

GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

ACTIONS TO PREVENT SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

Results are based on telephone interviews with –1,009– national adults, aged 18+, conducted December 18, 2012. For results based on the total sample of National Adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ± 4 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each daily sample of 1,000 national adults includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, population density, phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2011 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ U.S. population. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

Polls conducted entirely in one day, such as this one, are subject to additional error or bias not found in polls conducted over several days.

1. Next, do you think each of the following would be a very effective, somewhat effective, or not effective approach to preventing mass shootings at schools, like the one that occurred in Connecticut last week? How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

<i>2012 Dec 18 Sorted by "very effective"</i>	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Not effective	No opinion
Increasing the police presence at schools	53	34	12	1
Increased government spending on mental health screening and treatment	50	34	14	2
Decreasing the depiction of gun violence on television, in movies, and in video games	47	31	20	2
Banning the sale of assault and semi-automatic guns	42	21	36	1
Having at least one school official at every school carry a gun for the school's protection	34	30	34	2
News media refusing to print or read the names of the person responsible for the shooting	27	30	40	3