



Interviews with 1,014 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on January 14-16, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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11. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view:

	Jan. 14-16 <u>2011</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
There should be no restrictions on owning guns	14%	14%
There should be some restrictions on owning guns	71%	71%
All guns should be illegal for everyone except police and authorized personnel	14%	15%
No opinion	1%	*

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	Apr 26-27 <u>1999</u>	Feb 8-9 <u>1999</u>	May 8-10 <u>1998</u>	Dec 17-19 <u>1993</u>
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%

11. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view:?

12. (IF RESTRICTIONS) Do you think there should be major restrictions on owning guns or only minor restrictions

QUESTIONS 11 AND 12 COMBINED

	Jan. 14-16 <u>2011</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
There should be no restrictions on owning guns (Q.11)	14%	14%
There should only be minor restrictions on owning guns	36%	36%
There should be major restrictions on owning guns	34%	34%
All guns should be illegal for everyone except police and authorized personnel (Q.11)	14%	15%
No opinion	2%	1%

FOR COMPARISON

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

QUESTION WORDING: Would you favor minor restrictions, such as a five-day waiting period to buy a gun and gun registration, or would you favor major restrictions that would also ban ownership of some guns altogether, such as handguns and certain semi-automatic rifles?

	Apr 26-27 <u>1999</u>	Feb 8-9 <u>1999</u>	May 8-10 <u>1998</u>	Dec 17-19 <u>1993</u>
No restrictions	4%	5%	8%	6%
Minor restrictions	30%	37%	28%	35%
Major restrictions	38%	36%	37%	38%
All guns illegal	22%	18%	24%	20%
No opinion	2%	4%	1%	1%

13. 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)

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
A background check on anyone attempting to purchase a gun in order to determine whether the prospective buyer has been convicted of a felony			
January 14-16, 2011	94%	6%	*
A ban on the manufacture, sale and possession of semi-automatic assault guns, such as the AK-47			
January 14-16, 2011	61%	37%	2%
A limit on gun purchases to one per month			
January 14-16, 2011	55%	44%	1%
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			
January 14-16, 2011	61%	38%	1%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
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	87	11	1
A ban on the manufacture, sale and possession of semi-automatic assault guns, such as the AK-47			
1993 Dec 17-21	77	20	3
A limit on gun purchases to one per month			
1993 Dec 17-21	69	27	4

Which of the following statements comes closest to your view:

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
No restrict on owning guns	14%	20%	9%	17%	9%
Some restrict on owning guns	71%	72%	70%	72%	69%
Guns illegal everyone except	14%	8%	20%	11%	20%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-8.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
No restrict on owning guns	14%	N/A	10%	16%	19%	12%	18%
Some restrict on owning guns	71%	N/A	74%	70%	60%	75%	66%
Guns illegal everyone except	14%	N/A	15%	13%	20%	12%	16%
No opinion	1%	N/A	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
No restrict on owning guns	14%	16%	12%	19%	11%
Some restrict on owning guns	71%	63%	78%	64%	76%
Guns illegal everyone except	14%	20%	9%	17%	12%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
No restrict on owning guns	14%	9%	13%	21%	6%	14%	20%
Some restrict on owning guns	71%	69%	73%	69%	75%	70%	69%
Guns illegal everyone except	14%	22%	12%	8%	17%	16%	9%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	2%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
No restrict on owning guns	14%	14%	16%	13%	15%	11%	12%	23%
Some restrict on owning guns	71%	69%	65%	75%	70%	70%	74%	65%
Guns illegal everyone except	14%	17%	17%	11%	13%	17%	14%	10%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	*	2%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
No restrict on owning guns	14%	25%	13%	5%
Some restrict on owning guns	71%	65%	70%	78%
Guns illegal everyone except	14%	9%	16%	16%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

Q11. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view:
 Q12. Do you think there should be major restrictions on owning guns or only minor restrictions?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
No restrict on owning guns	14%	20%	9%	17%	9%
Major restrict on owning guns	34%	27%	41%	33%	38%
Minor restrict on owning guns	36%	43%	28%	37%	31%
Guns illegal except police	14%	8%	20%	11%	20%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-8.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
No restrict on owning guns	14%	N/A	10%	16%	19%	12%	18%
Major restrict on owning guns	34%	N/A	36%	31%	29%	38%	30%
Minor restrict on owning guns	36%	N/A	37%	38%	28%	37%	34%
Guns illegal except police	14%	N/A	15%	13%	20%	12%	16%
No opinion	2%	N/A	2%	1%	4%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
No restrict on owning guns	14%	16%	12%	19%	11%
Major restrict on owning guns	34%	32%	37%	30%	38%
Minor restrict on owning guns	36%	30%	40%	33%	38%
Guns illegal except police	14%	20%	9%	17%	12%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
No restrict on owning guns	14%	9%	13%	21%	6%	14%	20%
Major restrict on owning guns	34%	39%	41%	20%	47%	37%	24%
Minor restrict on owning guns	36%	29%	32%	49%	28%	32%	44%
Guns illegal except police	14%	22%	12%	8%	17%	16%	9%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
No restrict on owning guns	14%	14%	16%	13%	15%	11%	12%	23%
Major restrict on owning guns	34%	33%	35%	35%	34%	41%	34%	25%
Minor restrict on owning guns	36%	36%	28%	40%	35%	29%	39%	39%
Guns illegal except police	14%	17%	17%	11%	13%	17%	14%	10%
No opinion	2%	1%	4%	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
No restrict on owning guns	14%	25%	13%	5%
Major restrict on owning guns	34%	16%	37%	49%
Minor restrict on owning guns	36%	48%	33%	27%
Guns illegal except police	14%	9%	16%	16%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

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

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	94%	93%	94%	95%	89%
Oppose	6%	7%	6%	4%	11%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-8.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	94%	N/A	95%	94%	93%	93%	94%
Oppose	6%	N/A	4%	6%	7%	6%	6%
No opinion	*	N/A	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	94%	90%	97%	90%	96%
Oppose	6%	10%	3%	10%	4%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	94%	91%	94%	96%	89%	94%	96%
Oppose	6%	9%	6%	4%	11%	6%	4%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	94%	90%	93%	97%	93%	94%	93%	94%
Oppose	6%	10%	7%	3%	7%	6%	7%	6%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favor	94%	96%	92%	96%
Oppose	6%	4%	8%	4%
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

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

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	61%	52%	69%	60%	61%
Oppose	37%	47%	27%	37%	38%
No opinion	2%	*	4%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-8.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	61%	N/A	62%	57%	67%	60%	61%
Oppose	37%	N/A	37%	42%	30%	37%	37%
No opinion	2%	N/A	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	61%	60%	62%	54%	66%
Oppose	37%	39%	34%	45%	31%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	61%	71%	59%	52%	67%	64%	53%
Oppose	37%	28%	38%	46%	31%	34%	44%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	61%	62%	57%	62%	62%	70%	63%	45%
Oppose	37%	36%	41%	37%	34%	28%	34%	53%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favor	61%	49%	60%	77%
Oppose	37%	49%	38%	21%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

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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 limit on gun purchases to one per month

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	55%	53%	56%	54%	56%
Oppose	44%	46%	41%	44%	44%
No opinion	1%	*	3%	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-8.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	55%	N/A	59%	55%	48%	57%	52%
Oppose	44%	N/A	41%	44%	49%	42%	46%
No opinion	1%	N/A	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	55%	55%	55%	53%	56%
Oppose	44%	42%	44%	46%	42%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	55%	57%	56%	50%	63%	57%	48%
Oppose	44%	42%	42%	49%	37%	41%	50%
No opinion	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	55%	55%	53%	53%	58%	55%	58%	48%
Oppose	44%	44%	46%	45%	40%	43%	42%	50%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favor	55%	46%	52%	70%
Oppose	44%	52%	47%	28%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

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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. 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	Non-White
Favor	61%	51%	70%	60%	63%
Oppose	38%	47%	29%	39%	37%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
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Oppose	38%	N/A	41%	37%	33%	40%	35%
No opinion	1%	N/A	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%
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Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	61%	67%	62%	53%	74%	63%	50%
Oppose	38%	32%	38%	44%	25%	36%	47%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	61%	61%	57%	62%	62%	70%	64%	46%
Oppose	38%	37%	40%	37%	37%	30%	35%	52%
No opinion	1%	2%	3%	*	1%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favor	61%	49%	59%	80%
Oppose	38%	49%	40%	18%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%