

**2018 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 38  
September 24-October 7, 2018  
FINAL TOPLINE  
N=10,683**

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,307]:**

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 24- Oct 7 <u>2018</u>		Mar 13- Mar 27 <u>2017</u>
57	Gun laws should be MORE strict than they are today	52
31	Gun laws are about right	30
11	Gun laws should be LESS strict than they are today	18
1	No answer	1

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF GUNPRIORITY1 AND GUNPRIORITY2****ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,307]:**

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, USE SAME ORDER AS GUNPRIORITY2]**

		Strongly <u>favor</u>	Somewhat <u>favor</u>	Somewhat <u>oppose</u>	Strongly <u>oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Barring gun purchases by people on the federal no-fly or watch lists					
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	67	17	7	8	1
	Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017	66	17	9	7	1
b.	Preventing people with mental illnesses from purchasing guns					
	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					
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	51	15	13	19	1
	Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017	53	15	14	17	1
d.	Creating a federal government database to track all gun sales					
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	54	20	11	14	1
	Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017	50	22	13	15	*
e.	Banning high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 rounds					
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	50	17	14	18	1
	Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017	47	17	14	20	1

**GUNPRIORITY1 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Somewhat favor</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
f. Making private gun sales and sales at gun shows subject to background checks					
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	69	16	7	7	1
Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017	65	20	8	7	1

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF GUNPRIORITY1 AND GUNPRIORITY2****ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,307]:**

GUNPRIORITY2 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, USE SAME ORDER AS 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					
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					
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					
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					
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	13	18	23	45	1
Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017	14	22	25	38	1

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,307]:**

GUNACTIVISM Have you ever done any of the following? [**RANDOMIZE ITEMS**]

	<u>Yes, in the last 12 months</u>	<u>Yes, but not in the last 12 months</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Contacted a public official to express your opinion on gun policy				
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	7	7	86	1
Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017	6	9	85	*
b. Contributed money to an organization that takes a position on gun policy				
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	7	7	85	1
Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017	7	8	84	*

**GUNACTIVISM CONTINUED...**

	Yes, in the last 12 <u>months</u>	Yes, but not in the last 12 <u>months</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
c. Attended a rally or protest about the issue of guns Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	3	3	93	1
d. Publicly expressed your feelings about the issue of guns on Facebook, Twitter or other social media Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	18	8	73	1

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,657]:**

MOREGUNIMPACT

If more Americans owned guns, do you think there would be... **[RANDOMIZE PUNCHES 1 AND 2 FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE; ALWAYS DISPLAY THIRD OPTION LAST]**

Sep 24- Oct 7 <u>2018</u>		Mar 13- Mar 27 <u>2017</u>
37	More crime	35
29	Less crime	33
33	Not make a difference	32
1	No answer	1

**ASK FORM 3 ONLY [N=2,650]:**

MASSTRIC

If it was harder for people to legally obtain guns in the United States, do you think there would be ... **[RANDOMIZE PUNCHES 1 AND 2 FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE; ALWAYS DISPLAY THIRD OPTION LAST]** {W25, mod not make a difference}

Sep 24- Oct 7 <u>2018</u>		Mar 13- Mar 27 <u>2017</u>
47	Fewer mass shootings	47
6	More mass shootings	13
46	No difference	39
*	No answer	1

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
SEPTEMBER 2018 POLITICAL SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
SEPTEMBER 18-24, 2018  
N=1,754**

**QUESTIONS 1-2, 7-8, 11-13, 28, 33, 44-46, 50-51, 58-59, 64-66 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**NO QUESTIONS 3-6, 9-10, 14-27, 29-32, 34-43, 47-49, 52-57, 60-63, 67-72**

Next,

**ASK ALL:**

Q.73 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	<b>(VOL.)</b> DK/Ref
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

**QUESTIONS 74-79, 83-84, 93, 96-101 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**NO QUESTIONS 80-82, 85-92, 94-95**

**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?

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No preference</u>	<u>Other party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
Sep 18-24, 2018	25	32	37	3	1	2	15	18
Jun 5-12, 2018	25	31	38	3	1	2	15	18
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	27	28	38	4	1	2	14	19
Mar 7-14, 2018	26	28	41	3	*	1	17	18
Jan 10-15, 2018	26	33	34	3	1	3	12	18
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	20	32	40	4	1	3	13	19
Oct 25-30, 2017	22	32	41	3	1	2	17	19
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	25	31	39	3	1	2	16	18
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
2017	23.6	31.4	39.4	3.3	.6	1.7	15.8	18.7
2016	25.4	32.0	36.5	3.4	.5	2.2	14.6	17.0
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
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	--	--	--	--	--

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

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls