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## 1. Most important issues

Which two of these issues are the MOST important to you? Select up to TWO issues.

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
The economy	34%	37%	32%	23%	41%	38%	33%	37%	22%	34%	33%
Foreign policy	8%	10%	7%	8%	4%	10%	11%	9%	3%	8%	13%
The environment	13%	11%	15%	17%	11%	12%	11%	14%	8%	11%	20%
Immigration	20%	25%	16%	19%	16%	19%	30%	21%	10%	25%	29%
Health care	46%	40%	52%	34%	42%	54%	51%	48%	42%	43%	35%
Social issues	12%	13%	12%	15%	15%	11%	8%	11%	17%	13%	10%
Gun policies	11%	12%	10%	9%	13%	9%	14%	11%	15%	11%	6%
The way things work in											
Washington	11%	13%	9%	6%	11%	11%	14%	11%	17%	4%	10%
Voting rights	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	5%	6%	5%	6%	1%	7%
Infrastructure	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	8%
President Trump's relationship with											
Russia	9%	7%	10%	3%	8%	10%	12%	9%	11%	9%	2%
Not sure	9%	6%	12%	21%	9%	5%	1%	8%	16%	9%	10%
Unweighted N	1,000	427	573	181	277	341	201	765	105	78	52

	Total	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
The economy	34%	25%	32%	52%	31%	45%	34%	29%	28%	35%	40%	31%
Foreign policy	8%	8%	6%	14%	5%	13%	18%	8%	8%	11%	8%	6%
The environment	13%	16%	16%	3%	14%	14%	14%	5%	16%	13%	9%	16%
Immigration	20%	13%	20%	30%	19%	19%	22%	29%	22%	19%	20%	20%
Health care	46%	51%	44%	44%	50%	43%	45%	40%	48%	44%	45%	47%
Social issues	12%	15%	12%	9%	15%	10%	8%	7%	11%	13%	12%	14%
Gun policies	11%	12%	9%	14%	11%	13%	5%	11%	15%	13%	8%	12%

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The way things work in												
Washington	11%	13%	8%	13%	12%	12%	5%	7%	13%	10%	11%	8%
Voting rights	5%	7%	5%	2%	4%	5%	12%	2%	4%	9%	3%	5%
Infrastructure	4%	3%	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%	9%
President Trump's relationship with												
Russia	9%	18%	6%	2%	8%	7%	14%	9%	6%	12%	7%	10%
Not sure	9%	4%	15%	4%	9%	5%	5%	19%	7%	6%	13%	7%
Unweighted N	1,000	343	425	232	483	288	105	124	205	238	352	205

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## 2. More strict

Do you think gun control laws should be made more or less strict than they are now?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
More strict	49%	43%	55%	42%	50%	53%	48%	47%	63%	51%	32%
No change	28%	32%	24%	22%	24%	28%	38%	31%	13%	27%	25%
Less strict	11%	16%	6%	11%	11%	12%	8%	11%	7%	7%	18%
Not sure	13%	10%	15%	25%	15%	7%	5%	10%	17%	15%	26%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	997	427	570	180	275	341	201	764	104	77	52

  

	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
More strict	49%	80%	41%	24%	51%	48%	49%	42%	49%	53%	42%	57%
No change	28%	11%	26%	53%	27%	32%	34%	18%	22%	31%	30%	26%
Less strict	11%	4%	13%	15%	10%	11%	12%	12%	15%	8%	9%	11%
Not sure	13%	5%	20%	8%	12%	9%	5%	28%	13%	8%	19%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	997	342	423	232	482	287	105	123	205	238	349	205

**3. Gun violence**

How serious of a problem do you think gun violence in America is?

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very serious	52%	44%	59%	39%	51%	58%	56%	48%	65%	67%	42%
Somewhat serious	27%	30%	24%	35%	31%	22%	25%	31%	13%	22%	29%
Not very serious	10%	13%	8%	9%	7%	12%	12%	12%	9%	4%	9%
Not at all serious	5%	8%	2%	3%	5%	5%	5%	5%	2%	1%	8%
Not sure	6%	5%	7%	15%	5%	3%	3%	5%	12%	7%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	997	427	570	179	276	341	201	764	104	77	52

	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very serious	52%	79%	44%	30%	54%	50%	53%	44%	54%	53%	46%	60%
Somewhat serious	27%	17%	28%	39%	25%	31%	23%	31%	22%	29%	31%	25%
Not very serious	10%	2%	10%	21%	10%	11%	13%	7%	11%	10%	11%	9%
Not at all serious	5%	1%	5%	8%	4%	5%	11%	3%	5%	5%	4%	4%
Not sure	6%	1%	12%	2%	7%	3%	0%	15%	8%	3%	9%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	997	342	423	232	481	288	105	123	205	237	351	204

**4. Stopping mass shootings**

Do you think that mass shootings are something that can be stopped or just a fact of life in America today?

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Mass shootings are something that can be stopped	45%	42%	48%	42%	45%	46%	47%	46%	43%	42%	45%
Mass shootings are a fact of life in America today	35%	42%	28%	36%	36%	35%	34%	36%	26%	40%	42%
Not sure	20%	16%	24%	22%	19%	19%	19%	19%	31%	17%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	995	427	568	179	275	340	201	761	104	78	52

	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Mass shootings are something that can be stopped	45%	58%	40%	38%	47%	45%	55%	28%	45%	47%	43%	46%
Mass shootings are a fact of life in America today	35%	25%	36%	48%	34%	37%	34%	39%	37%	34%	36%	33%
Not sure	20%	17%	25%	14%	19%	18%	11%	32%	19%	18%	21%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	995	343	421	231	481	288	104	122	204	236	350	205

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## 5. Preventing mass shootings

As you may remember, in December 2012, 26 people were killed in a mass shooting at an elementary school in Connecticut. Since then, do you think American society has:

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Gotten better at preventing gun violence	10%	13%	7%	11%	9%	12%	10%	12%	6%	6%	10%
Not changed in its ability to prevent gun violence	47%	51%	42%	42%	47%	46%	52%	49%	34%	45%	54%
Gotten worse at preventing gun violence	29%	23%	35%	20%	30%	34%	31%	27%	44%	31%	20%
Not sure	14%	12%	15%	27%	14%	9%	7%	12%	16%	17%	15%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	997	427	570	179	277	340	201	764	104	77	52

	Total	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Gotten better at preventing gun violence	10%	6%	8%	20%	10%	11%	13%	8%	11%	10%	10%	10%
Not changed in its ability to prevent gun violence	47%	43%	45%	54%	41%	57%	53%	41%	42%	51%	50%	41%
Gotten worse at preventing gun violence	29%	46%	25%	15%	32%	24%	32%	28%	36%	27%	23%	35%
Not sure	14%	5%	21%	11%	16%	8%	2%	23%	10%	11%	17%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	997	341	424	232	482	288	104	123	204	237	351	205

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## 6. Gun control possible

Regardless of whether you support or oppose stricter gun laws, do you think that it is currently politically possible or impossible to pass stricter gun laws?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Possible	37%	35%	40%	38%	33%	42%	34%	34%	51%	48%	24%
Impossible	37%	41%	33%	30%	36%	35%	48%	42%	19%	24%	43%
Not sure	26%	24%	27%	32%	31%	23%	18%	24%	30%	28%	32%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	997	427	570	179	277	340	201	764	103	78	52

	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Possible	37%	51%	30%	32%	39%	38%	33%	29%	40%	41%	30%	43%
Impossible	37%	34%	35%	44%	33%	41%	50%	35%	30%	41%	41%	33%
Not sure	26%	15%	34%	23%	28%	21%	17%	35%	29%	18%	29%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	997	342	424	231	481	288	105	123	205	238	349	205

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## 7. Effect of gun control

Do you think stricter gun control laws would:

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Reduce the number of shootings in the United States	38%	34%	43%	37%	39%	39%	38%	36%	48%	42%	42%
Increase the number of shootings in the United States	13%	16%	9%	19%	13%	11%	9%	12%	13%	12%	21%
Not affect the number of shootings in the United States	34%	39%	29%	21%	30%	37%	47%	39%	16%	31%	21%
Not sure	15%	11%	19%	23%	17%	13%	6%	13%	23%	16%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	995	427	568	179	276	339	201	762	103	78	52

	Total	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Reduce the number of shootings in the United States	38%	66%	32%	15%	38%	39%	49%	29%	39%	42%	36%	38%
Increase the number of shootings in the United States	13%	9%	13%	17%	12%	15%	9%	13%	16%	12%	12%	12%
Not affect the number of shootings in the United States	34%	15%	35%	58%	33%	37%	33%	32%	30%	37%	34%	34%
Not sure	15%	10%	20%	11%	16%	10%	9%	26%	15%	9%	18%	15%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	995	341	422	232	481	287	105	122	205	237	349	204



**8. Likely policy**

Which of the following would you say is most likely to help prevent shootings from occurring in the United States?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Stricter gun control laws and enforcement	43%	36%	49%	36%	47%	44%	43%	40%	55%	44%	36%
Allowing more private citizens to carry guns for protection	35%	48%	23%	33%	34%	34%	41%	39%	18%	34%	41%
Not sure	22%	17%	27%	31%	20%	22%	16%	21%	27%	22%	23%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	993	425	568	178	276	338	201	760	104	77	52

	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Stricter gun control laws and enforcement	43%	74%	33%	20%	43%	44%	53%	31%	45%	44%	38%	47%
Allowing more private citizens to carry guns for protection	35%	14%	37%	60%	34%	39%	37%	29%	32%	38%	37%	33%
Not sure	22%	12%	30%	20%	23%	17%	10%	40%	23%	18%	25%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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## 9. Congressional action

Which comes closer to your opinion?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Members of Congress should take action to reduce mass shootings	41%	35%	46%	37%	43%	43%	37%	39%	46%	42%	50%
Mass shootings cannot be reduced through legislation	41%	50%	33%	39%	35%	41%	52%	45%	24%	40%	37%
Not sure	18%	15%	21%	24%	22%	16%	10%	16%	30%	18%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	989	423	566	179	274	336	200	758	101	78	52

	Total	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Members of Congress should take action to reduce mass shootings	41%	65%	34%	22%	44%	36%	46%	33%	44%	44%	35%	43%
Mass shootings cannot be reduced through legislation	41%	24%	42%	63%	37%	52%	38%	36%	41%	41%	42%	41%
Not sure	18%	11%	24%	15%	19%	11%	16%	31%	15%	15%	23%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	989	340	418	231	478	286	103	122	203	235	347	204

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## 10. Lose rights

Which comes closer to your view?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
It would be possible to enact some kinds of new gun regulations while maintaining Americans' right to bear arms	54%	53%	55%	55%	50%	54%	58%	56%	51%	49%	50%
Enacting any new gun regulations would violate Americans' right to bear arms	26%	32%	20%	12%	31%	29%	30%	28%	10%	23%	33%
Not sure	20%	16%	25%	33%	19%	18%	12%	16%	39%	28%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	989	422	567	177	275	337	200	759	100	78	52

	Total	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
It would be possible to enact some kinds of new gun regulations while maintaining Americans' right to bear arms	54%	68%	51%	41%	55%	55%	55%	49%	58%	60%	49%	51%
Enacting any new gun regulations would violate Americans' right to bear arms	26%	14%	23%	46%	23%	31%	32%	20%	24%	24%	27%	26%
Not sure	20%	18%	26%	13%	22%	14%	13%	31%	17%	15%	23%	23%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	989	340	417	232	477	287	103	122	204	235	346	204

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<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	October 20 - 21, 2017
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2014 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2014 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, 2012 and 2016 Presidential votes. The weights range from 0.11 to 5.757, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.737.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.9% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	47 questions not reported.