

# GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

## AUGUST WAVE 2

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted August 15-30, 2019 with a random sample of –2,291— 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  $\pm 3$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of –1,099—national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –1,192—national adults in Form B, the margins of sampling error is  $\pm 3$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –1,059—Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –840—gun owners, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –1,184—adults who are employed full- or part-time, the of sampling error is  $\pm 3$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –1,371—adults who are married or living with a partner, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 3$  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 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 Dynata. 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 2018 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2018 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](mailto:galluphelp@gallup.com).

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17. GUN OWNER(*FOR SCREENING*)

18. (*Asked of those who personally own a gun*) There are many reasons why some people choose to own guns and others do not. What are some of the reasons why you own a gun? [*OPEN-ENDED*]

**BASED ON --840-- GUN OWNERS**

	<i>2019 Aug 15-30</i>	<i>2013 Oct 3-6</i>
Personal safety/Protection	61	60
Hunting	34	36
Recreation/Sport (non-specific)	12	13
Like guns/Wanted one/Enjoy using	6	5
Antique/Family heirloom/Passed down	6	5
Second Amendment right	5	5
Target shooting	5	8
Related to line of work -- police, military	5	3
Have always owned/Raised with guns/Family tradition	4	4
Collect guns/Hobby	3	1
Animal/Pest control/Euthanize sick animals, pets	1	1
Other	2	1
No reason in particular	1	3
No opinion	*	--

Percentages total more than 100% due to multiple responses

Finally,

19. What is your overall opinion of the National Rifle Association, also known as the NRA -- is it very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

	<u>Very favorable</u>	<u>Mostly favorable</u>	<u>Mostly unfavorable</u>	<u>Very unfavorable</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total favorable</u>	<u>Total unfavorable</u>
2019 Aug 15-30	18	30	19	30	3	48	49
2018 Jun 1-13 †	28	25	16	26	4	53	42
2015 Oct 7-11 †	26	32	17	18	6	58	35
2012 Dec 19-22	21	33	20	18	7	54	38
2005 Apr 4-7	18	42	19	15	6	60	34
2000 May 23-24	19	33	21	18	9	52	39
2000 Apr 7-9	15	36	20	19	10	51	39
1999 Apr 26-27	14	37	22	18	9	51	40
1995 Jun 5-6	14	28	25	26	7	42	51
1993 Mar 12-14 ^	22	33	18	14	13	55	32
1989 Feb 28-Mar	18	37	19	13	12	55	32
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^ WORDING: I'd like your overall opinion of some trade and professional associations and special interest groups. Is your overall opinion of.....very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

† WORDING Next, I'd like your overall opinion of some organizations. Is your overall opinion of [RANDOM ORDER] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable? Next, how about..?

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**QN17: Own a gun BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	2291	1207	1084	1697	534	416	629	1214	1036	744	489	683	892	684	918	729	551
	Weighted n	2291	1134	1157	1525	721	619	774	867	757	663	857	603	962	677	861	770	559
Yes		733	478	255	597	122	145	272	309	255	242	232	301	277	143	352	239	112
		32%	42%	22%	39%	17%	23%	35%	36%	34%	37%	27%	50%	29%	21%	41%	31%	20%
No		1500	619	881	878	597	468	483	529	475	400	615	279	656	533	469	518	444
		65%	55%	76%	58%	83%	76%	62%	61%	63%	60%	72%	46%	68%	79%	55%	67%	79%
(DK)/(Refused)		58	37	21	51	2	6	19	29	27	20	10	23	30	1	39	13	4
		3%	3%	2%	3%	0%	1%	2%	3%	4%	3%	1%	4%	3%	0%	5%	2%	1%

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**§QN18: What are some of the reasons why you own a gun? BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	840	567	273	704	117	115	248	469	372	309	152	364	305	162	432	255	121
	Weighted n	733	478	255	597	122	145	272	309	255	242	232	301	277	143	352	239	112
Personal safety/protection		446	279	167	346	94	103	177	165	165	144	137	200	164	80	232	145	60
		61%	58%	66%	58%	77%	71%	65%	53%	65%	59%	59%	66%	59%	56%	66%	61%	53%
Hunting		250	185	65	223	25	60	89	97	73	85	92	111	99	34	133	80	25
		34%	39%	25%	37%	20%	42%	33%	31%	28%	35%	40%	37%	36%	24%	38%	33%	22%
Recreation/sport (non-specific)		91	60	31	76	12	27	37	24	42	34	15	35	41	13	43	35	12
		12%	13%	12%	13%	10%	18%	14%	8%	16%	14%	7%	12%	15%	9%	12%	15%	11%
Like guns/Wanted one/Enjoy using		46	37	9	39	5	9	17	20	18	13	14	25	14	5	21	16	7
		6%	8%	4%	7%	4%	6%	6%	6%	7%	5%	6%	8%	5%	4%	6%	7%	6%
Antique/Family heirloom/Passed down		42	22	20	40	1	5	14	23	16	18	8	10	18	14	9	17	13
		6%	5%	8%	7%	1%	4%	5%	7%	6%	7%	4%	3%	7%	9%	3%	7%	12%
2nd Amendment right/because I can		37	31	6	24	10	9	18	10	8	13	15	26	11	0	26	8	0
		5%	7%	2%	4%	8%	6%	6%	3%	3%	6%	7%	9%	4%	0%	7%	3%	0%
Target shooting		37	31	6	32	4	4	15	18	14	9	14	16	10	10	19	13	3
		5%	6%	2%	5%	4%	3%	6%	6%	5%	4%	6%	5%	4%	7%	5%	5%	3%
Related to line of work -- police, military		35	21	13	24	10	7	12	15	13	15	7	14	13	7	17	10	7
		5%	4%	5%	4%	8%	5%	4%	5%	5%	6%	3%	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	7%
Have always owned guns/raised with them/family tradition		29	20	10	28	2	2	7	20	10	11	8	15	11	4	15	8	4
		4%	4%	4%	5%	1%	2%	3%	6%	4%	5%	4%	5%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%
Collect guns/Hobby		20	13	7	17	3	5	5	10	6	7	7	10	6	5	11	7	2
		3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%
Something else (list)		11	7	4	7	3	4	4	3	6	4	-	1	8	2	2	5	2
		2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	-	0%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Pest control/Euthanize pets, animals own		7	4	4	7	0	-	3	4	3	4	-	3	3	1	3	3	1
		1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	-	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
No particular reason		4	4	0	4	-	-	1	4	0	1	3	2	2	1	2	1	-
		1%	1%	0%	1%	-	-	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-
Refused		1	1	1	1	-	-	0	1	0	1	-	-	1	0	1	-	0
		0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	-	0%

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**QN19: Opinion of National Rifle Association BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

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Very favorable		409	231	179	319	81	82	155	166	96	117	194	226	141	30	269	73	49
		18%	20%	15%	21%	11%	13%	20%	19%	13%	18%	23%	37%	15%	4%	31%	9%	9%
Mostly favorable		678	348	330	532	138	199	216	259	193	237	247	304	297	73	361	235	61
		30%	31%	28%	35%	19%	32%	28%	30%	25%	36%	29%	50%	31%	11%	42%	31%	11%
Mostly unfavorable		442	212	230	245	193	157	135	145	142	132	166	40	233	166	91	215	115
		19%	19%	20%	16%	27%	25%	17%	17%	19%	20%	19%	7%	24%	24%	11%	28%	20%
Very unfavorable		682	305	378	395	275	159	236	281	307	151	221	16	252	395	111	225	323
		30%	27%	33%	26%	38%	26%	30%	32%	41%	23%	26%	3%	26%	58%	13%	29%	58%
(DK)/(Refused)		79	39	40	34	35	23	33	16	19	26	29	18	40	14	29	22	11
		3%	3%	3%	2%	5%	4%	4%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	2%