

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER**  
**July 26-29, 2012 OMNIBUS**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**N=1,010**

**PEW.1 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the shooting in Colorado last week...

PEW.2 Do you think this shooting reflects broader problems in American society, or are things like this just the isolated acts of troubled individuals?

July 26-29 <u>2012</u>		<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON</b>	
		Jan 13-16 <u>2011</u> <sup>1</sup>	Apr 18-22 <u>2007</u>
24	Broader problems	31	46
67	Isolated acts	58	47
8	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	12	7

**PEWWP.1-PEWWP.3 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**NO QUESTIONS PEW.3-PEW.9**

**PEW.10-PEW.21 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**NO QUESTIONS PEW.22-PEW.23**

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject,

PEW.24 What do you think is more important – to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership?

	<u>Protect right to own guns</u>	<u>Control gun ownership</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
July 26-29, 2012	46	47	6
Apr 4-15, 2012	49	45	6
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	47	49	5
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	47	6
Jan 13-16, 2011	49	46	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	46	50	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	46	46	7
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	45	49	6
April, 2008	37	58	5
November, 2007	42	55	3
April, 2007	32	60	8
February, 2004	37	58	5
June, 2003	42	54	4
May, 2000	38	57	5
April, 2000	37	55	8
March, 2000	29	66	5
June, 1999	33	62	5
May, 1999	30	65	5
December, 1993	34	57	9

<sup>1</sup> January, 2011 question asked about the shooting in Tucson, Arizona. April, 2007 question was asked after the shooting at Virginia Tech and asked about "this shooting and others like it."