

**2017 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 25 MARCH & WAVE 26 APRIL
COMBINED FINAL TOPLINE
WAVE 25: March 13 – 27, 2017
WAVE 26: April 4 – 18, 2017
TOTAL N=3,930¹**

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN .5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (*). COLUMNS/ROWS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING. ALL TRENDS REFERENCE SURVEYS FROM THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

	Sample Size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
General public	3,930	+/- 2.8% points
Gun owners	1,269	+/- 4.8% points

ASK WAVE 25:

ESSENTIALRIGHTS Please indicate whether you think each of these is essential to your own sense of freedom, important but not essential, or not important. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Essential</u>	<u>Important but not essential</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Freedom of speech Mar 13-27, 2017	93	6	*	*
b. Freedom of religion Mar 13-27, 2017	86	12	2	*
c. The right to own guns Mar 13-27, 2017	47	34	19	*
d. The right to vote Mar 13-27, 2017	90	8	1	1
e. The right to privacy Mar 13-27, 2017	87	12	1	*

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

¹ Results reported here are based on panelists who responded to both the Wave 25 March 2017 survey fielded March 13-27 and the Wave 26 April 2017 survey fielded April 4-18.

Turning to a different topic...

ASK WAVE 25:

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**]

ASK WAVE 25 IF WANT MORE/LESS STRICT GUN LAWS (GUNSTRICT=1,3) [N=2,762]:

GUNSTRICT2 Do you think gun laws should be...

Mar 13-27

2017

52	NET Gun laws should be MORE strict than they are today
34	A lot
17	Somewhat
30	Gun laws are about right
18	NET Gun laws should be LESS strict than they are today
8	A lot
10	Somewhat
1	No answer

[**PROGRAMMING NOTE: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS FOR GUNWHO, GUNWHERE, AND GUNTYPE TOGETHER; I.E. RESPONDENTS SHOULD SEE ALL THREE WITH THE RESPONSE ORDERS SHOWN BELOW OR SEE ALL THREE WITH THE REVERSE.**]

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF GUNWHO, GUNWHERE, AND GUNTYPE

ASK WAVE 25:

GUNWHO Which comes closest to your view about WHO should be able to legally own guns in the United States? [**REVERSE ORDER OF RESPONSES FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE**]

Mar 13-27

2017

8	Almost everyone should
64	Most people should, but some people should NOT
19	Some people should, but most people should NOT
9	Almost no one should
*	No answer

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF GUNWHO, GUNWHERE, AND GUNTYPE

ASK WAVE 25:

GUNWHERE Which comes closest to your view about THE PLACES where people should be able to legally carry guns in the United States? [**REVERSE ORDER OF RESPONSES FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE**]

Mar 13-27

2017

21	Almost everywhere
35	Most places, but some places should be off-limits
28	Some places, but most places should be off-limits
15	Almost nowhere
*	No answer

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF GUNWHO, GUNWHERE, AND GUNTYPE**ASK WAVE 25:**

GUNTYPE Which comes closest to your view about the TYPES OF GUNS that should be legally available to buy in the United States? **[REVERSE ORDER OF RESPONSES FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE]**

Mar 13-27

2017

20	Almost all types should
41	Most types should, but some types should NOT
28	Some types should, but most types should NOT
10	Almost no types should
*	No answer

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: FOR THE LAST QUESTION FROM GUNWHO, GUNWHERE, AND GUNTYPE THAT RESPONDENTS SEE, ASK ALL OF THOSE WHO SELECT PUNCH 2:]

ASK IF GUNWHO IS LAST AND GUNWHO=2:

GUNWHO_OE In your own words, what should disqualify someone from being able to legally own guns in the United States? **[MAKE BOX A COUPLE OF LINES]**

OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES NOT SHOWN**ASK IF GUNWHERE IS LAST AND GUNWHERE=2:**

GUNWHERE_OE In your own words, what are some of the places you think people should NOT be able to legally carry guns in the United States? **[MAKE BOX A COUPLE OF LINES]**

OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES NOT SHOWN**ASK IF GUNTYPE IS LAST AND GUNTYPE=2:**

GUNTYPE_OE In your own words, what are some of the types of guns you think should NOT be legally available to buy in the United States? **[MAKE BOX A COUPLE OF LINES]**

OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES NOT SHOWN

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF GUNPRIORITY1 AND GUNPRIORITY2**ASK WAVE 25:**

GUNPRIORITY1

Please indicate whether you would [**MATCH ORDER WITH PUNCHES:** strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose] the following proposals about gun policy. [**RANDOMIZE ITEMS; REVERSE ORDER OF PUNCHES FOR RANDOM HALF-SAMPLE, USE SAME ORDER AS GUNPRIORITY2**]

	Strongly <u>favor</u>	Somewhat <u>favor</u>	Somewhat <u>oppose</u>	Strongly <u>oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Barring gun purchases by people on the federal no-fly or watch lists Mar 13-27, 2017	66	17	9	7	1
b. Preventing people with mental illnesses from purchasing guns Mar 13-27, 2017	73	15	5	6	1
c. Banning assault-style weapons Mar 13-27, 2017	53	15	14	17	1
d. Creating a federal government database to track all gun sales Mar 13-27, 2017	50	22	13	15	*
e. Banning high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 rounds Mar 13-27, 2017	47	17	14	20	1
f. Making private gun sales and sales at gun shows subject to background checks Mar 13-27, 2017	65	20	8	7	1

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF GUNPRIORITY1 AND GUNPRIORITY2**ASK WAVE 25:**

GUNPRIORITY2

Please indicate whether you would [**MATCH ORDER WITH PUNCHES:** strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose] the following proposals about gun policy. [**RANDOMIZE ITEMS; REVERSE ORDER OF PUNCHES FOR RANDOM HALF-SAMPLE, USE SAME ORDER AS GUNPRIORITY1**]

	Strongly <u>favor</u>	Somewhat <u>favor</u>	Somewhat <u>oppose</u>	Strongly <u>oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
g. Allowing people to carry concealed guns in more places Mar 13-27, 2017	19	28	23	30	*
h. Allowing people to carry concealed guns without a permit Mar 13-27, 2017	9	9	15	66	1
i. Allowing teachers and school officials to carry guns in K-12 schools Mar 13-27, 2017	18	26	19	36	*
j. Shortening waiting periods for people who want to buy guns legally Mar 13-27, 2017	14	22	25	38	1

ASK WAVE 25:

GUNACTIVISM

Have you ever done any of the following, or not? [**RANDOMIZE ITEMS**]

	Yes, in the <u>last 12 months</u>	Yes, but not in the <u>last 12 months</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Contacted a public official to express your opinion on gun policy Mar 13-27, 2017	6	9	85	*
b. Contributed money to an organization that takes a position on gun policy Mar 13-27, 2017	7	8	84	*

ASK WAVE 25:

NRAINFLNC

When it comes to gun laws in this country, do you think the National Rifle Association (NRA) has... **[RANDOMIZE PUNCHES 1 & 2; ALWAYS ASK PUNCH 3 LAST]**

Mar 13-27

2017

44	Too much influence
15	Too little influence
40	The right amount of influence
2	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK WAVE 25:**

Turning back to gun policy for a moment.

GUNVIOLENCE

How much of a problem do you think gun violence is in...

		A very <u>big problem</u>	A moderately <u>big problem</u>	A small <u>problem</u>	Not a problem <u>at all</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	The United States Mar 13-27, 2017	50	33	14	2	*
b.	Your local community Mar 13-27, 2017	19	25	36	19	*

ASK WAVE 25:

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]**

Mar 13-27

2017

35	More crime
33	Less crime
32	Not make a difference
1	No answer

ASK WAVE 25:

MASSSTRICT

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]**

Mar 13-27

2017

47	Fewer mass shootings
13	More mass shootings
39	Not make a difference
1	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK WAVE 26:

SATISF All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

Apr 4-18 <u>2017</u>		Feb 28- Mar 12 <u>2017</u> ²	Sept 27- Oct 10 <u>2016</u>	June 7- July 5 <u>2016</u> ³	Sep 15- Oct 3 <u>2014</u>
26	Satisfied	32	23	19	25
73	Dissatisfied	68	75	80	75
*	No answer	*	2	1	*

ASK WAVE 26:

SATISFY All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY today?

Apr 4-18 <u>2017</u>	
63	Satisfied
36	Dissatisfied
1	No answer

ASK WAVE 26:

POL1DT Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

ASK WAVE 26 IF ANSWERED POL1DT (POL1DT=1,2) [N=3,894]:

POL1DTSTR Do you [**IF POL1DT=1:** approve; **IF POL1DT=2:** disapprove] of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President very strongly, or not so strongly?

Apr 4-18 <u>2017</u>		Feb 28- Mar 12 <u>2017</u> ⁴
39	NET Approve	44
27	Very strongly	30
12	Not so strongly	13
*	No answer	*
61	NET Disapprove	56
45	Very strongly	43
15	Not so strongly	12
*	No answer	*
1	No Answer	1

² The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

³ SATISF in the W18 survey was asked to a random half of the sample assigned to Form 2 [N=2,366].

⁴ The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

ASK WAVE 26:

SAFECRIME How safe, if at all, would you say YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY is from crime? Would you say it is...

Apr 4-18	
<u>2017</u>	
22	Very safe
57	Somewhat safe
16	Not too safe
5	Not at all safe
*	No answer

ASK WAVE 26:

WORLDDANGER Compared to 50 years ago, do you think... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1 AND 2; KEEP 3 LAST]**

Apr 4-18	
<u>2017</u>	
9	We live in a safer world
69	We live in a more dangerous world
21	The world we live in is neither safer nor more dangerous
*	No answer

ASK WAVE 26:

WORRY How much, if at all, do you worry about the following things happening to you? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	Worry <u>a lot</u>	Worry <u>a little</u>	Do not <u>worry at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
ASK WAVE 26 FORM 1 [N=1,960]:				
a. Having your home broken into Apr 4-18, 2017	20	53	26	*
b. Being the victim of a terrorist attack Apr 4-18, 2017	16	42	41	*
c. [IF EMPLOYED FULL TIME OR PART TIME (F_E3_FINAL=1,2) N=1,249] Losing your job Apr 4-18, 2017	20	42	37	*
ASK WAVE 26 FORM 2 [N=1,970]:				
d. Not being able to pay your bills Apr 4-18, 2017	35	41	24	*
e. Being the victim of a violent crime Apr 4-18, 2017	14	54	32	*
f. Being the victim of a mass shooting Apr 4-18, 2017	12	37	51	*

WORRY CONTINUED ...**ASK WAVE 26:**

g. Having a personal health crisis
Apr 4-18, 2017

	Worry <u>a lot</u>	Worry <u>a little</u>	Do not <u>worry at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
	29	54	16	*

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK WAVE 26:**

GUN Do you personally own any guns (NOT including air guns, such as paintball, BB or pellet guns)?

Apr 4-18

2017

30	Yes, I own a gun
69	No, I don't own any guns
1	No answer

ASK WAVE 26:

GUN1 Does anyone else in your household own any guns (NOT including air guns, such as paintball, BB or pellet guns)?

Apr 4-18

2017

28	Yes, someone else in my household owns a gun
71	No, no one else in my household owns a gun
1	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 GUN OWNERS (GUN=1) [N=1,269]:

SELFGUN How many guns do you personally own (NOT including air guns, such as paintball, BB or pellet guns)?

Apr 4-18

2017

32	1
20	2
11	3
6	4
29	5 or more
2	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 NON-GUN OWNERS OR REFUSED GUN WITH GUNS IN HOUSEHOLD (GUN=2,99 AND GUN1=1) [N=455]:

GUNHOUSE Do you ever use the gun or guns in your household, or not?

Apr 4-18

2017

18	Yes, use them
81	No, do not use them
*	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 NON-GUN OWNERS OR REFUSED GUN (GUN=2,99) [N=2,661]:

EVEROWN Have you ever owned a gun at any point in your life, or have you never owned a gun?

Apr 4-18

2017

15	Yes, have owned a gun
84	No, have never owned a gun
2	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 NON-GUN OWNERS (GUN=2) [N=2,608]:

COULDDOWN Which best describes you? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]

Apr 4-18

2017

52	I could see myself owning a gun [IF EVEROWN=2,99: at some point; IF EVEROWN=1: again]
47	I could never see myself owning a gun [IF EVEROWN=1: again]
1	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 GUN OWNERS (GUN=1) [N=1,269]:

NEVEROWN Which best describes you? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]

Apr 4-18

2017

73	I could never see myself NOT owning a gun
26	I could see myself not owning a gun at some point in the future
*	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 CURRENT OR PAST OWNERS (GUN=1 OR EVEROWN=1) [N=1,684]:

GUNTYPEOWN Do you currently or have you ever owned any of the following? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

		Yes, I <u>currently own</u>	Yes, I have owned in the past but do not <u>currently own</u>	No, I have <u>never owned</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. A rifle	Apr 4-18, 2017	47	22	30	1
b. A handgun or pistol	Apr 4-18, 2017	55	23	20	2
c. A shotgun	Apr 4-18, 2017	41	21	37	2

ASK WAVE 26:

EVERSHOT Regardless of whether or not you own a gun, have you ever fired a gun?

Apr 4-18

2017

72	Yes, I have fired a gun
28	No, I have never fired a gun
*	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 IF EVER SHOT (EVERSHOT=1) [N=3,019]:

SHOOTAGE⁵ Just your best guess, at what age did you FIRST fire a gun, whether you owned it or not?

Apr 4-18	
<u>2017</u>	
63	Under 18
32	18 – 39
3	40 – 59
*	60 or older
1	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 GUN OWNERS (GUN=1) [N=1,269]:

REASONGUN Below are some of the reasons that some people say they own guns. For each, please indicate whether it is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you own a gun. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. For protection Apr 4-18, 2017	67	24	8	*
b. For hunting Apr 4-18, 2017	38	23	39	*
c. For sport shooting, including target shooting and trap and skeet Apr 4-18, 2017	30	38	32	*
d. As part of a gun collection Apr 4-18, 2017	13	28	59	*
e. For my job Apr 4-18, 2017	8	10	82	1

BASED ON GUN OWNERS (GUN=1) [N=1,269]:

IMPREASONGUN Which of the following is the MOST IMPORTANT reason why you own a gun? **[NOTE: ONLY DISPLAY OPTIONS SELECTED AS MAJOR REASON]**

Apr 4-18	
<u>2017</u>	
52	For protection
20	For hunting
10	For sport shooting, including target shooting and trap and skeet
3	As part of a gun collection
2	For my job
13	No major reason
*	No answer

⁵ SHOOTAGE was asked as an open-end numeric entry with an acceptable range of 1-100.

ASK WAVE 26 GUN OWNERS (GUN=1) [N=1,269]:

NOREASONGUN Are there any other reasons that you own a gun that haven't already been mentioned?

OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES NOT SHOWN**ASK WAVE 26 GUN OWNERS (GUN=1) [N=1,269]:**

GUNIDENTITY How important, if at all, is being a gun owner to your overall identity?

Apr 4-18

2017

25	Very important
25	Somewhat important
30	Not too important
20	Not at all important
1	No answer

ASK WAVE 26:

GUNFRIEND As far as you know, how many of your friends, if any, own guns?

Apr 4-18

2017

21	All or most
37	Some
26	Only a few
15	None
*	No answer

ASK WAVE 26:

GUNSOCIETY Do you feel that SOCIETY IN GENERAL tends to look at most gun owners in a positive way or a negative way?

Apr 4-18

2017

40	Positive way
59	Negative way
2	No answer

ASK WAVE 26:

GUNCOMMUNITY Do you feel that PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY tend to look at most gun owners in a positive way or a negative way?

Apr 4-18

2017

61	Positive way
37	Negative way
2	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 GUN OWNERS (GUN=1) [N=1,269]:

KNOWGUN Which of the following best describes you? **[REVERSE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS FOR RANDOM ½ OF RESPONDENTS]**

Apr 4-18

2017

14	I'd rather other people not know that I own [IF SELFGUN=1: a gun; IF SELFGUN=2-5,99: guns]
80	I don't mind if other people know I own [IF SELFGUN=1: a gun; IF SELFGUN=2-5,99: guns] , but I don't go out of my way to tell them
6	I want other people to know I own [IF SELFGUN=1: a gun; IF SELFGUN=2-5,99: guns]
*	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 GUN OWNERS OR EVER SHOT (GUN=1 OR EVERSLOT=1) [N=3,056]:

HUNTFREQ How often, if ever, do you go hunting?

Apr 4-18

2017

5	Often
11	Sometimes
15	Rarely
68	Never
*	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 GUN OWNERS OR EVER SHOT (GUN=1 OR EVERSLOT=1) [N=3,056]:

SHOOTFREQ How often, if ever, do you go shooting or to a gun range?

Apr 4-18

2017

5	Often
20	Sometimes
29	Rarely
45	Never
*	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 FORM 1 [N=1,960]:

TRUSTFEDGOV⁶ Generally speaking, how much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government to do what is right?

Apr 4-18

2017

3	Just about always
25	Most of the time
61	Only some of the time
10	Never
1	No Answer

Nov 17-

Dec 15

2014

3
21
56
19
2

⁶ In the Wave 9 survey TRUSTFED was asked in a battery that also measured how often you can trust state government and local government to do what is right. The wording was "How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government to do what is right?"

ASK WAVE 26 FORM 2 [N=1,970]:

SOCTRUST Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

Apr 4-18 <u>2017</u>		Jan 12- Feb 8 <u>2016</u>
42	Most people can be trusted	43
58	Can't be too careful	56
*	No Answer	1

ASK WAVE 26 GUN OWNERS AND NON-GUN OWNERS WITH GUNS IN THE HOUSEHOLD (GUN=1 OR (GUN=2,99 AND GUN1=1)) [N=1,724]:

GUNSAFE Does having a gun in your household make you feel...

[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]

Apr 4-18 <u>2017</u>	
68	Safer than you would feel without a gun in your household
3	Less safe than you would feel without a gun in your household
29	No more or less safe
*	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 NON-GUN OWNERS WITH NO GUNS IN THE HOUSEHOLD (GUN=2 AND GUN1=2) [N=2,146]:

GUNSAFE2 Would having a gun in your household make you feel...

[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]

Apr 4-18 <u>2017</u>	
28	Safer than you feel without a gun in your household
20	Less safe than you feel without a gun in your household
52	No more or less safe
*	No answer

ASK WAVE 26:

GUNCOURSES Have you ever taken any gun safety courses such as weapons training, hunter safety or firearm safety?

Apr 4-18 <u>2017</u>	
35	Yes
65	No
*	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 GUN OWNERS (GUN=1) [N=1,269]:

GUNACCESS Thinking about when you're at home, would you say there is a gun that is both loaded AND easily accessible to you...

Apr 4-18

2017

38	All of the time
17	Most of the time
12	Only some of the time
33	Never
*	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 GUN OWNERS (GUN=1) [N=1,269]:

GUNLOCKED1/2. GUNLOCKED1. In general, how many of the guns in your home would you say are kept in a locked place?/GUNLOCKED2. In general, is the gun in your home kept in a locked place, or not?

Apr 4-18

2017

36	All are kept in a locked place
26	Some are kept in a locked place and some are not
37	None are kept in a locked place
*	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 GUN OWNERS (GUN=1) [N=1,269]:

GUNLOADED1/2. GUNLOADED1. In general, how many of the guns in your home would you say are kept loaded?/GUNLOADED2. In general, is the gun in your home kept in loaded, or not?

Apr 4-18

2017

19	All are kept loaded
37	Some are kept loaded and some are not
44	None are kept loaded
1	No answer

ASK WAVE 26:

GUNCONTRIB Here is a list of things some people say contribute to gun violence. How much, if at all, do you think each of the following contributes to gun violence in the country today?

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

	A great <u>deal</u>	A fair <u>amount</u>	Not too <u>much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
ASK WAVE 26:					
a. The ease with which people can LEGALLY obtain guns Apr 4-18, 2017	30	29	27	13	*
b. The ease with which people can ILLEGALLY obtain guns Apr 4-18, 2017	53	32	8	5	*
ASK WAVE 26 FORM 1 [N=1,960]:					
c.F1. The amount of gun violence in movies and television Apr 4-18, 2017	25	31	34	10	1
d.F1. Lack of economic opportunities Apr 4-18, 2017	22	43	25	9	1
ASK WAVE 26 FORM 2 [N=1,970]:					
e.F2. The amount of gun violence in video games Apr 4-18, 2017	29	31	27	12	*
f.F2. Family instability Apr 4-18, 2017	29	45	23	3	*

ASK WAVE 26:

GROWUPCOM How would you describe the community where you spent the majority of time when you were growing up? **[REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]**

Apr 4-18
2017

27	A city
27	A suburb
27	A small town
19	A rural area
*	No answer

ASK WAVE 26:

GROWUPVIOL How much of a problem was gun violence in the community where you spent the majority of time when you were growing up?

Apr 4-18

2017

5	A very big problem
11	A moderately big problem
25	A small problem
59	Not a problem at all
*	No answer

ASK WAVE 26:

GROWUPGUN1 Thinking about when you were growing up, as far as you know, were there ever any guns in your household or not?

Apr 4-18

2017

48	Yes, there were guns in my household
42	No, there were no guns in my household
10	I am not sure if there were guns in my household
*	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 IF YES IN GROWUPGUN1 (GROWUPGUN1=1) [N=2,021]:

GROWUPGUN2 Would you say each of the following was a reason or was not a reason why there were guns in your household when you were growing up?

	<u>Yes, was a reason</u>	<u>No, was not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. For protection Apr 4-18, 2017	60	40	*
b. For hunting Apr 4-18, 2017	67	32	*
c. For sport shooting, including target shooting and trap and skeet Apr 4-18, 2017	46	54	*

ASK WAVE 26 IF YES IN GROWUPGUN1 (GROWUPGUN1=1) [N=2,021]:

GROWUPGUN3 Are there any other reasons that there were guns in your household when you were growing up that haven't already been mentioned?

OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES NOT SHOWN

ASK WAVE 26:

GROWUPGUN4 Thinking about the people in the community where you spent the majority of time when you were growing up...

As far as you know, how many people owned guns?

Apr 4-18

2017

19	All or most
39	Some
28	Only a few
12	None
1	No answer

ASK WAVE 26:

GROWUPGUN5 How often, if ever, did you go hunting when you were growing up?

Apr 4-18

2017

9	Often
12	Sometimes
15	Hardly ever
64	Never
*	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 IF EVER SHOT (EVERSHOT=1) [N=3,019]:

GROWUPGUN6 How often, if ever, did you go shooting or to a gun range when you were growing up?

Apr 4-18

2017

6	Often
19	Sometimes
24	Hardly ever
50	Never
*	No answer

ASK WAVE 26:

GROWUPGUN7 How often, if ever, did you use air guns, such as paintball, BB or pellet guns when you were growing up?

Apr 4-18

2017

15	Often
22	Sometimes
22	Hardly ever
40	Never
*	No answer

**ASK OF WAVE 26 WHO HAVE OWNED A GUN AT SOME POINT (GUN=1 OR EVEROWN=1)
[N=1,684]:**

OWNAGE⁷ At what age did you first get your OWN gun?

Apr 4-18	
<u>2017</u>	
37	Under 18
52	18 – 39
8	40 – 59
2	60 or older
1	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 FORM 1 [N=1,960]:

GUNRESPNOKIDS Thinking about gun owners who DO NOT HAVE CHILDREN IN THEIR HOME...

How important do you think it is for them to: **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Essential</u>	<u>Important but not essential</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>Should not be done</u>	<u>No answer</u>
ASK WAVE 26:						
a.F1. Keep all of their guns in a locked place						
	Apr 4-18, 2017	58	27	12	3	1
b.F1. Keep all of their guns unloaded						
	Apr 4-18, 2017	48	28	14	9	1
c.F1. Take gun safety courses						
	Apr 4-18, 2017	68	24	6	1	1
d.F1. [ASK RANDOM HALF OF FORM 1 N=975] Advise visitors that there are guns in the house						
	Apr 4-18, 2017	17	22	43	17	*
e.F1. [ASK FORM 1 WHO DO NOT GET ITEM D N=985] Advise visitors with children that there are guns in the house						
	Apr 4-18, 2017	47	22	19	11	1
f.F1. Store guns and ammunition separately						
	Apr 4-18, 2017	43	31	17	9	1
g.F1. Keep their shooting skills up-to-date						
	Apr 4-18, 2017	50	36	12	2	1

⁷ OWNAGE was asked as an open-end numeric entry with an acceptable range of 1-100.

ASK WAVE 26 FORM 2 [N=1,970]:

GUNRESPKIDS Thinking about gun owners WHO HAVE CHILDREN IN THEIR HOME...

How important do you think it is for them to: **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Essential</u>	<u>Important but not essential</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>Should not be done</u>	<u>No answer</u>
ASK WAVE 26:						
a.F2.	Keep all of their guns in a locked place Apr 4-18, 2017	83	13	3	1	*
b.F2.	Keep all of their guns unloaded Apr 4-18, 2017	65	25	6	4	*
c.F2.	Take gun safety courses Apr 4-18, 2017	73	23	3	2	*
d.F2.	[ASK RANDOM HALF OF FORM 2 N=935] Advise visitors that there are guns in the house Apr 4-18, 2017	19	27	33	21	*
e.F2.	[ASK FORM 2 WHO DO NOT GET ITEM D N=1035] Advise visitors with children that there are guns in the house Apr 4-18, 2017	41	30	21	7	*
f.F2.	Store guns and ammunition separately Apr 4-18, 2017	61	27	8	3	*
g.F2.	Keep their shooting skills up-to-date Apr 4-18, 2017	46	37	13	4	1
h.F2.	Talk to their children about gun safety Apr 4-18, 2017	91	7	1	1	*

BASED ON WAVE 26 PARENTS/GUARDIAN OF CHILD UNDER 18 WHO LIVE IN HOUSEHOLD (F_PARENT_FINAL=1) [N=988]:

GUNSAFETYKIDS For this question, please think about your child or children who are under 18. Have you ever talked with your child or children about gun safety?

Apr 4-18

2017

60	Yes
39	No
*	I do not have children under 18 ⁸
0	No answer

BASED ON WAVE 26 GUN OWNERS WHO OWN A HANDGUN (GUN=1 AND GUNTYPEOWNb=1) [N=959]:

CARRYGUN How often, if ever, do you carry a handgun or pistol outside your home, not including times when you are transporting it?

Apr 4-18

2017

11	All of the time
15	Most of the time
31	Only some of the time
43	Never
*	No answer

BASED ON WAVE 26 HANDGUN OWNERS WHO NEVER CARRY (GUN=1 AND GUNTYPEOWNb=1 AND CARRYGUN=4) [N=425]:

NOCARRYGUN And would you say you never carry a handgun or pistol because you don't want to or for some other reason?

Apr 4-18

2017

64	Don't want to carry
36	Some other reason
0	No answer

ASK WAVE 26 FORM 1 [N=1,960]:

GUNKILLF1 Which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Apr 4-18

2017

75	People who want to kill or harm others will find a way to do it whether they have a gun or not
24	People who want to kill or harm others are less likely to do it if they don't have a gun
2	No answer

⁸ This answer choice was hidden and displayed only if the question was initially left blank. A soft prompt was displayed to indicate that this choice should be selected if the respondent does not have children under 18. Soft prompt: "If you do not have any children under 18, select answer choice "I do not have children under 18." If you want to skip, click Next."

ASK WAVE 26 FORM 2 [N=1,970]:

GUNKILLF2 Thinking about people who commit suicide using a gun, which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Apr 4-18

2017

73

They would find a way to do it whether they had access to a gun or not

27

They would be less likely to do it if they didn't have access to a gun

*

No answer

ASK WAVE 26:

DEFENDGUN Not including in military combat or as part of your job, have you ever used a gun to defend yourself, your family or possessions, either by firing it or threatening to fire it?

Apr 4-18

2017

7

Yes

93

No

*

No answer

ASK WAVE 26:

GUNTHREAT Has anyone ever used a gun to threaten or intimidate you or someone in your family?

Apr 4-18

2017

23

Yes

77

No

*

No answer

ASK WAVE 26:

INJUREDA Not counting yourself, has someone you PERSONALLY KNOW ever been shot, either accidentally or intentionally, or not?

Apr 4-18

2017

44

Yes

56

No

*

No answer

ASK WAVE 26:

INJUREDB Have you PERSONALLY ever been shot, either accidentally or intentionally, or not?

Apr 4-18

2017

3

Yes

96

No

*

No answer

ASK WAVE 26:

CRIMEVICTIM Have you ever been a victim of a violent crime, whether a gun was used or not?

Apr 4-18

2017

20 Yes

80 No

* No answer

**ASK WAVE 26 IF MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER AND HAVE A GUN IN THE HOUSE
(F_MARITAL_FINAL=1,2 AND GUN1=1) [N=878]:**

MARGUN Now thinking about your spouse or partner. Does your spouse or partner own any guns?

Apr 4-18

2017

86 Yes

14 No

* No answer

ASK WAVE 26 GUN OWNERS (GUN=1) [N=1,269]:

GUNASSOCIATION Are you currently a member of...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. A gun or shooting club or gun range Apr 4-18, 2017	13	87	*
b. A hunting club Apr 4-18, 2017	5	94	1
c. The NRA, the National Rifle Association Apr 4-18, 2017	19	81	*

ASK WAVE 26:GUNACTIVITY How often, if ever, do you... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>O</u> ften	<u>S</u> ometime	<u>H</u> ardly <u>e</u> ver	<u>N</u> ever	<u>N</u> o answer
ASK WAVE 26:					
a. Visit websites about guns, hunting or other shooting sports Apr 4-18, 2017	3	13	16	68	*
b. Watch TV programs about guns or watch gun-oriented videos Apr 4-18, 2017	6	23	25	46	*
c. Listen to gun-oriented podcasts or radio shows Apr 4-18, 2017	1	6	13	79	*
d. Participate in online discussion forums about guns Apr 4-18, 2017	1	4	13	82	*
e. Attend gun shows Apr 4-18, 2017	1	8	15	76	*

ASK WAVE 26:

VIDEOGAME1 How often, if ever, do you play video games on a computer, TV, game console, or portable device like a cellphone?

Apr 4-18

2017

21	Often
22	Sometimes
19	Hardly ever
38	Never
*	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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FINAL TOPLINE
APRIL 5-11, 2017
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**QUESTIONS 1-3, 11-13, 19-20, 25-26, 30-32, 36, 41-43, 55-57, 61-63, 65-67, 70-72, 81-84, 95-96
PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

NO QUESTIONS 4-10, 14-18, 22-24, 27-29, 33-35, 38-40, 44-45, 51-54, 58-60, 64, 68-69, 73-79

QUESTIONS 21, 37, 46-50 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Q.80 What do you think is more important – to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership?

	Protect the right of -----Americans to own guns-----				-----Control gun ownership-----				(VOL.) DK/Ref
	Net	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Not strongly</i>	<i>(VOL.) DK/Ref</i>	Net	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Not strongly</i>	<i>(VOL.) DK/Ref</i>	
Apr 5-11, 2017	47	--	--	--	51	--	--	--	2
Aug 9-16, 2016	52	46	6	*	46	37	8	1	3
Jul 14-20, 2015	47	42	5	*	50	40	10	*	3
Dec 3-7, 2014	52	47	4	*	46	37	8	1	3
Jan 23-Feb 9, 2014	49	--	--	--	48	--	--	--	3
May 1-5, 2013	48	--	--	--	50	--	--	--	2
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	46	--	--	--	50	--	--	--	4
Jan 9-13, 2013	45	39	5	*	51	41	9	*	5
Dec 17-19, 2012	42	37	4	*	49	42	6	2	9
July 26-29, 2012	46	--	--	--	47	--	--	--	6
Apr 4-15, 2012	49	--	--	--	45	--	--	--	6
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	47	--	--	--	49	--	--	--	5
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	--	--	--	47	--	--	--	6
Jan 13-16, 2011	49	--	--	--	46	--	--	--	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	46	--	--	--	50	--	--	--	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	46	--	--	--	46	--	--	--	7
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	45	--	--	--	49	--	--	--	6
April, 2008	37	--	--	--	58	--	--	--	5
November, 2007	42	--	--	--	55	--	--	--	3
April, 2007	32	--	--	--	60	--	--	--	8
February, 2004	37	31	6	*	58	46	11	1	5
June, 2003	42	--	--	--	54	--	--	--	4
May, 2000	38	--	--	--	57	--	--	--	5
April, 2000	37	--	--	--	55	--	--	--	8
March, 2000	29	--	--	--	66	--	--	--	5
June, 1999	33	--	--	--	62	--	--	--	5
May, 1999	30	--	--	--	65	--	--	--	5
December, 1993	34	--	--	--	57	--	--	--	9

NO QUESTIONS 85-91, 93-94

QUESTION 92 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
Apr 5-11, 2017	24	31	42	2	1	*	17	20
Feb 7-12, 2017	23	34	37	3	1	2	15	18
Jan 4-9, 2017	25	28	41	4	*	1	18	19
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	24	33	35	5	1	3	15	16
Oct 20-25, 2016	26	33	36	3	*	2	15	17
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	27	32	33	5	*	3	11	16
Aug 9-16, 2016	27	32	35	2	1	2	13	16
Jun 15-26, 2016	24	33	37	4	1	2	16	16
Apr 12-19, 2016	25	32	37	3	1	2	16	17
Yearly Totals								
2016	25.4	32.0	36.5	3.4	.5	2.2	14.6	17.0
2015	23.7	30.4	40.1	3.6	.4	1.8	16.4	17.3
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

NO QUESTIONS 97, 99**QUESTION 98 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

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Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

