

**2021 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 87 APRIL 2021
FINAL TOPLINE
APRIL 5-11, 2021
N=5,109**

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

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]

<u>Apr 5-11 2021</u>		<u>Sep 3-15 2019</u>	<u>Sep 24- Oct 7 2018</u>	<u>Mar 13- Mar 27 2017</u>
53	Gun laws should be MORE strict than they are today	60	57	52
32	Gun laws are about right	28	31	30
14	Gun laws should be LESS strict than they are today	11	11	18
*	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]** the following proposals about gun policy. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; REVERSE ORDER OF PUNCHES FOR RANDOM HALF-SAMPLE, USE SAME ORDER OF RESPONSES FOR GUNPRIORITY2]**

NO ITEM A	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Somewhat favor</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
b. Preventing people with mental illnesses from purchasing guns					
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					
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
d. Creating a federal government database to track all gun sales					
Apr 5-11, 2021	46	20	12	20	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	54	20	11	14	1
Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017	50	22	13	15	*

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					
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
f. Making private gun sales and sales at gun shows subject to background checks					
Apr 5-11, 2021	62	19	9	9	1
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

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF GUNPRIORITY1 AND GUNPRIORITY2]

ASK ALL:

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 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					
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					
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					
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					
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

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,545]:

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]**

Apr 5-11 <u>2021</u>		Sep 24- Oct 7 <u>2018</u>	Mar 13- Mar 27 <u>2017</u>
34	More crime	37	35
31	Less crime	29	33
34	No difference	33	32
1	No answer	1	1

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,564]:

MASSTRICCT

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]**

Apr 5-11 <u>2021</u>		Sep 24- Oct 7 <u>2018</u>	Mar 13- Mar 27 <u>2017¹</u>
49	Fewer mass shootings	47	47
9	More mass shootings	6	13
42	No difference	46	39
*	No answer	*	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING [N=2,016]:

PARTYLN

As of today do you lean more to...²

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
24	32	27	16	1	19	20

¹ In March 2017, third answer option read "Not make a difference"

² Party and Partyln asked in a prior survey.