

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
AUGUST 2016 POLITICAL SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
AUGUST 9-16, 2016  
N=2,010**

**QUESTIONS 1-2, 7-8, CAMPNII, THOUGHT, REG, PRECINCT, 12-16, OFTVOTE, PLANTO, 23-25, 27-28, 37-38, 54-58, 61, 66, 71-72, 76, 78 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**NO QUESTIONS 3-6, 9-11, 17-22, 26, 29-36, 39-53, 59-60, 62-65, 67-70, 73-75, 77, 79-82**

On another subject ...

**ASK ALL:**

Q.83 What do you think is more important – to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership?

**IF OPINION GIVEN (Q.83=1,2), ASK:**

Q.84 Do you feel strongly about that, or not?

	Protect the right of -----Americans to own guns-----				-----Control gun ownership-----				
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Aug 9-16, 2016	52	46	6	*	46	37	8	1	3
Jul 14-20, 2015	47	42	5	*	50	40	10	*	3
Dec 3-7, 2014	52	47	4	*	46	37	8	1	3
Jan 23-Feb 9, 2014	49	--	--	--	48	--	--	--	3
May 1-5, 2013	48	--	--	--	50	--	--	--	2
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	46	--	--	--	50	--	--	--	4
Jan 9-13, 2013	45	39	5	*	51	41	9	*	5
Dec 17-19, 2012	42	37	4	*	49	42	6	2	9
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	31	6	*	58	46	11	1	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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.85 Do you think that gun ownership in this country does more to **[INSERT OPTION; RANDOMIZE]** or does more to **[NEXT OPTION]**?

Aug 9-16 <u>2016</u>		Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u>	Dec 3-7 <u>2014</u>	Dec 17-19 <u>2012</u>
58	Protect people from becoming victims of crime	54	57	48
37	Put people's safety at risk	40	38	37
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	6	5	16

**ASK ALL:**

Q.86 Please tell me if you would favor or oppose the following proposals about gun policy. First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Would you favor or oppose [ITEM]?**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Laws to prevent people with mental illness from purchasing guns			
Aug 9-16, 2016	76	22	2
Jul 14-20, 2015	79	19	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	80	16	4
b. Making private gun sales and sales at gun shows subject to background checks			
Aug 9-16, 2016	81	17	2
Jul 14-20, 2015	85	13	2
May 1-5, 2013	81	17	3
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	83	15	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	85	12	3
c. A ban on assault style weapons			
Aug 9-16, 2016	52	45	3
Jul 14-20, 2015	57	40	3
May 1-5, 2013	54	42	4
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	56	41	3
Jan 9-13, 2013	55	40	5
d. Creating a federal government database to track all gun sales			
Aug 9-16, 2016	68	30	2
Jul 14-20, 2015	70	28	2
May 1-5, 2013	66	31	3
Jan 9-13, 2013	67	30	3
e. A ban on high-capacity ammunition clips that hold more than 10 bullets			
Aug 9-16, 2016	50	47	3
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	53	44	3
Jan 9-13, 2013	54	42	4
Dec 17-19, 2012	53	42	5
f. Barring gun purchases by people on the federal no-fly or watch lists			
Aug 9-16, 2016	71	25	4

**NO QUESTIONS 87-89**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.90 Do you, or does anyone in your household, own a gun, rifle or pistol? **[IF YES: Is that you or someone else in your household?]**

Aug 9-16 <u>2016</u>		Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u>	May 1-5 <u>2013</u>	Feb 13-18 <u>2013</u>
20	Yes, respondent	18	18	17
13	Yes, someone else	12	14	13
12	Yes, both/multiple <b>(VOL.)</b>	9	8	8
51	No, nobody in household owns a gun	58	54	57
5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	4	5	6
31	<i>NET: Respondent owns gun</i>	26	27	24
44	<i>NET: Gun in household</i>	39	41	37

**QUESTIONS 91F1-93, PVOTE, SCALE10 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
Aug 9-16, 2016	27	32	35	2	1	2	13	16
Jun 15-26, 2016	24	33	37	4	1	2	16	16
Apr 12-19, 2016	25	32	37	3	1	2	16	17
Mar 17-26, 2016	25	31	38	3	*	2	15	20
Jan 7-14, 2016	24	30	38	5	1	2	14	17
Dec 8-13, 2015	26	31	37	4	*	2	16	15
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	24	29	41	4	*	2	17	17
Sep 22-27, 2015	26	30	40	2	*	2	15	16
Jul 14-20, 2015	22	32	41	4	*	1	15	19
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
2015	23.7	30.4	40.1	3.6	.4	1.8	16.4	17.3
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5

## PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED ...

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No <u>preference</u>	(VOL.) Other <u>party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

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**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

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