

Attitudes About Gun Control

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	April 2012		July 2012		December 2012		Dec N
	Protect right to own guns	Control ownership	Protect right to own guns	Control ownership	Protect right to own guns	Control ownership	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Total	49	45	46	47	42	49	1219
Men	60	35	57	38	51	41	580
Women	39	54	37	56	33	57	639
18-29	43	53	37	55	36	55	176
30-49	51	43	51	45	48	42	282
50-64	51	43	45	50	44	50	370
65+	51	41	48	42	34	54	371
Men 18-49	59	38	53	41	53	38	246
Women 18-49	38	57	39	56	33	58	212
Men 50+	61	33	61	34	48	46	330
Women 50+	41	51	33	58	34	55	411
White, non-Hispanic	57	37	56	38	51	42	925
Black, non-Hispanic	35	60	23	73	24	68	114
White men	68	27	67	27	62	32	441
White women	47	47	37	56	40	51	484
College grad+	40	53	43	50	35	55	482
Some college	59	37	51	43	49	47	330
HS or less	49	44	45	48	42	47	397
Republican	72	23	71	26	69	27	291
Democrat	27	67	21	72	20	72	377
Independent	55	40	50	43	47	42	458
Conservative Rep	76	18	--	--	72	24	205
Mod/Lib Rep	62	35	--	--	--	--	80
Cons/Mod Dem	35	60	--	--	23	68	237
Liberal Dem	17	78	--	--	14	79	127
<i>Among Republicans...</i>							
Republican men	78	17	76	23	75	23	139
Republican women	66	29	66	30	63	31	152
<i>Among Democrats...</i>							
Democratic men	41	54	28	66	22	66	147
Democratic women	19	75	17	76	18	76	230
<i>Among independents...</i>							
Independent men	63	34	61	34	58	33	249
Independent women	44	49	38	55	33	52	209

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Parents	46	49	48	48	45	47	294
Fathers	57	40	61	33	56	38	148
Mothers	37	58	37	59	34	56	146
Non-parents	51	43	46	47	40	50	923
Men	61	34	55	40	48	43	431
Women	40	52	37	55	33	57	492
Urban	42	54	37	57	35	56	393
Suburban	50	43	48	45	43	47	583
Rural	58	35	61	30	52	39	241
Northeast	36	57	32	59	29	65	208
Midwest	50	43	46	47	45	45	290
South	57	38	53	43	48	44	441
West	46	48	48	46	40	48	280
