

GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

GUN VIOLENCE

Results are based on telephone interviews with –1,023– national adults, aged 18+, conducted September 17-18, 2013. 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 sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 50% cell phone respondents and 50% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by region. Landline and 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 to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both, cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2012 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2011 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. 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.

Thinking about something else,

1. In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of firearms should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

| | <u>More strict</u> | <u>Less strict</u> | <u>Kept as now</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 2013 Sep 17-18 | 49 | 13 | 37 | 2 |
| 2012 Dec 19-22 | 58 | 6 | 34 | 2 |
| 2011 Oct 6-9 | 43 | 11 | 44 | 2 |
| 2010 Oct 7-10 | 44 | 12 | 42 | 2 |
| 2009 Oct 1-4 | 44 | 12 | 43 | 1 |
| 2008 Oct 3-5 | 49 | 8 | 41 | 2 |
| 2007 Oct 4-7 | 51 | 8 | 39 | 2 |
| 2006 Oct 9-12 | 56 | 9 | 33 | 2 |
| 2005 Oct 13-16 | 57 | 7 | 35 | 1 |
| 2004 Oct 11-14 | 54 | 11 | 34 | 1 |
| 2004 Jan 9-11 | 60 | 6 | 34 | * |
| 2003 Oct 6-8 | 55 | 9 | 36 | * |
| 2002 Oct 14-17 | 51 | 11 | 36 | 2 |
| 2001 Oct 11-14 | 53 | 8 | 38 | 1 |
| 2000 May 5-7 | 62 | 5 | 31 | 2 |
| 2000 Apr 7-9 | 61 | 7 | 30 | 2 |
| 1999 Dec 9-12 | 60 | 10 | 29 | 1 |
| 1999 Aug 3-4 | 66 | 6 | 27 | 1 |
| 1999 Jun 25-27 | 62 | 6 | 31 | 1 |
| 1999 May 23-24 | 65 | 5 | 28 | 2 |
| 1999 Apr 26-27 | 66 | 7 | 25 | 2 |
| 1999 Feb 8-9 | 60 | 9 | 29 | 2 |
| 1995 Apr 23-24 ^ | 62 | 12 | 24 | 2 |
| 1993 Dec 17-19 | 67 | 7 | 25 | 1 |
| 1993 Mar 12-14 | 70 | 4 | 24 | 2 |
| 1991 Mar 21-24 | 68 | 5 | 25 | 2 |
| 1990 Sep 10-11 | 78 | 2 | 17 | 3 |

^ Asked of half sample.

2. Thinking about mass shootings that have occurred in the United States in recent years, from what you know or have read, how much do you think each of the following factors is to blame for the shootings – a great deal, a fair amount, not much, or not at all? How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

| <i>2013 Sep 17-18 (sorted by "great deal")</i> | Great deal | Fair amount | Not much/ Not at all |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Failure of the mental health system to identify individuals who are a danger to others | 48 | 32 | 19 |
| Easy access to guns | 40 | 21 | 36 |
| Drug use | 37 | 29 | 32 |
| Violence in movies, video games and music lyrics | 32 | 24 | 43 |
| Insufficient security at public buildings including businesses and schools | 29 | 29 | 40 |
| The spread of extremist viewpoints on the Internet | 29 | 28 | 37 |
| Inflammatory language from prominent political commentators | 18 | 19 | 58 |

FULL TRENDS:

A. Easy access to guns

| | <u>Great deal</u> | <u>Fair amount</u> | <u>Not much</u> | <u>Not at all</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2013 Sep 17-18 | 40 | 21 | 16 | 20 | 3 |
| 2011 Jan 14-16 ^ | 46 | 19 | 16 | 18 | 1 |

B. Violence in movies, video games, and music lyrics

| | <u>Great deal</u> | <u>Fair amount</u> | <u>Not much</u> | <u>Not at all</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2013 Sep 17-18 | 32 | 24 | 23 | 20 | 2 |
| 2011 Jan 14-16 ^ | 31 | 27 | 26 | 15 | 2 |

C. The spread of extremist viewpoints on the Internet

| | <u>Great deal</u> | <u>Fair amount</u> | <u>Not much</u> | <u>Not at all</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2013 Sep 17-18 | 29 | 28 | 22 | 15 | 6 |
| 2011 Jan 14-16 ^ | 32 | 31 | 19 | 12 | 6 |

D. Failure of the mental health system to identify individuals who are a danger to others

| | <u>Great deal</u> | <u>Fair amount</u> | <u>Not much</u> | <u>Not at all</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2013 Sep 17-18 | 48 | 32 | 11 | 8 | 2 |
| 2011 Jan 14-16 ^ | 48 | 30 | 11 | 8 | 3 |

Q.2 (FACTORS IN MASS SHOOTINGS) CONTINUED

E. Inflammatory language from prominent political commentators

| | <u>Great deal</u> | <u>Fair amount</u> | <u>Not much</u> | <u>Not at all</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2013 Sep 17-18 | 18 | 19 | 30 | 28 | 6 |
| 2011 Jan 14-16 ^ | 19 | 25 | 29 | 25 | 3 |

F. Drug use

| | <u>Great deal</u> | <u>Fair amount</u> | <u>Not much</u> | <u>Not at all</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2013 Sep 17-18 | 37 | 29 | 17 | 15 | 3 |
| 2011 Jan 14-16 ^ | 42 | 35 | 16 | 6 | 2 |

G. Insufficient security at public buildings including businesses and schools

| | <u>Great deal</u> | <u>Fair amount</u> | <u>Not much</u> | <u>Not at all</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2013 Sep 17-18 | 29 | 29 | 26 | 14 | 2 |

^ Asked of a half sample

