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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	39%	39%	39%	27%	37%	45%	44%	42%	31%	34%	22%
Foreign policy	7%	9%	5%	2%	6%	7%	14%	7%	9%	3%	10%
The environment	11%	10%	11%	17%	10%	8%	9%	10%	9%	13%	12%
Immigration	22%	24%	21%	16%	21%	22%	31%	24%	6%	31%	23%
Health care	43%	34%	52%	38%	46%	50%	35%	41%	52%	47%	44%
Social issues	12%	11%	13%	19%	12%	11%	6%	12%	16%	8%	12%
Gun policies	13%	13%	13%	13%	16%	12%	11%	13%	14%	9%	26%
The way things work in											
Washington	12%	13%	11%	3%	11%	12%	22%	14%	6%	5%	14%
Voting rights	5%	6%	4%	7%	2%	5%	8%	5%	7%	6%	0%
Infrastructure	4%	5%	4%	3%	4%	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%	2%
President Trump's relationship with											
Russia	12%	12%	11%	6%	13%	16%	10%	11%	19%	10%	15%
Not sure	6%	7%	6%	16%	9%	2%	1%	5%	9%	7%	10%
Unweighted N	1,000	437	563	183	274	342	201	750	124	70	56

	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	39%	24%	39%	55%	37%	37%	48%	39%	36%	40%	41%	35%
Foreign policy	7%	6%	8%	8%	6%	8%	9%	9%	6%	6%	10%	5%
The environment	11%	18%	9%	4%	10%	11%	16%	8%	12%	7%	11%	11%
Immigration	22%	9%	21%	40%	21%	25%	23%	20%	19%	18%	25%	25%
Health care	43%	53%	45%	30%	49%	38%	34%	39%	53%	42%	45%	32%
Social issues	12%	16%	11%	8%	13%	11%	16%	6%	14%	15%	7%	14%
Gun policies	13%	17%	10%	14%	12%	13%	15%	16%	12%	15%	12%	15%

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The way things work in												
Washington	12%	6%	12%	17%	9%	17%	7%	18%	10%	12%	12%	11%
Voting rights	5%	10%	4%	2%	5%	7%	4%	4%	6%	5%	3%	8%
Infrastructure	4%	2%	5%	6%	3%	7%	5%	4%	3%	3%	5%	6%
President Trump's relationship with												
Russia	12%	23%	9%	5%	12%	13%	13%	11%	12%	10%	11%	14%
Not sure	6%	4%	11%	2%	7%	2%	5%	11%	4%	9%	5%	8%
Unweighted N	1,000	324	392	284	444	266	144	146	205	249	350	196

**2. Gun laws**

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	51%	41%	60%	43%	52%	56%	50%	46%	66%	63%	44%
Less strict	14%	23%	6%	18%	16%	12%	11%	16%	10%	12%	10%
No change	25%	28%	22%	19%	21%	25%	35%	27%	20%	13%	33%
Not sure	10%	8%	12%	20%	11%	7%	5%	11%	4%	12%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	1,000	437	563	183	274	342	201	750	124	70	56

	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	51%	75%	45%	33%	53%	51%	49%	44%	59%	46%	50%	48%
Less strict	14%	8%	15%	18%	12%	16%	19%	14%	13%	11%	14%	19%
No change	25%	10%	24%	43%	22%	25%	28%	32%	22%	29%	27%	22%
Not sure	10%	7%	15%	6%	12%	9%	4%	10%	6%	14%	9%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	1,000	324	392	284	444	266	144	146	205	249	350	196

**3. Gun violence problem**

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	53%	40%	65%	41%	51%	57%	61%	49%	67%	64%	41%
Somewhat serious	24%	27%	22%	27%	24%	23%	24%	28%	8%	17%	32%
Not very serious	14%	21%	7%	17%	16%	13%	11%	14%	20%	11%	9%
Not at all serious	4%	6%	1%	6%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	15%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%	9%	5%	4%	2%	6%	3%	7%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	998	436	562	182	273	342	201	750	123	70	55

	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	53%	79%	44%	38%	54%	54%	51%	47%	64%	44%	55%	47%
Somewhat serious	24%	10%	26%	37%	21%	28%	21%	32%	20%	30%	23%	25%
Not very serious	14%	8%	15%	19%	14%	13%	23%	10%	11%	16%	15%	13%
Not at all serious	4%	0%	6%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	2%	6%
Not sure	5%	3%	9%	2%	7%	2%	1%	7%	1%	6%	5%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	998	323	391	284	442	266	144	146	205	249	348	196

**4. Fact of life**

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	47%	44%	49%	53%	44%	45%	46%	45%	46%	57%	45%
Mass shootings are a fact of life in America today	31%	38%	24%	27%	32%	33%	32%	34%	32%	16%	23%
Not sure	22%	17%	27%	20%	24%	22%	22%	20%	23%	27%	32%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	997	435	562	183	272	341	201	747	124	70	56

	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	47%	67%	40%	34%	43%	49%	50%	53%	49%	47%	49%	40%
Mass shootings are a fact of life in America today	31%	19%	31%	45%	31%	35%	31%	24%	27%	31%	33%	32%
Not sure	22%	14%	29%	21%	25%	16%	19%	23%	24%	22%	18%	28%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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## 5. Since Sandy Hook

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:

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Gotten better at preventing gun violence	6%	7%	5%	2%	7%	7%	5%	6%	7%	6%	4%
Gotten worse at preventing gun violence	34%	33%	36%	45%	33%	33%	27%	33%	41%	32%	41%
Not changed in its ability to prevent gun violence	46%	46%	45%	30%	43%	50%	59%	48%	40%	47%	31%
Not sure	14%	14%	14%	23%	17%	10%	8%	13%	12%	15%	25%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	999	437	562	183	274	341	201	749	124	70	56

	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Gotten better at preventing gun violence	6%	4%	4%	10%	6%	5%	9%	4%	8%	5%	5%	5%
Gotten worse at preventing gun violence	34%	50%	30%	23%	34%	38%	34%	29%	35%	37%	33%	33%
Not changed in its ability to prevent gun violence	46%	39%	46%	53%	44%	48%	45%	50%	48%	44%	49%	40%
Not sure	14%	6%	19%	14%	16%	9%	12%	18%	9%	14%	13%	22%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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## 6. Politically 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?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Possible	37%	32%	41%	40%	38%	35%	34%	32%	43%	53%	41%
Impossible	38%	47%	30%	27%	35%	41%	49%	42%	35%	19%	34%
Not sure	25%	22%	28%	33%	27%	24%	17%	26%	22%	27%	25%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	999	437	562	183	274	341	201	749	124	70	56

	Total	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Possible	37%	48%	35%	26%	37%	37%	40%	30%	44%	32%	36%	36%
Impossible	38%	38%	33%	47%	33%	43%	47%	42%	31%	42%	38%	41%
Not sure	25%	14%	32%	27%	30%	20%	14%	28%	25%	26%	26%	23%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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## 7. Effect of gun control

Do you think stricter gun control laws would:

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Increase the number of shootings in the United States	11%	14%	7%	8%	17%	7%	13%	13%	6%	4%	8%
Reduce the number of shootings in the United States	41%	39%	42%	37%	44%	44%	37%	37%	48%	55%	45%
Not affect the number of shootings in the United States	32%	36%	28%	32%	21%	34%	41%	37%	23%	15%	27%
Not sure	16%	10%	22%	23%	18%	15%	9%	13%	23%	26%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	997	436	561	183	274	341	199	748	124	69	56

	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Increase the number of shootings in the United States	11%	3%	10%	20%	9%	12%	10%	16%	11%	7%	14%	9%
Reduce the number of shootings in the United States	41%	72%	35%	17%	41%	42%	46%	34%	44%	35%	43%	41%
Not affect the number of shootings in the United States	32%	14%	30%	56%	29%	34%	39%	33%	24%	41%	31%	31%
Not sure	16%	11%	25%	7%	21%	12%	5%	17%	21%	16%	12%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	997	323	390	284	442	266	144	145	204	249	348	196



**8. Most likely to help**

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%	40%	43%	43%	44%	37%	50%	67%	42%
Allowing more private citizens to carry guns for protection	36%	45%	27%	33%	32%	37%	42%	42%	27%	13%	24%
Not sure	21%	19%	24%	26%	25%	20%	14%	20%	23%	20%	33%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	999	436	563	182	274	342	201	749	124	70	56

	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%	71%	38%	17%	40%	48%	47%	39%	51%	43%	40%	39%
Allowing more private citizens to carry guns for protection	36%	16%	34%	63%	33%	38%	39%	41%	27%	34%	41%	38%
Not sure	21%	13%	28%	20%	27%	14%	14%	20%	22%	24%	19%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	999	324	391	284	443	266	144	146	205	248	350	196

**9. Legislative 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%	40%	43%	39%	50%	41%	35%	38%	52%	50%	44%
Mass shootings cannot be reduced through legislation	41%	45%	36%	29%	34%	44%	55%	48%	28%	15%	29%
Not sure	18%	15%	21%	32%	16%	15%	9%	14%	20%	35%	27%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	998	436	562	183	273	342	200	749	124	70	55

	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%	71%	34%	21%	37%	48%	49%	40%	41%	40%	45%	38%
Mass shootings cannot be reduced through legislation	41%	17%	41%	67%	38%	45%	39%	45%	37%	42%	40%	44%
Not sure	18%	12%	26%	12%	25%	7%	12%	15%	22%	19%	15%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	998	323	392	283	444	265	144	145	205	249	349	195

**10. Second amendment**

Which comes closer to your view?

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	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	55%	53%	56%	50%	45%	60%	63%	55%	56%	51%	49%
Enacting any new gun regulations would violate Americans' right to bear arms	25%	34%	17%	21%	33%	25%	22%	28%	20%	17%	23%
Not sure	20%	13%	27%	30%	22%	16%	15%	17%	24%	32%	28%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	996	436	560	183	274	341	198	747	123	70	56

	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region				
	Total	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	55%	77%	45%	45%	52%	59%	61%	50%	58%	51%	56%	53%
Enacting any new gun regulations would violate Americans' right to bear arms	25%	12%	24%	42%	22%	28%	27%	31%	21%	27%	28%	23%
Not sure	20%	12%	30%	12%	26%	13%	12%	19%	21%	23%	16%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	996	321	391	284	441	265	144	146	202	248	350	196

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<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	November 6 - 7, 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 0.154 to 6.009, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.769.
<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>	58 questions not reported.