

**2023 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 129 JUNE 2023
FINAL TOPLINE
JUNE 5 – 11, 2023
N=5,115**

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

On another topic...

ASK ALL:

GUNSTRICT Which of the following statements comes closest to your overall view of gun laws in this country? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1-3 AND 3-1 FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE]**

Jun 5-11, <u>2023</u>		Apr 5-11, <u>2021</u>	Sep 3-15, <u>2019</u>	Sep 24- Oct 7, <u>2018</u>	Mar 13- Mar 27, <u>2017</u>
58	Gun laws should be MORE strict than they are today	53	60	57	52
26	Gun laws are about right	32	28	31	30
15	Gun laws should be LESS strict than they are today	14	11	11	18
1	No answer	*	1	1	1

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF GUNPRIORITY1 AND GUNPRIORITY2]

ASK ALL:

GUNPRIORITY1 Please indicate whether you would **[MATCH ORDER WITH PUNCHES: favor or oppose / oppose or favor]** the following proposals about gun policy. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1-4 AND 4-1 FOR RANDOM HALF-SAMPLE, USE SAME ORDER OF RESPONSES FOR GUNPRIORITY2]**

	Strongly <u>favor</u>	Somewhat <u>favor</u>	Somewhat <u>oppose</u>	Strongly <u>oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
NO ITEMS A, D, F					
b. Preventing people with mental illnesses from purchasing guns					
Jun 5-11, 2023	72	17	7	3	1
Apr 5-11, 2021	70	17	8	4	1
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
c. Banning assault-style weapons					
Jun 5-11, 2023	51	14	15	20	1
Apr 5-11, 2021	48	15	15	21	1
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

GUNPRIORITY1 CONTINUED ...	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Somewhat favor</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
e. Banning high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 rounds					
Jun 5-11, 2023	50	16	14	19	1
Apr 5-11, 2021	47	17	16	20	1
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
k. Increasing the minimum age for buying guns to 21 years old					
Jun 5-11, 2023	59	20	10	10	1

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF GUNPRIORITY1 AND GUNPRIORITY2]

ASK ALL:

GUNPRIORITY2 Please indicate whether you would **[MATCH ORDER WITH PUNCHES: favor or oppose / oppose or favor]** the following proposals about gun policy. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1-4 AND 4-1 FOR RANDOM HALF-SAMPLE, USE SAME ORDER OF RESPONSES FOR GUNPRIORITY1]**

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Somewhat favor</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
g. Allowing people to carry concealed guns in more places					
Jun 5-11, 2023	19	25	20	36	1
Apr 5-11, 2021	19	24	21	35	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	20	25	18	37	1
Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017	19	28	23	30	*
h. Allowing people to carry concealed guns without a permit					
Jun 5-11, 2023	11	13	16	59	1
Apr 5-11, 2021	9	12	17	62	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	8	9	13	69	1
Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017	9	9	15	66	1
i. Allowing teachers and school officials to carry guns in K-12 schools					
Jun 5-11, 2023	22	28	17	32	1
Apr 5-11, 2021	16	26	20	37	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	20	23	15	42	1
Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017	18	26	19	36	*
j. Shortening waiting periods for people who want to buy guns legally					
Jun 5-11, 2023	12	18	25	44	1
Apr 5-11, 2021	14	21	24	40	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	13	18	23	45	1
Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017	14	22	25	38	1

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ASK FORM 1 [N=2,548]:

GUNVIOLEXP Over the next five years, do you think that the level of gun violence in the country will ...
[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-5 AND 5-1]

Jun 5-11,
2023
 37 Increase a lot
 25 Increase a little
 31 Stay about the same
 5 Decrease a little
 1 Decrease a lot
 1 No answer

ASK FORM 2 [N=2,567]:

GUNIMPCT Overall, does gun ownership do more to ... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jun 5-11,
2023
 49 Increase safety by allowing law-abiding citizens to protect themselves
 49 Reduce safety by giving too many people access to firearms and increasing misuse
 2 No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON

	<i>NBC News/WSJ:</i> <u>March 2018</u>	<i>NBC News/WSJ:</i> <u>October 1999</u>
Gun ownership does more to increase safety by allowing law-abiding citizens to protect themselves	58	41
Gun ownership does more to reduce safety by giving too many people access to firearms and increasing the chances for accidental misuse	38	52
Not sure	4	7

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ASK ALL:

GUN Do you own a gun (NOT including air guns, such as paintball, BB or pellet guns)?

	Yes, I own <u>a gun</u>	No, I do not <u>own a gun</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Jun 5-11, 2023	32	65	3
Jun 14-27, 2021	30	67	3
Apr 4-18, 2017 ¹	30	69	1

¹ In the 2017 survey, the question was worded: "Do you personally own any guns (NOT including air guns, such as paintball, BB or pellet guns)?". The 2017 response options were: Yes, I own a gun/ No, I don't own any guns.

ASK ALL:

GUN1 Does anyone else in your household own any guns (NOT including air guns, such as paintball, BB or pellet guns)?

	Yes, someone else in my <u>household owns a gun</u>	No, no one else in my <u>household owns a gun</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Jun 5-11, 2023	27	69	3
Jun 14-27, 2021	27	70	4
Apr 4-18, 2017	28	71	1

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ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...²

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	Something <u>else</u>	No <u>answer</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Rep</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Dem</u>
28	28	28	15	2	18	19

² PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.