	47	2
10 A proposal to require criminal background checks for everyone who wants to buy a firearm								
.....	75	12	4	7	2	87	11	76
18-29	80	11	3	4	2	92	7	85
30+	74	12	4	8	2	86	12	74
11 A proposal to prohibit anyone convicted of stalking or subject to a court restraining order for stalking from buying a firearm								
.....	55	20	8	11	6	74	20	55
18-29	48	29	11	8	4	77	19	58
30+	56	18	8	12	6	74	20	54

(ref:GUNPROPS)

Q.12 Do you think teachers SHOULD be allowed to carry firearms in public school classrooms or do you think teachers should NOT be allowed to carry firearms in public school classrooms?

	Total	18-29	30+
Should not be allowed to carry firearms.....	59	64	58
Should be allowed to carry firearms	35	31	36
(Don't know/refused).....	6	5	6
Should not be allowed to carry firearms – Should be allowed to carry firearms.....	24	33	23

(ref:PSTEACH)

Q.13 Imagine that you or a family member were on a college campus. Would you feel safer on a college campus where students were permitted to carry guns, or safer on a college campus where students were NOT permitted to carry guns?

	Total	18-29	30+
Safer where students were NOT permitted to carry guns.....	75	75	75
Safer where students were permitted to carry guns	20	19	19
(Don't know/refused).....	6	6	6
Safer where students were NOT permitted to carry guns - Safer where students were permitted to carry guns.....	55	56	56
(ref:CAMPUS)			

Q.14 If your senator or member of Congress voted to require a criminal background check for every person who wants to buy a firearm, would you be more likely to vote for them, less likely to vote for them, or would it not affect the way you would vote?

	Total	18-29	30+
More likely	49	50	49
Less likely	12	8	12
No effect on vote	35	41	34
(Don't know/refused).....	4	1	5
More likely - Less likely.....	37	42	37
(ref:BCVEFFCT)			

Q.15 If your senator or member of Congress was endorsed by the NRA - the National Rifle Association - because of their positions on gun issues, would you be more likely to vote for them, less likely to vote for them, or would it not affect the way you would vote?

	Total	18-29	30+
More likely	21	18	22
Less likely	26	20	28
No effect on vote	50	61	48
(Don't know/refused).....	3	2	3
More likely - Less likely.....	-5	-3	-6
(ref:NRAVEFFC)			

Q.16 How likely would you be to support a candidate for Congress whom you agree with on a majority of issues, but whom you disagree with on gun issues - very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all?

	Total	18-29	30+
Very likely	12	13	11
Somewhat likely	45	53	43
Not very likely	17	16	18
Not likely at all	20	15	22
(Don't know/refused).....	6	3	6
Total Likely	56	66	54
Total Not likely.....	38	31	40
Likely - Not likely	19	35	14
(ref:CANDVOTE)			

Now let me read you some statements. After I read each statement, please tell me whether you agree with it strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly.

	Dis- Agree Strng	Dis- Agree Smwt	Dis- agree Smwt	Dis- agree Strng	DK/ Ref	Total Agree	Dis- agree	- Dis
17 The right of law-abiding citizens to own whatever firearms they want is one of the most important American freedoms.	41	24	14	18	1	66	33	33
18-29	39	27	19	15	0	66	33	33
30+	41	23	14	20	1	65	34	31
18 After the mass killings at colleges, high schools, movie theaters, and now elementary schools, the gun culture in our society has gotten out of control.	45	16	13	21	5	61	34	27
18-29	46	24	13	15	3	70	27	42
30+	45	14	14	22	6	59	35	23
19 We should protect the right to own a gun, but we need stronger laws to prevent criminals and the mentally ill from getting guns.	74	15	4	5	2	89	9	80
18-29	75	15	4	4	2	90	8	83
30+	74	15	4	5	2	88	9	79
20 We should protect the right to own a gun, but we need stronger laws to make sure civilians don't have assault weapons that belong on a battlefield, not on our streets.	53	17	11	18	2	70	28	41
18-29	54	19	11	16	1	72	26	46
30+	53	16	11	18	2	69	29	41

(ref:AGREE)

Now I'm going to read you the names of some people and organizations. When it comes to issues related to gun violence, please tell me whether you trust each one a lot, some, not too much, or not at all.

	A Lot	Some	Not Too Much	Not At All	DK/ Ref	Total Trust	Total Trust Not	Trust -
21 Wayne LaPierre, the head of the NRA.....	17	28	12	26	18	45	37	8
18-29	16	38	11	22	13	54	33	21
30+	17	27	12	27	18	44	39	5
22 Emergency room doctors.....	42	38	8	8	5	79	16	63
18-29	40	43	7	9	1	83	16	67
30+	42	37	8	7	6	79	15	64
23 Mayors.....	11	48	17	15	9	60	32	28
18-29	14	53	13	14	6	67	27	40
30+	11	48	18	14	9	59	32	27
24 Police chiefs.....	40	45	6	5	4	85	11	73
18-29	38	47	6	6	4	84	12	72
30+	41	44	7	4	4	85	11	74
25 Barack Obama.....	27	29	9	31	4	56	40	15
18-29	30	36	10	20	4	66	30	36
30+	26	27	9	34	4	54	43	11

(ref:TRUST)

Q.26 Have you or anyone you know personally ever been a victim of gun violence?

	Total	18-29	30+
Yes	27	30	27
No.....	72	70	72
(Don't know/refused).....	0	-	1

(ref:GUNV)

Q.27 How concerned are you about the possibility of gun violence affecting you or your family, friends and community - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not concerned at all?

	Total	18-29	30+
Very concerned.....	29	25	30
Somewhat concerned.....	35	34	35
Not too concerned.....	22	25	22
Not concerned at all.....	13	14	12
(Don't know/refused).....	1	1	1
Total Concerned.....	65	60	65
Total Not concerned.....	35	39	34
Concerned - Not concerned.....	30	21	32
(ref:GUNCONC)			

Q.28 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total	18-29	30+
1 - 11th grade.....	3	4	3
High School graduate.....	28	27	28
Non-college post H.S.	2	1	2
Some college.....	35	45	34
College graduate.....	15	17	15
Post-graduate school.....	15	6	17
(Don't know/refused).....	1	-	1
(ref:EDUC)			

Q.29 In what year were you born?

	Total	18-29	30+
18 - 24.....	9	51	-
25 - 29.....	8	49	-
30 - 34.....	8	-	11
35 - 39.....	8	-	10
40 - 44.....	9	-	11
45 - 49.....	4	-	6
50 - 54.....	9	-	11
55 - 59.....	11	-	14
60 - 64.....	11	-	14
Over 64.....	20	-	25
(No answer).....	4	-	-
(ref:AGE)			

Q.30 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger? (IF NO) Do you have any grandchildren 18 years of age or younger?

	Total	18-29	30+
Yes, children	32	25	35
Yes, grandchildren	17	0	21
No.....	49	74	43
(Don't know/refused).....	2	0	1
Total Yes	50	25	56
(ref:KIDS)			

Q.31 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as - a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total	18-29	30+
Strong Democrat.....	21	17	21
Weak Democrat.....	15	21	14
Independent-lean Democrat	10	12	9
Independent.....	11	13	11
Independent-lean Republican.....	11	10	11
Weak Republican.....	12	12	13
Strong Republican.....	16	12	17
(Don't know/Refused)	4	3	3
(ref:PTYID1)			

Q.34 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Total	18-29	30+
Liberal	20	24	20
Moderate.....	35	36	35
Conservative.....	37	31	39
(Don't know/refused).....	8	9	6
(ref:IDEO1)			

Q.35 How many firearms do you or members of your household own?

	Total	18-29	30+
None	47	54	46
1	9	11	9
2-3	12	14	13
4-5	5	6	5
6-7	2	2	2
8-9	1	1	1
10 or more.....	4	4	5
(Don't know/refused).....	19	9	20
Gun owner	33	36	34
(ref:GUNS)			

[345 Total Respondents (268 Weighted); 121 18-29 (51 Weighted); 222 30+ (216 Weighted)]

Q.36 (IF GUN OWNER IN Q.37) How often would you say you go hunting? At least every week, about every month, a few times a year, only rarely, or never?

	Total	18-29	30+
At least every week	3	3	3
About every month	6	7	6
A few times a year	19	25	18
Only rarely	18	16	19
Never	52	48	52
(Don't know/refused).....	1	-	2
Hunter.....	47	52	46
(ref:HUNT)			

Q.37 Are you or anyone in your household a member of the NRA?

	Total	18-29	30+
Yes, respondent	6	3	6
Yes, household member	6	7	6
No one in household.....	83	87	84
(Don't know/refused).....	5	4	4
Total Yes	11	9	12
(ref:NRAM)			

Q.38 And what is your race?

	Total	18-29	30+
White/Caucasian	69	54	75
Black/African American.....	12	15	11
Hispanic/Latino	9	18	8
Asian	4	10	2
(Other)	1	1	0
(Don't know/refused).....	5	2	4
(ref:RACE)			

Q.3 Respondent's gender

	Total	18-29	30+
Male	47	50	46
Female	53	50	54
(ref:GENDER)			