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15. In general, do you think gun control laws should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

	More	Less	Kept as they are now	DK/NA
11/27-28/94 CBS	59	10	28	3
10/27-31/02	56	11	30	3
11/10-13/03 CBS	51	10	35	4
4/5-12/10	40	16	42	3
1/9-10/11 CBS	47	12	36	5
1/15-19/11	46	13	38	2
4/27-30/12 CBS	39	13	41	6
12/14-16/12 CBS	57	9	30	4
1/11-15/13	54	9	34	3

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as Vice President?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
4/22-26/09	50	13	38
7/9-12/09 CBS	47	26	27
1/14-17/10 CBS	46	27	27
1/11-15/13	49	34	17

44. Who do you trust more to make the right decisions about gun laws – the Republicans in Congress or Barack Obama?

	Republicans in Congress	Barack Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	39	47	3	7	5

55. Is your opinion of the National Rifle Association favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about the National Rifle Association yet to have an opinion?

	Favorable	Not favorable	Undecided	Not heard enough	Refused
3/15/89 CBS	28	19	15	37	1
1/22-25/92	27	20	16	35	1
3/28-31/93	30	23	17	29	1
4/25/95 CBS	23	21	19	33	4
4/22/99 CBS	25	23	15	35	2
8/1-3/99 CBS	33	19	13	33	2
8/15/99 CBS	33	19	13	33	2
3/19-21/00 CBS	33	28	16	21	2
4/15-17/00	33	25	17	22	3
5/10-13/00	31	29	20	19	1
7/13-16/00	37	30	16	15	1
10/27-31/02	34	20	15	26	6
1/11-15/13	38	29	14	17	2

56. Do you favor or oppose a nationwide ban on semi-automatic weapons - including some rifles, pistols, and shotguns - that have detachable magazines, allowing them to rapidly fire a high number of rounds?

	Favor ban	Oppose ban	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	53	44	4

57. As you may know, high-capacity magazines or clips can hold many rounds of ammunition, so a shooter can fire more rounds without manually reloading. Would you favor or oppose a nationwide ban on the sale of high-capacity magazines that hold many rounds of ammunition?

	Favor ban	Oppose ban	DK/NA
1/15-19/11	63	34	4
1/11-15/13	63	34	3

58. Do you favor or oppose a federal law requiring a nationwide ban on people other than law enforcement officers carrying concealed weapons?

	Favor ban	Oppose ban	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	32	65	3

59. Do you favor or oppose a federal law requiring background checks on all potential gun buyers?

	Favor	Oppose	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	92	7	1

60. Do you favor or oppose creating a national database that would track all gun sales in the United States?

	Favor	Oppose	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	78	20	2

61. How much do you think stricter gun laws would do to help prevent gun violence? Would stricter laws help a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

	A lot	Some	Not much	Not at all	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	23	30	17	29	1

62. How much do you think better mental health screening and treatment would do to help prevent gun violence? Would better mental health screening and treatment help a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

	A lot	Some	Not much	Not at all	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	44	38	10	7	1

63. How much do you think more police or armed security guards would do to help prevent mass shootings in public places such as schools, movie theaters, and malls? Would more police or armed security guards help a lot, some, not much or not at all?

	A lot	Some	Not much	Not at all	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	35	39	17	8	1

64. In general, how much do you think the depiction of violence in popular culture, such as movies and video games, contributes to gun violence in the U.S.? Would you say it contributes a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

	A lot	Some	Not much	Not at all	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	39	36	16	7	1

78. Do you or does any other member of your household own a handgun, rifle, shot-gun, or any other kind of firearm? IF YES, ASK: Is that person you or someone else?

	Yes, self	Yes, other	Yes, self and other	No	DK/NA
4/22/99 CBS	31	13		55	1
8/1-3/99 CBS	30	16		52	2
8/15/99 CBS	32	16		48	4
5/10-13/00	30	17		52	2
7/13-16/00	32	20		47	2
8/4-6/00 CBS	27	14		56	3
10/27-31/02	30	15		53	2
4/5-12/10	21	13	7	56	3
1/9-10/11 CBS	20	11	9	58	2
1/15-19/11	18	17	10	54	1
1/11-15/13	21	17	9	49	3

	Yes	No	DK/NA
1/8-12/78	51	47	2
4/22-26/81	50	49	2
3/15/89 CBS	52	47	1
5/7-8/91	49	50	2
1/22-25/92	49	50	2
3/28-31/93	49	51	1
12/5-7/93 CBS	49	50	1
1/15-17/94	53	46	1
4/25/95 CBS	45	53	2
4/22/99 CBS	44	55	1
8/1-3/99 CBS	46	52	2
8/15/99 CBS	48	48	4
5/10-13/00	47	52	2
7/13-16/00	52	47	2
8/4-6/00 CBS	41	56	3
10/27-31/02	45	53	2
11/10-13/03 CBS	43	54	3
4/25-29/08	41	58	2
4/5-12/10	41	56	3
1/9-10/11 CBS	40	58	2
1/15-19/11	45	54	1
1/11-15/13	47	49	3

79. BASED on GUN HOUSEHOLDS: What is the main reason there is a gun in your household? Is it mainly for protection, hunting, target or sport shooting, work, or for some other reason?

	1/11-15/13
Protection	36
Hunting	34
Target/sport shooting	14
Work	5
Collection	1
Inherited	3
Second Amendment right	-
Everything	3
Other	1
DK/NA	2

80. IF NO in Q. 78, ASK: Do any of your relatives or close friends own a handgun, rifle, shot-gun, or any other kind of firearm?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	31	17	5

81. What do you think is the main reason MOST gun owners possess a gun? Is it mainly for protection, hunting, target or sport shooting, work, or for some other reason?

	1/11-15/13
Protection	43
Hunting	32
Target/sport shooting	10
Work	1
Collection	1
Second Amendment right	1
Involved in crime	-
Everything	1
Other	3
DK/NA	6

82. Are you or is any other member of your household a member of the National Rifle Association? IF YES, ASK: Is that person you or someone else?

	Yes, self	Yes, other	Yes, self and other	No	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	5	6	2	85	2

Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or aren't you?

	Yes	No
1/11-15/13	85	15

Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
4/5-12/10	18	62	19
5/20-24/10 CBS	20	59	21
7/9-12/10 CBS	27	56	17
8/20-24/10 CBS	29	54	17
9/10-14/10	19	63	19
10/21-26/10	24	63	14
11/7-10/10 CBS	31	58	11
11/29-12/2/10 CBS	22	68	10
2/11-14/11 CBS	20	63	17
3/18-21/11 CBS	23	64	13
4/15-20/11	24	66	10
6/24-28/11	26	64	10
8/2-3/11	18	73	10
9/10-15/11	20	65	15
10/19-24/11	24	66	10
1/12-17/12*	23	70	7
2/8-13/12	20	68	11
3/7-11/12	22	66	12
4/13-17/12	26	65	10
7/11-16/12	26	65	10
9/8-12/12	22	68	9
10/25-28/12	23	68	9
1/11-15/13	21	68	11

Do you have any children? IF YES, ASK: Are any of your children 18 or under?

	Yes, 18 or under	Yes, over 18	No	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	32	33	35	-

Are you currently employed -- either full-time or part-time, are you temporarily out of work, or are you not in the market for work at all? IF NOT IN MARKET FOR WORK, ASK: Are you currently retired, or not?

	Employed	Out of work	Not in the market	Retired	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	60	11	11	17	1

Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Never married	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	53	7	11	2	27	-

Some people think of themselves as evangelical or born again Christians. Do you ever think of yourself in either of these ways?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	28	71	2

What is your religious preference today?

	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Muslim	Other	None	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	49	22	1	1	7	17	3

Generally speaking, do you usually consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	DK/NA		Rep	Dem	Ind	DK/NA
7/13-16/02	28	34	33	5	12/4-8/09	27	36	29	8
9/2-5/02	29	35	26	10	2/5-10/10	28	30	37	5
10/3-5/02	27	38	28	7	4/5-12/10	28	31	33	7
10/27-31/02	31	34	28	7	4/28-5/2/10	25	34	31	10
11/20-24/02	29	32	31	8	6/16-20/10	24	34	33	9
1/19-22/03	29	32	33	6	9/10-14/10	25	35	33	7
2/10-12/03	28	34	31	6	10/21-26/10	28	37	31	4
3/7-9/03	29	32	30	9	1/15-19/11	27	34	32	6
4/11-13/03	31	30	32	6	4/15-20/11	25	33	34	7
7/13-27/03	27	32	34	7	6/24-28/11	26	33	34	6
9/28-10/1/03	31	35	30	4	8/2-3/11	24	32	39	4
12/10-13/03	27	33	35	6	9/10-15/11	26	33	32	8
12/14-15/03	28	31	35	6	10/19-24/11	25	35	34	5
1/12-15/04	28	32	33	8	1/12-17/12	25	35	36	4
3/10-14/04	31	30	32	7	2/8-14/12	27	34	32	7
4/23-27/04	29	35	29	7	3/7-11/12	26	30	35	9
6/23-27/04	29	35	29	7	4/13-17/12	26	34	33	6
7/11-15/04	29	37	30	4	7/11-16/12	25	32	37	6
9/12-16/04	33	31	29	7	9/8-12/12	22	35	36	7
10/1-3/04	29	34	28	10	10/25-28/12	27	36	30	7
10/14-17/04	30	34	29	7	1/11-15/13	26	34	34	6
10/28-30/04	30	35	30	6					
11/18-21/04	29	36	30	5					
1/14-18/05	31	34	28	8					
2/24-28/05	29	36	29	6					
6/10-15/05	28	34	31	6					
9/9-13/05	26	36	28	9					
12/2-6/05	28	32	33	7					
1/20-25/06	29	34	33	4					
5/4-8/06	25	37	34	4					
7/21-25/06	31	33	30	5					
8/17-21/06	30	35	27	8					
9/15-19/06	30	32	32	5					
10/5-8/06	30	35	30	6					
10/27-31/06	28	35	31	7					
2/24-27/07	25	35	33	6					
3/7-11/07	27	35	33	6					
4/20-24/07	24	34	36	6					
5/18-23/07	29	37	32	3					
7/9-17/07	28	34	34	4					
7/20-22/07	24	32	36	9					
9/4-8/07	31	32	33	5					
12/5-9/07	26	35	31	8					
1/9-12/08	28	40	27	5					
2/20-24/08	27	38	29	6					
/28-4/2/08	26	41	27	6					
4/25-29/08	27	37	31	5					
5/1-3/08	29	39	27	5					
7/7-14/08	26	37	31	6					
8/15-20/08	29	37	26	8					
9/12-16/08	28	39	26	7					
9/21-24/08	28	34	32	6					
10/10-13/08	28	36	29	7					
10/19-22/08	26	41	28	5					
10/25-29/08	30	37	27	5					
1/11-15/09	21	39	31	8					
2/18-22/09	26	36	32	5					
4/1-5/09	23	39	30	7					
4/22-26/09	20	38	36	6					
6/12-16/09	24	38	31	8					
7/24-28/09	20	34	39	7					
9/19-23/09	22	37	33	7					

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How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally, do you think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Lib	Mod	Con	DK/NA		Lib	Mod	Con	DK/NA
7/13-16/02	21	44	32	4	4/28-5/2/10	21	34	38	6
9/2-5/02	20	39	36		6/16-20/10	18	42	35	5
10/3-5/02	18	45	34	3	9/10-14/10	19	40	36	5
10/27-31/0	20	38	37	5	10/21-26/1	19	37	38	5
11/20-24/0	20	44	30	6	1/15-19/11	20	41	35	4
1/19-22/03	19	45	32	3	4/15-20/11	26	32	36	6
2/10-12/03	21	41	35	3	6/24-28/11	22	37	34	7
3/7-9/03	18	45	35	3	8/2-3/11	22	43	32	2
4/11-13/03	19	45	33	3	10/19-24/1	22	38	35	4
7/13-27/03	22	40	34	5	1/12-17/12	22	38	34	6
9/28-10/1/0	19	42	34	5	2/8-14/12	22	41	32	4
12/10-13/0	20	45	31	4	3/7-11/12	20	39	35	7
12/14-15/0	19	39	37	5	4/13-17/12	23	36	38	4
1/12-15/04	20	43	31	5	7/11-16/12	20	35	38	7
3/10-14/04	21	40	34	5	9/8-12/12	23	33	37	7
4/23-27/04	22	42	30	6	10/25-28/12	21	39	34	6
6/23-27/04	21	42	32	5	1/11-15/13	21	39	34	5
7/11-15/04	22	41	34	3					
9/12-16/04	20	40	36	4					
10/1-3/04	24	36	35	6					
10/14-17/0	19	42	33	6					
10/28-30/0	17	42	35	5					
11/18-21/0	22	41	33	4					
1/14-18/05	20	41	33	6					
2/24-28/05	23	38	35	5					
6/10-15/05	20	43	33	4					
9/9-13/05	18	43	34	5					
12/2-6/05	18	45	32	5					
1/20-25/06	21	45	30	4					
5/4-8/06	25	37	34	4					
7/21-25/06	21	39	36	4					
8/17-21/06	24	38	33	5					
9/15-19/06	17	43	35	4					
10/5-8/06	23	39	34	3					
10/27-31/0	20	45	30	5					
2/24-27/07	20	42	33	6					
3/7-11/07	20	40	36	4					
4/20-24/07	21	42	33	5					
5/18-23/07	20	43	32	5					
7/9-17/07	19	44	33	4					
7/20-22/07	15	48	31	5					
9/4-8/07	22	42	32	4					
12/5-9/07	22	43	31	4					
1/9-12/08	25	39	32	4					
2/20-24/08	23	41	29	6					
3/28-4/2/0	21	39	34	5					
4/25-29/08	22	41	33	4					
5/1-3/08	15	49	32	4					
7/7-14/08	22	41	32	5					
8/15-20/08	24	36	35	5					
9/12-16/08	24	39	33	4					
9/21-24/08	22	38	36	4					
10/10-13/0	18	49	29	4					
10/19-22/0	21	39	33	7					
10/25-29/0	22	38	33	7					
1/11-15/09	21	43	30	6					
2/18-22/09	20	38	36	6					
4/1-5/09	23	39	31	7					
4/22-26/09	22	42	29	7					
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How old are you?

	18-29	30-44	45-64	Over 64	Refused
1/11-15/13	22	26	34	17	1

What was the last grade in school you completed?

	Not a H.S. grad	H.S. grad	Some college	College grad	Post Grad	Refused
1/11-15/13	12	32	28	17	11	-

Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, or not?

	Hispanic	Not Hispanic	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	14	85	1

Are you white, black, Asian or some other race?

	White	Black	Asian	Other	Refused
1/11-15/13	75	12	2	9	2

Was your total family income in 2012 UNDER or OVER \$50,000? IF UNDER, ASK: Was it under \$15,000, between \$15,000 and \$30,000, or between \$30,000 and \$50,000? IF OVER, ASK: Was it between \$50,000 and \$75,000 or between \$75,000 and \$100,000 or was it over \$100,000?

	Under \$15,000	\$15,000- \$29,999	\$30,000- \$49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	\$75,000- \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Refused
1/11-15/13	7	16	17	23	13	14	9

	Male	Female
1/11-15/13	48	52