

Interviews with $\mathbf{1 , 0 1 0}$ adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on August 7-8, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 911 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points).

The sample includes 760 interviews among landline respondents and 250 interviews among cell phone respondents.
15. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view:

|  | Aug. 7-8 | Jan. 14-16 | June 26-28 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{2012}$ | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2009}$ |
| There should be no restrictions on owning guns | $13 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| There should be some restrictions on owning guns | $76 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $71 \%$ |
| All guns should be illegal for everyone <br> except police and authorized personnel | $10 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| No opinion | $*$ | $1 \%$ | $*$ |

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|  | Apr 26-27 | Feb 8-9 | May 8-10 | Dec 17-19 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{1999}$ | $\underline{1999}$ | $\underline{1998}$ | $\underline{1993}$ |
| No restrictions | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Some restrictions | $72 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $77 \%$ | $73 \%$ |
| All guns illegal | $22 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| No opinion | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

15. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view:?
16. (IF RESTRICTIONS) Do you think there should be major restrictions on owning guns or only minor restrictions

## QUESTIONS 15 AND 16 COMBINED

|  | Aug. 7-8 <br> $\underline{2012}$ | Jan. 14-16 <br> $\underline{2011}$ | June 26-28 <br> There should be no restrictions on <br> owning guns (from Q.15) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| There should only be minor restrictions on <br> owning guns | $13 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| There should be major restrictions on <br> owning guns | $37 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $36 \%$ |
| All guns should be illegal for everyone except <br> police and authorized personnel (from Q.15) | $38 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| No opinion | $10 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
|  | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

## FOR COMPARISON


17. Please tell me whether you would generally favor or oppose each of the following proposals which some people have made to reduce the amount of gun violence: (RANDOM ORDER)

Favor Oppose | No |
| :---: |
| Opinion |

A background check on anyone attempting to purchase a gun in order to determine whether the prospective buyer has been convicted of a felony

| August 7-8, 2012 | $96 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $*$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| January 14-16, 2011 | $94 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $*$ |

A ban on the manufacture, sale and possession of semi-automatic assault guns, such as the AK-47
August 7-8, 2012
January 14-16, 2011
A ban on the sale and possession of equipment known
as high-capacity or extended ammunition clips, which
allow some guns to shoot more than 10 bullets before
they need to be reloaded
August 7-8, $2012 \quad 60 \% \quad 40 \% \quad 1 \%$
January 14-16, $2011 \quad 61 \% \quad 38 \% \quad 1 \%$

Preventing certain people, such as convicted felons or people with mental health problems, from owning guns

| August 7-8, 2012 | $91 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| June 4-5, 2008* | $88 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

Limiting the number of guns an individual can own

| August 7-8, 2012 | $45 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| June 4-5, 2008* | $51 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

Requiring gun owners to register their guns with the local government

| August 7-8, 2012 | $76 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| June 4-5, 2008* | $79 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $*$ |

Preventing all Americans from owning guns

| August 7-8, 2012 | $10 \%$ | $89 \%$ | $*$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| June 4-5, 2008* | $13 \%$ | $87 \%$ | $*$ |

*QUESTION WORDING JUNE 4-5, 2008: Thinking about specific ways that the government has dealt with guns in the past, do you favor or oppose each of the following:
Favor Oppose No opinion

The Brady bill, which requires a five-day waiting period on the purchase of all guns in order to determine whether the prospective buyer has been convicted of a felony

1993 Dec 17-21
A ban on the manufacture, sale and possession
of semi-automatic assault guns, such as the AK-47

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Question 15
Which of the following statements comes closest to your view:
There should be no restrictions on owning guns
There should be some restrictions on owning guns
All guns should be illegal for everyone except police and authorized personnel
Base $=$ Total Sample


* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 15/16
Q15. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view:
Q16. Do you think there should be major restrictions on owning guns or only minor restrictions? There should be no restrictions on owning guns There should be major restrictions on owning guns There should be only minor restrictions on owning guns All guns should be illegal for everyone except police and authorized personnel

Base = Total Sample

| Reg to |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White | Vote |


|  | Total | $\begin{aligned} & 18- \\ & 34 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 35- \\ & 49 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50- \\ & 64 \end{aligned}$ | 65+ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Under } \\ 50 \end{gathered}$ | 50 and Older |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No Restrictions on owning guns | 13\% | 9\% | 15\% | 14\% | 14\% | 12\% | 14\% |
| Minor restrictions | 37\% | 30\% | 41\% | 43\% | 37\% | 35\% | 40\% |
| Major restrictions | 38\% | 46\% | 36\% | 31\% | 38\% | 41\% | 34\% |
| Illegal except auth.personnel | 10\% | 13\% | 8\% | 11\% | 9\% | 11\% | 10\% |
| No opinion | 1\% | 1\% | * | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-7.5 | +/-7.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.0 |


|  | Total | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & \$ 50 \mathrm{~K} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 50 \mathrm{~K} \\ & \text { or more } \end{aligned}$ | No College | Attended College |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No Restrictions on owning guns | 13\% | 14\% | 11\% | 16\% | 11\% |  |  |
| Minor restrictions | 37\% | 33\% | 44\% | 35\% | 39\% |  |  |
| Major restrictions | 38\% | 37\% | 38\% | 38\% | 38\% |  |  |
| Illegal except auth.personnel | 10\% | 14\% | 5\% | 11\% | 10\% |  |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | * | 2\% |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-3.5 |  |  |
|  | Total | Democrat | Independent | Repub- <br> lican | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lib- } \\ & \text { eral } \end{aligned}$ | Moderate | Conservative |
| No Restrictions on owning guns | 13\% | 4\% | 15\% | 22\% | 6\% | 11\% | 19\% |
| Minor restrictions | 37\% | 21\% | 45\% | 44\% | 27\% | 37\% | 45\% |
| Major restrictions | 38\% | 54\% | 31\% | 29\% | 51\% | 40\% | 27\% |
| Illegal except auth.personnel | 10\% | 19\% | 8\% | 4\% | 15\% | 10\% | 9\% |
| No opinion | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-6.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.0 |


|  | Total | North east | Midwest | South | West | Urban | Suburban | Rural |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No Restrictions on owning guns | 13\% | 13\% | 12\% | 14\% | 13\% | 11\% | 12\% | 17\% |
| Minor restrictions | 37\% | 29\% | 41\% | 41\% | 36\% | 35\% | 37\% | 42\% |
| Major restrictions | 38\% | 40\% | 37\% | 35\% | 40\% | 42\% | 37\% | 33\% |
| Illegal except auth.personnel | 10\% | 16\% | 8\% | 9\% | 9\% | 11\% | 12\% | 7\% |
| No opinion | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-6.5 |
|  | Total | Tea Pty <br> Support | Tea Pty <br> Neutral | Tea Pty Oppose |  |  |  |  |
| No Restrictions on owning guns | 13\% | 24\% | 12\% | 5\% |  |  |  |  |
| Minor restrictions | 37\% | 53\% | 36\% | 30\% |  |  |  |  |
| Major restrictions | 38\% | 19\% | 38\% | 50\% |  |  |  |  |
| Illegal except auth.personnel | 10\% | 2\% | 13\% | 12\% |  |  |  |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% |  |  |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-6.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.5 |  |  |  |  |

* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 17A
Please tell me whether you would generally favor or oppose each of the following proposals which some people have made to reduce the amount of gun violence:
A. A background check on anyone attempting to purchase a gun in order to determine whether the prospective buyer has been convicted of a felony

Base = Total Sample


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Question 17B
Please tell me whether you would generally favor or oppose each of the following proposals which some people have made to reduce the amount of gun violence:
B. A ban on the manufacture, sale and possession of semi-automatic assault guns, such as the AK-47

Base $=$ Total Sample


* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 17C
Please tell me whether you would generally favor or oppose each of the following proposals which some people have made to reduce the amount of gun violence:
C. A ban on the sale and possession of equipment known as high-capacity or extended ammunition clips, which allow some guns to shoot more than 10 bullets before they need to be reloaded

Base = Total Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White No | on-White | Reg to Vote |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Favor | 60\% | 49\% | 69\% | 60\% | 60\% | 61\% |  |  |
| Oppose | 40\% | 50\% | 30\% | 39\% | 40\% | 38\% |  |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | 1\% | * | 1\% | * | 1\% |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-4.5 +/ | /-3.5 +/ | /-6.5 | +/-3.5 |  |  |
|  | Total | $\begin{aligned} & 18- \\ & 34 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 35- \\ & 49 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50- \\ & 64 \end{aligned}$ | 65+ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Under } \\ 50 \end{gathered}$ | 50 an Older |  |
| Favor | 60\% | 62\% | 60\% | 53\% | 67\% | 61\% | 58\% |  |
| Oppose | 40\% | 38\% | 39\% | 47\% | 31\% | 38\% | 41\% |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | * | * | * | 2\% | * | 1\% |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-7.5 | +/-7.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.0 |  |
|  |  | Under | \$50K | No | Attende |  |  |  |
|  | Total | \$50K | or more | College | College |  |  |  |
| Favor | 60\% | 56\% | 64\% | 57\% | $62 \%$ |  |  |  |
| Oppose | 40\% | 44\% | 35\% | 43\% | $37 \%$ |  |  |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | * | 1\% | * | 1\% |  |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-3.5 |  |  |  |
|  | Total | Democrat | Indep endent | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { o- } & \text { Repub- } \\ \text { at } & \text { lican } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { Lib- } \\ \text { eral } \end{array}$ | Moderate |  |  |
| Favor | 60\% | 73\% | 55\% | 52\% | 74\% | 65\% |  |  |
| Oppose | 40\% | 27\% | 45\% | 47\% | 26\% | 35\% |  |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | * | 1\% | 1\% | * | * |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-6.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5 |  |
|  | Total | North east | Midwest | South | West | Urban | Suburban | Rural |
| Favor | 60\% | 65\% | 57\% | 56\% | 62\% | 63\% | 62\% | 50\% |
| Oppose | 40\% | 35\% | 41\% | 44\% | 38\% | 36\% | 38\% | 50\% |
| No opinion | 1\% | * | 2\% | * | * | 1\% | 1\% | * |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-6.5 |
|  | Total | Tea Pty Support | Tea Pty <br> Neutral | Tea Pty Oppose |  |  |  |  |
| Favor | 60\% | 37\% | 62\% | 74\% |  |  |  |  |
| Oppose | 40\% | 62\% | 37\% | 26\% |  |  |  |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | 1\% | * | * |  |  |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-6.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.5 |  |  |  |  |

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Question 17D
Please tell me whether you would generally favor or oppose each of the following proposals which some people have made to reduce the amount of gun violence:
D. Preventing certain people, such as convicted felons or people with mental health problems, from owning guns

Base = Total Sample

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| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White | Reg to |
| Vote |  |  |  |  |  |  |

[^2]CNN/ORC International Poll -- August 7 to 8, 2012
Question 17E
Please tell me whether you would generally favor or oppose each of the following proposals which some people have made to reduce the amount of gun violence:
E. Limiting the number of guns an individual can own

Base $=$ Total Sample


* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 17F
Please tell me whether you would generally favor or oppose each of the following proposals which some people have made to reduce the amount of gun violence:
F. Requiring gun owners to register their guns with the local government

Base $=$ Total Sample

|  |  |  |  | Reg to |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White | Vote |

* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 17G
Please tell me whether you would generally favor or oppose each of the following proposals which some people have made to reduce the amount of gun violence:
G. Preventing all Americans from owning guns

Base $=$ Total Sample


* percentage less than 1\%


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[^1]:    * percentage less than 1\%

[^2]:    * percentage less than 1\%

