

Sample 1000 Adult Interviews  
 Conducted October 2 - 5, 2015  
 Margin of Error ±4.5%

1. Do you or does anyone in your household own a gun?

Personally own a gun ..... 22%  
 Don't personally own a gun, but someone in the household owns a gun . 14%  
 No one in the household owns a gun ..... 59%  
 Not sure ..... 5%

2. Do you or does anyone in your household own the following types of weapons?

*Asked of those who personally own a gun or someone in the household owns a gun*

	Personally own	Someone in the household owns	No one in the household owns	Not sure	Prefer not to say
Rifle	30%	28%	29%	4%	9%
Shotgun	28%	27%	34%	1%	10%
Handgun (pistol or revolver)	41%	30%	19%	1%	9%

3. There are many reasons why some people choose to own guns and others do not. What are some of the reasons why you own a gun? Select all that apply.

*Asked of those who personally own a gun*

Personal safety/Protection .....	72%
Hunting .....	34%
Recreation/Sport (non-specific) .....	26%
Target shooting .....	51%
Second Amendment right .....	52%
Like guns/Wanted one/Enjoy using .....	33%
Antique/Family heirloom/Passed down .....	21%
Have always owned/Raised with guns/Family tradition .....	37%
Related to line of work—police, military .....	6%
Animal/Pet control/Euthanize sick animals, pets .....	8%
Collect guns/Hobby .....	18%
Other .....	7%
No reason in particular .....	8%

4. How worried are you that the government will pass laws that might take away your guns?

*Asked of those who personally own a gun or someone in the household owns a gun*

Very worried .....	23%
Somewhat worried .....	26%
Not very worried .....	23%
Not worried at all .....	27%

5. Do you think you would feel safer with a gun in your home?

*Asked of people who live in households in which no one owns a gun*

Yes .....	35%
No .....	65%

6. In general, do you feel the laws covering the sale of handguns should be made more strict than they are now?

Make gun laws more strict .....	49%
No change .....	30%
Make gun laws less strict .....	13%
Not sure .....	8%

7. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the National Rifle Association?

Very favorable .....	20%
Somewhat favorable .....	24%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	15%
Very unfavorable .....	24%
Not sure .....	17%

8. How much, if anything, have you heard about the recent mass shooting at a community college in Oregon?

A lot .....	52%
A little .....	40%
Nothing at all .....	6%
Not sure .....	3%

9. How worried are you, personally, that you will be killed or injured in a mass shooting?

Very worried .....	7%
Somewhat worried .....	20%
Not very worried .....	40%
Not at all worried .....	27%
Not sure .....	5%

10. 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 .....	48%
Mass shootings are a fact of life in America today .....	35%
Not sure .....	17%

11. Do you think that it is appropriate or inappropriate to discuss stricter gun laws in the wake of mass shootings?

Appropriate .....	53%
Inappropriate .....	34%
Not sure .....	13%

12. 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 .....	39%
Impossible .....	36%
Not sure .....	25%

13. 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 .....	44%
Allowing more private citizens to carry guns for protections .....	36%
Not sure .....	20%

14. 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 .....	7%
Not changed in its ability to prevent gun violence .....	60%
Gotten worse at preventing gun violence .....	24%
Not sure .....	9%

15. Do you think the media pays:

Too much attention to mass shootings .....	39%
About the right amount of attention to mass shootings .....	34%
Not enough attention to mass shootings .....	15%
Not sure .....	12%

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

Very important .....	35%
Somewhat important .....	27%
Not very important .....	13%
Not at all important .....	6%
I don't plan to vote next year .....	11%
Not sure .....	8%

17. Do you think stricter gun control laws would:

Reduce the number of shootings in the United States .....	35%
Not affect the number of shootings in the United States .....	35%
Increase the number of shootings in the United States .....	15%
Not sure .....	15%

<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	October 2 - 5, 2015
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. adults, 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 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.
<b>Weighting</b>	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 0.111 to 6.188, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.046.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 4.5% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	20 questions not reported.