

## Attitudes About Gun Control

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	July 2012		December 2012		January 2013		Jan N
	Protect right to own guns	Control ownership	Protect right to own guns	Control ownership	Protect right to own guns	Control ownership	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Total	46	47	42	49	45	51	1502
Men	57	38	51	41	51	44	725
Women	37	56	33	57	38	57	777
18-29	37	55	36	55	39	59	229
30-49	51	45	48	42	48	47	400
50-64	45	50	44	50	44	51	455
65+	48	42	34	54	45	47	391
Men 18-49	53	41	53	38	52	44	349
Women 18-49	39	56	33	58	37	59	280
Men 50+	61	34	48	46	51	44	368
Women 50+	33	58	34	55	39	55	478
White, non-Hispanic	56	38	51	42	53	42	1087
Black, non-Hispanic	23	73	24	68	24	66	127
Hispanic	--	--	--	--	27	72	142
White men	67	27	62	32	63	34	504
White women	37	56	40	51	45	50	583
College grad+	43	50	35	55	39	55	574
Some college	51	43	49	47	52	45	429
HS or less	45	48	42	47	43	52	496
Republican	71	26	69	27	70	27	403
Democrat	21	72	20	72	22	73	473
Independent	50	43	47	42	49	47	557
Conservative Rep	--	--	72	24	74	23	287
Mod/Lib Rep	--	--	--	--	60	38	108
Cons/Mod Dem	--	--	23	68	25	70	273
Liberal Dem	--	--	14	79	15	81	186
<i>Among Republicans...</i>							
Republican men	76	23	75	23	71	28	194
Republican women	66	30	63	31	69	27	209
<i>Among Democrats...</i>							
Democratic men	28	66	22	66	26	71	190
Democratic women	17	76	18	76	20	75	283
<i>Among independents...</i>							
Independent men	61	34	58	33	58	38	309
Independent women	38	55	33	52	36	60	248

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Parents	48	48	45	47	46	51	357
Non-parents	46	47	40	50	44	51	1140
Urban	37	57	35	56	37	57	493
Suburban	48	45	43	47	44	51	700
Rural	61	30	52	39	60	37	307
Northeast	32	59	29	65	38	56	269
Midwest	46	47	45	45	48	48	333
South	53	43	48	44	47	49	546
West	48	46	40	48	43	53	354

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