

The logo consists of two parts. The top part is a grey rectangle containing the text 'CNN | ORC' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The 'CNN' is in a stylized, outlined font, while 'ORC' is in a solid black font. A vertical line separates 'CNN' and 'ORC'. The bottom part is a black rectangle containing the word 'POLL' in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font.

Interviews with 1,014 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on March 24-25, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 925 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points).

The sample includes 761 interviews among landline respondents and 253 interviews among cell phone respondents.

FOR RELEASE: MONDAY, MARCH 26 AT NOON

26. How much attention have you paid to the fatal shooting in Florida last month of a teenager named Trayvon Martin by a neighborhood watch volunteer named George Zimmerman -- a great deal of attention, some, only a little, or not much attention?

Mar. 24-25
2012

Great deal	35%
Some	32%
Only a little	13%
Not much	19%
No opinion	1%

27. Based on what you have read or heard about this incident, do you think the police should or should not arrest George Zimmerman for shooting Trayvon Martin?

Mar. 24-25
2012

Should arrest	73%
Should not arrest	11%
No opinion	16%

36. As you may know, many areas have a "neighborhood watch" program in which people who are not police officers patrol their neighborhoods and alert the police when they see a crime being committed. Do you think people who participate in those neighborhood watch programs should or should not carry guns?

Mar. 24-25
2012

Should	22%
Should not	76%
No opinion	1%

37. Some states have enacted legislation, known as "stand your ground laws." Under those laws, people who are in a public place and believe that their life or safety is in danger are allowed to kill or injure the person who they think is threatening them. Do you approve or disapprove of those laws?

Mar. 24-25
2012

Approve	55%
Disapprove	43%
No opinion	2%

Question 26

How much attention have you paid to the fatal shooting in Florida last month of a teenager named Trayvon Martin by a neighborhood watch volunteer named George Zimmerman -- a great deal of attention, some, only a little, or not much attention?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Great deal	35%	30%	41%	31%	45%
Some	32%	32%	32%	32%	31%
Only a little	13%	16%	10%	14%	10%
Not much	19%	22%	17%	22%	13%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Great deal	35%	23%	35%	42%	45%	28%	43%
Some	32%	33%	26%	35%	33%	30%	34%
Only a little	13%	19%	14%	8%	6%	17%	8%
Not much	19%	24%	24%	13%	13%	24%	13%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	3%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Great deal	35%	36%	35%	38%	33%
Some	32%	29%	36%	25%	37%
Only a little	13%	14%	12%	13%	12%
Not much	19%	20%	16%	22%	17%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Great deal	35%	45%	31%	28%	42%	34%	32%
Some	32%	34%	32%	29%	29%	34%	32%
Only a little	13%	8%	14%	17%	9%	12%	16%
Not much	19%	12%	21%	26%	19%	19%	19%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Great deal	35%	36%	32%	38%	34%	40%	34%	34%
Some	32%	36%	36%	29%	28%	31%	34%	24%
Only a little	13%	10%	16%	11%	16%	11%	14%	15%
Not much	19%	18%	16%	21%	22%	16%	19%	26%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Great deal	35%	27%	33%	47%
Some	32%	38%	28%	33%
Only a little	13%	14%	17%	7%
Not much	19%	20%	22%	12%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 27

Based on what you have read or heard about this incident, do you think the police should or should not arrest George Zimmerman for shooting Trayvon Martin?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Should arrest	73%	69%	77%	67%	86%
Should not	11%	15%	7%	14%	5%
No opinion	16%	16%	16%	19%	9%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Should arrest	73%	80%	70%	72%	66%	76%	70%
Should not	11%	5%	11%	12%	19%	8%	15%
No opinion	16%	15%	19%	16%	16%	17%	16%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Should arrest	73%	75%	72%	74%	72%
Should not	11%	10%	12%	10%	12%
No opinion	16%	15%	16%	16%	17%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should arrest	73%	85%	71%	59%	85%	76%	61%
Should not	11%	6%	10%	19%	5%	9%	18%
No opinion	16%	9%	19%	22%	11%	15%	21%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should arrest	73%	72%	77%	68%	76%	82%	69%	66%
Should not	11%	12%	14%	11%	7%	7%	12%	15%
No opinion	16%	16%	9%	21%	17%	10%	19%	19%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Should arrest	73%	52%	77%	85%
Should not	11%	22%	9%	6%
No opinion	16%	26%	14%	9%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 36

As you may know, many areas have a "neighborhood watch" program in which people who are not police officers patrol their neighborhoods and alert the police when they see a crime being committed. Do you think people who participate in those neighborhood watch programs should or should not carry guns?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Should	22%	29%	16%	24%	19%
Should not	76%	70%	83%	75%	79%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Should	22%	33%	18%	17%	19%	26%	18%
Should not	76%	66%	81%	82%	80%	72%	81%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Should	22%	25%	20%	23%	22%
Should not	76%	74%	78%	75%	77%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Should	22%	16%	22%	32%	17%	16%	33%
Should not	76%	83%	76%	67%	83%	82%	65%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	*	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	22%	15%	24%	27%	20%	19%	22%	27%
Should not	76%	83%	74%	71%	80%	80%	77%	71%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	2%	*	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Should	22%	41%	20%	12%
Should not	76%	57%	79%	88%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

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Question 37

Some states have enacted legislation, known as "stand your ground laws." Under those laws, people who are in a public place and believe that their life or safety is in danger are allowed to kill or injure the person who they think is threatening them. Do you approve or disapprove of those laws?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Approve	55%	64%	46%	59%	44%
Disapprove	43%	34%	52%	38%	55%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	55%	63%	62%	46%	46%	62%	46%
Disapprove	43%	35%	38%	50%	53%	36%	51%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	5%	2%	1%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	55%	56%	55%	55%	54%
Disapprove	43%	42%	43%	42%	44%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	55%	44%	59%	62%	48%	52%	62%
Disapprove	43%	55%	38%	35%	51%	44%	36%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	55%	55%	50%	57%	56%	55%	53%	60%
Disapprove	43%	43%	47%	41%	42%	42%	45%	38%
No opinion	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Approve	55%	73%	55%	39%
Disapprove	43%	26%	42%	58%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

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