

**2019 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 53 SEPTEMBER  
FINAL TOPLINE  
SEPTEMBER 3-15, 2019  
N=9,895**

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,471]:**

RGHTCNTRL What do you think is more important?

	To protect the right of Americans to own guns	Control gun ownership	No answer
Sep 3-15, 2019	47	53	1
Aug 16-Sep 12, 2016 <sup>1</sup>	53	46	1

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

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

	Protect right of Americans to own guns	Control gun ownership	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 5-16, 2019	46	51	3
Sep 18-24, 2018	44	52	4
Apr 5-11, 2017	47	51	2
Aug 9-16, 2016	52	46	3
Jul 14-20, 2015	47	50	3
Dec 3-7, 2014	52	46	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	51	5
Dec 17-19, 2012	42	49	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	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

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**ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [N=4,954]:**

GUNSTRICT Which of the following statements comes closest to your overall view of gun laws in this country?

**[REVERSE ORDER OF PUNCHES FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE]**

Sep 3-15 2019		Sep 24- Oct 7 2018	Mar 13- Mar 27 2017
60	Gun laws should be MORE strict than they are today	57	52
28	Gun laws are about right	31	30
11	Gun laws should be LESS strict than they are today	11	18
1	No answer	1	1

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [N=4,954]:**

GUNPRIORITY1 Please indicate whether you would **[MATCH ORDER WITH PUNCHES: favor or oppose]** the following proposals about gun policy. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; REVERSE ORDER OF PUNCHES FOR RANDOM HALF-SAMPLE]**

	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
a. Preventing people with mental illnesses from purchasing guns					
Sep 3-15, 2019	76	15	5	3	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	74	15	5	6	1
Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017	73	15	5	6	1
b. Banning assault-style weapons					
Sep 3-15, 2019	56	14	14	16	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	51	15	13	19	1
Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017	53	15	14	17	1
c. Banning high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 rounds					
Sep 3-15, 2019	54	17	13	15	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	50	17	14	18	1
Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017	47	17	14	20	1
d. Making private gun sales and sales at gun shows subject to background checks					
Sep 3-15, 2019	71	16	6	5	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	69	16	7	7	1
Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017	65	20	8	7	1

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