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CRIME

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 5-11, 2017 with a random sample of **-1,028-** adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

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 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Survey Sampling International. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next 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 and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2016 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2016 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. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact galluphelp@gallup.com.

18. Do you think there should or should not be a law that would ban the possession of handguns, except by the police and other authorized persons?

	<u>Should be</u>	<u>Should not be</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2017 Oct 5-11	28	71	1
2016 Oct 5-9	23	76	1
2015 Oct 7-11	27	72	1
2014 Oct 12-15	26	73	1
2013 Oct 3-6	25	74	2
2012 Dec 19-22	24	74	2
2011 Oct 6-9	26	73	1
2010 Oct 7-10	29	69	1
2009 Oct 1-4	28	71	1
2008 Oct 3-5	29	69	2
2007 Oct 4-7	30	68	2
2006 Oct 9-12	32	66	2
2005 Oct 13-16	35	64	1
2004 Oct 11-14	36	63	1
2003 Oct 6-8	32	67	1
2002 Oct 14-17	32	65	3
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	36	62	2
1999 Apr 26-27	38	59	3
1999 Feb 8-9	34	64	2
1993 Dec 17-19	39	60	1
1993 Mar 12-14	42	54	4
1991 Mar 21-24	43	53	4
1990 Sep 10-11	41	55	4
1988 Jul 1-7	37	59	4
1987 Oct 12-18	42	50	8
1982 Apr 2-5	41	54	5
1981 Jun 19-22	41	54	5
1981 Apr 3-6	39	58	3
1980 Dec 12-21	38	51	11
1979 Nov 2-5 ^	31	65	4
1975 Mar 7-10 ^	41	55	4
1965 Jan 7-12 †	49	44	7
1959 Jul 23-28 †	60	36	4

^ WORDING: Now here is a question about pistols and revolvers. Do you think there should or should not be a law which would forbid the possession of this type of gun except by the police and other authorized persons?

† WORDING: What about the possession of pistols and revolvers--do you think there should be a law which would forbid the possession of this type of gun except by the police or other authorized persons?

23. Are you for or against a law which would make it illegal to manufacture, sell, or possess semi-automatic guns known as assault rifles?

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2017 Oct 5-11	48	49	3
2016 Oct 5-9	36	61	3
2012 Dec 19-22	44	51	5
2011 Oct 6-9	43	53	5
2004 Oct 11-14	50	46	4
2000 Oct 25-28 ^	59	39	2
1996 Apr 25-28 ^	57	42	1

^ WORDING: Now, I am going to read several propositions that would prohibit and make illegal certain activities. First, would you vote -- for or against a law which would make it illegal to manufacture, sell, or possess semi-automatic guns known as assault rifles?

24. Please say whether you favor or oppose each of the following. [RANDOM ORDER].

<i>2017 Oct 5-11</i> <i>(sorted by "favor")</i>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Requiring background checks for all gun purchases	96	4	*
Enacting a 30-day waiting period for all gun sales	75	24	1
Requiring all privately-owned guns to be registered with the police	70	29	1