

Sample 1000 Adult Interviews
 Conducted December 4 - 7, 2015
 Margin of Error ±4.2%

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

More strict	55%
No change	26%
Less strict	13%
Not sure	6%

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

Very serious	58%
Somewhat serious	27%
Not very serious	8%
Not at all serious	3%
Not sure	4%

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

Mass shootings are something that can be stopped	58%
Mass shootings are a fact of life in America today	28%
Not sure	14%

4. 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?

Possible	46%
Impossible	35%
Not sure	19%

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

Stricter gun control laws and enforcement	47%
Allowing more private citizens to carry guns for protection	41%
Not sure	13%

6. Do you think stricter gun control laws would:

Reduce the number of shootings in the United States	44%
Not affect the number of shootings in the United States	28%
Increase the number of shootings in the United States	17%
Not sure	11%

7. 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:

Gotten better at preventing gun violence	3%
Not changed in its ability to prevent gun violence	53%
Gotten worse at preventing gun violence	38%
Not sure	7%

8. Do you think the media pays:

Too much attention to mass shootings	41%
About the right amount of attention to mass shootings	33%
Not enough attention to mass shootings	15%
Not sure	10%

9. How important will issues related to guns be in your vote for president next year?

Very important	36%
Somewhat important	27%
Not very important	9%
Not at all important	3%
I don't plan to vote next year	18%
Not sure	6%

10. How important will issues related to terrorism be in your vote for president next year?

Very important	53%
Somewhat important	19%
Not very important	6%
Not at all important	2%
I don't plan to vote next year	17%
Not sure	4%

11. How difficult do you think it currently is for terrorists to buy firearms in the United States?

Very difficult	4%
Somewhat difficult	8%
Not very difficult	32%
Not at all difficult	46%
Not sure	10%

12. Which do you think is a more important issue for the U.S. to focus on?

Preventing terrorism	64%
Preventing gun violence	25%
Not sure	12%

13. How closely have you been following the mass shooting that took place in San Bernardino?

Very closely	30%
Somewhat closely	39%
Not very closely	18%
Not at all closely	10%
Not sure	3%

14. Do you think the shooting in San Bernardino does or does not count as an act of terrorism?

Does count as an act of terrorism	73%
Does NOT count as an act of terrorism	6%
Not sure	21%

Interviewing Dates	December 4 - 7, 2015
Target population	U.S. adults, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov’s opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by age, gender, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2010 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2010 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement. Religion, minor party identification, and non-placement on an ideology scale, were imputed from the 2008 Pew Religion in American Life Survey.
Weighting	The sample was weighted using propensity scores based on age, gender, race, education, voter registration, and non-placement on an ideology scale. The weights range from 0.132 to 4.137, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.905.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.2% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	20 questions not reported.