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Interviews: 7/28-8/1/2022

1,373 adults

Margin of error: +/- 3.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

GVS1. Do you believe each of the following is a major problem, minor problem, or not a problem at all in the United States?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

| AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022 | Major problem | Minor problem | Not a problem at all | DK | SKP/ REF |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----|----------|
| The economy and jobs | 68 | 28 | 3 | - | * |
| Inflation | 87 | 12 | 1 | - | * |
| Gun violence | 75 | 21 | 4 | - | * |
| Illegal immigration | 46 | 45 | 8 | * | * |

N = 1,373

GS1. Should gun laws in the United States be made more strict, left as they are, or made less strict?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

| | Much/ Somewhat more strict NET | Much more strict | Somewhat more strict | Left as they are | Much/ Somewhat less strict NET | Somewhat less strict | Much less strict | DK | SKP/ REF |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------|------------------------|----|-------------|
| AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373) | 71 | 40 | 31 | 19 | 9 | 6 | 3 | * | * |
| AP-NORC 06/23-27/2022 (N=1,053) | 69 | 43 | 26 | 20 | 11 | 4 | 7 | * | * |
| AP-NORC 3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063) | 67 | 39 | 28 | 22 | 10 | 8 | 2 | * | 1 |
| AP-NORC 3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122) | 69 | 45 | 24 | 22 | 9 | 5 | 4 | - | 1 |
| AP-NORC 10/12-16/2017 (N=1,054) | 61 | 36 | 25 | 27 | 11 | 7 | 5 | * | 1 |
| AP-GfK 7/7-11/2016 (N=1,009) | 64 | 34 | 30 | 23 | 11 | 7 | 5 | - | 2 |
| AP-GfK 12/3-7/2015 (N=1,007) | 58 | 33 | 26 | 25 | 14 | 7 | 7 | - | 3 |
| AP-GfK 10/15-19/2015 (N=1,027) | 58 | 36 | 23 | 27 | 12 | 8 | 5 | - | 3 |
| AP-GfK 12/5-9/2013 (N=1,367) | 52 | 29 | 23 | 31 | 15 | 8 | 7 | - | 2 |
| AP-GfK 10/3-7/2013 (N=1,227) | 55 | 34 | 21 | 28 | 14 | 8 | 6 | - | 3 |

GS2. Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose each of the following policies?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

| AP-NORC | | Strongly/ Somewhat favor NET | Strongly favor | Some- what favor | Neither favor nor oppose | Somewhat/ Strongly oppose NET | Some- what oppose | Strongly oppose | DK | SKP/ REF |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------|------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|--------------------|----|-------------|
| A nationwide ban on the sale of AR-15 rifles and similar semiautomatic weapons | 7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373) | 59 | 49 | 9 | 14 | 27 | 9 | 18 | * | * |
| | 05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172) | 51 | 36 | 14 | 18 | 32 | 8 | 23 | * | * |
| | 12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053) | 52 | 40 | 12 | 15 | 32 | 11 | 22 | * | * |
| | 3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063) | 60 | 47 | 13 | 15 | 24 | 8 | 16 | * | 1 |
| | 3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122) | 58 | 47 | 11 | 12 | 29 | 8 | 21 | * | 1 |
| | 7/7-11/2016 (N=1,009) | 57 | 43 | 14 | 15 | 25 | 9 | 17 | - | 3 |
| A federal law requiring background checks on all potential gun buyers, including private sales and gun shows | 7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373) | 85 | 70 | 15 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 4 | - | 1 |
| | 3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063) | 83 | 71 | 13 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 3 | * | 1 |
| | 3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122) | 84 | 69 | 15 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 5 | * | 1 |
| A federal law preventing mentally ill people from purchasing guns | 7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373) | 85 | 65 | 20 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 2 | * | * |
| | 3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063) | 84 | 67 | 17 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| | 3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122) | 85 | 69 | 16 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 3 | * | 1 |
| Allowing courts to temporarily prevent people who are considered a danger to themselves or others, but have | 7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373) | 78 | 58 | 20 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 4 | * | * |
| | 3/14-18/2019 ¹ (N=1,063) | 76 | 55 | 21 | 12 | 11 | 6 | 6 | * | 1 |
| | 3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122) | 78 | 57 | 21 | 9 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 |

¹ Asked in 2019 and 2018 without including “temporarily.”

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| not been convicted of a crime, from owning a gun | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|---|-------------------|------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|--------------------|----|-------------|
| AP-NORC | | Strongly/ Somewhat favor NET | Strongly favor | Some- what favor | Neither favor nor oppose | Somewhat/ Strongly oppose NET | Some- what oppose | Strongly oppose | DK | SKP/ REF |
| Making 21 the minimum legal age to buy any gun nationwide | 7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373) | 75 | 61 | 14 | 11 | 14 | 6 | 8 | - | 1 |
| | 3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063) | 71 | 56 | 15 | 11 | 17 | 8 | 9 | * | 1 |
| A law in your state allowing people to carry guns in public without a permit | 7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373) | 29 | 18 | 11 | 13 | 57 | 13 | 44 | * | * |
| A federal law that bans those convicted of domestic violence from purchasing a gun | 7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373) | 83 | 63 | 19 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 2 | - | 1 |
| A federal law requiring expanded background checks for gun buyers between 18 and 21 years of age | 7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373) | 79 | 63 | 16 | 11 | 9 | 5 | 4 | - | * |

GCE1. If it were harder for people to legally obtain guns in the United States, do you think there would be fewer or more of each of the following or wouldn't it make much of a difference?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

| AP-NORC | | Many/ somewhat fewer NET | Many fewer | Some- what fewer | No difference | Many/ Somewhat more NET | Some- what more | Many more | DK | SKP/ REF |
|----------------|--|---|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------|----|-------------|
| Mass shootings | 7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373) | 65 | 40 | 26 | 29 | 5 | 3 | 2 | * | * |
| | 3/14-18/2019 ² (N=1,063) | 58 | 33 | 26 | 34 | 7 | 3 | 4 | * | 1 |
| | 3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122) | 60 | 35 | 25 | 30 | 9 | 3 | 6 | * | 1 |
| | 10/12-16/2017 (N=1,054) | 49 | 24 | 25 | 43 | 7 | 4 | 3 | * | * |
| Suicides | 7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373) | 50 | 18 | 31 | 46 | 4 | 3 | 1 | * | * |
| | 3/14-18/2019 (N=1063) | 45 | 16 | 29 | 50 | 5 | 2 | 3 | * | 1 |
| | 3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122) | 45 | 16 | 29 | 47 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| | 10/12-16/2017 (N=1,054) | 40 | 14 | 26 | 55 | 4 | 3 | 1 | * | 1 |
| Murders | 7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373) | 57 | 26 | 30 | 35 | 7 | 4 | 3 | * | 1 |
| | 3/14-18/2019 (N=1063) | 54 | 23 | 30 | 38 | 7 | 3 | 4 | - | 1 |
| | 3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122) | 46 | 18 | 28 | 45 | 9 | 5 | 4 | * | 1 |
| | 10/12-16/2017 (N=1,054) | 46 | 18 | 28 | 45 | 9 | 5 | 4 | * | 1 |
| Robberies | 7/28-8/1/2022 (N=1,373) | 49 | 17 | 32 | 43 | 8 | 5 | 3 | - | * |
| | 3/14-18/2019 (N=1063) | 44 | 17 | 27 | 45 | 10 | 4 | 6 | - | 1 |

² Modified response options to "Murders" instead of "Homicides" and "Robberies" instead of "Accidental shootings" in 2019

SA1. How important to you is each of the following?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

| AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022 | Extremely/ Very important NET | Extremely important | Very important | Somewhat important | Not very/ Not at all important NET | Not very important | Not important at all | DK | SKP/ REF |
|--|--|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|----|-------------|
| Reducing all types of gun violence | 80 | 48 | 31 | 16 | 4 | 2 | 2 | - | * |
| Preventing mass shootings | 88 | 64 | 24 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 1 | - | 1 |
| Protecting the right to own guns | 54 | 34 | 19 | 24 | 21 | 12 | 9 | * | 1 |
| Making sure people can own guns for personal protection | 60 | 38 | 22 | 23 | 17 | 11 | 6 | * | 1 |

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GVS2. In the past 5 years, do you believe gun violence has increased, decreased, or remained the same in:

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

| AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022 | Increased a lot/some NET | Increased a lot | Increased some | Remained the same | Decreased some/a lot NET | Decreased some | Decreased a lot | DK | SKP/ REF |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---|-------------------|--------------------|----|-------------|
| The United States | 80 | 56 | 25 | 15 | 5 | 4 | 1 | - | 1 |
| Your state | 66 | 30 | 36 | 30 | 3 | 3 | 1 | * | 1 |
| Your community | 39 | 17 | 22 | 54 | 6 | 5 | 1 | - | 1 |

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GVS3. How likely do you think it is that you personally might be a victim of gun violence within the next five years?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

| | AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022 |
|--|--------------------------|
| Extremely/very likely NET | 9 |
| Extremely likely | 3 |
| Very likely | 6 |
| Somewhat likely | 32 |
| Not very /not at all likely NET | 57 |
| Not very likely | 45 |
| Not at all likely | 12 |
| DON'T KNOW | 1 |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 1 |

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PE1. Have you, someone in your family, or a close friend experienced gun violence in the last five years? For example, by being threatened with a gun or being the victim of a shooting. Select all that apply:

| | AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022 |
|--|--------------------------|
| Yes NET | 21 |
| Yes, I have personally experienced it | 4 |
| Yes, someone in my family has experienced it | 8 |
| Yes, a close friend has experienced it | 9 |
| No | 78 |
| DON'T KNOW | - |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 1 |

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PE2. Do you happen to have in your home or garage any guns? Please include any handguns, pistols, revolvers, shotguns, or rifles.

| | AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022 | AP-NORC 3/14-18/2019 ³ | AP-NORC 3/14-19/2018 |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Yes | 42 | 35 | 38 |
| No | 56 | 62 | 59 |
| DON'T KNOW | - | * | - |
| SKIP/REFUSED | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,373</i> | <i>1,063</i> | <i>1,122</i> |

PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?

If Democrat:

PIDA. Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Democrat?

If Republican:

PIDB. Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Republican?

If independent, none of these, don't know, skipped, or refused:

PIDI. Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB.

| | AP-NORC 07/28-8/1/2022 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Democrat NET | 44 |
| Strong Democrat | 20 |
| Not so strong Democrat | 13 |
| Lean Democrat | 11 |
| Independent/None – Don't lean | 17 |
| Republican NET | 39 |
| Lean Republican | 12 |
| Not so strong Republican | 12 |
| Strong Republican | 15 |
| DON'T KNOW | - |
| SKP/REF | - |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,373</i> |

³ Asked in 2018 and 2019 as “Do you happen to have in your home or garage any guns or revolvers?”

D3. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

If liberal:

D4. Do you consider yourself very liberal or somewhat liberal?

If conservative:

D5. Do you consider yourself very conservative or somewhat conservative?

Combines D3, D4, D5:

| | AP-NORC 07/28-8/1/2022 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Liberal NET | 22 |
| Very liberal | 11 |
| Somewhat liberal | 10 |
| Moderate | 48 |
| Conservative NET | 28 |
| Somewhat conservative | 16 |
| Very conservative | 12 |
| DON'T KNOW | 2 |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | - |

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RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?

| | AP-NORC 07/28-8/1/2022 |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Protestant | 27 |
| Roman Catholic | 17 |
| Mormon | 3 |
| Orthodox | 1 |
| Jewish | 2 |
| Muslim | 1 |
| Buddhist | 2 |
| Hindu | 1 |
| Atheist | 6 |
| Agnostic | 6 |
| Nothing in particular | 15 |
| Just Christian | 20 |
| Unitarian | * |
| Something else | 1 |
| DON'T KNOW | - |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | * |

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If Religion is Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox, Christian, or something else:
BORN. Would you describe yourself as a 'born-again' or evangelical Christian, or not?

| | AP-NORC 07/28-8/1/2022 |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Yes | 38 |
| No | 62 |
| DON'T KNOW | * |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | * |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>947</i> |

AGE

| | AP-NORC 07/28-8/1/2022 |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| 18-29 | 20 |
| 30-39 | 18 |
| 40-59 | 32 |
| 60-64 | 8 |
| 65+ | 22 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,373</i> |

DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live?

| | AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022 |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| Urban area | 23 |
| Suburban area | 56 |
| Rural area | 21 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,373</i> |

GENDER

| | AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022 |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| Male | 49 |
| Female | 51 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,373</i> |

RACE/ETHNICITY

| | AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| White | 62 |
| Black or African American | 12 |
| Hispanic | 17 |
| Other | 9 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,373</i> |

MARITAL STATUS

| | AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022 |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| Married | 50 |
| Not married | 50 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,373</i> |

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

| | AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022 |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Employed | 56 |
| Not employed | 44 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,373</i> |

EDUCATION

| | AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Less than a high school diploma | 9 |
| High school graduate or equivalent | 29 |
| Some college | 26 |
| College graduate or above | 35 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,373</i> |

INCOME

| | AP-NORC 7/28-8/1/2022 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Under \$10,000 | 4 |
| \$10,000 to under \$20,000 | 8 |
| \$20,000 to under \$30,000 | 10 |
| \$30,000 to under \$40,000 | 9 |
| \$40,000 to under \$50,000 | 9 |
| \$50,000 to under \$75,000 | 19 |
| \$75,000 to under \$100,000 | 13 |
| \$100,000 to under \$150,000 | 17 |
| \$150,000 or more | 10 |
| <i>N=</i> | <i>1,373</i> |

Study Methodology

This survey was conducted by the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research with funding from NORC at the University of Chicago. Staff from Harris Public Policy and The AP-NORC Center collaborated on all aspects of the study.

Data were collected using the AmeriSpeak Omnibus®, a monthly multi-client survey using NORC's probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. The survey was part of a larger study that included questions about other topics not included in this report. During the initial recruitment phase of the panel, randomly selected U.S. households were sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, and field interviewers (face-to-face). The panel provides sample coverage of approximately 97 percent of the U.S. household population. Those excluded from the sample include people with P.O. Box only addresses, some addresses not listed in the USPS Delivery Sequence File, and some newly constructed dwellings.

Interviews for this survey were conducted between July 28 and August 1, 2022, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,373 completed the survey — 1,303 via the web and 70 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in English. The final stage completion rate is 14.6 percent, the weighted household panel recruitment rate is 19.5 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 77.0 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 2.2 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 3.8 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

In addition, urban respondents were sampled at a higher rate than their proportion of the population for reasons of analysis. The overall margin of sampling error for the 303 completed interviews with urban respondents is +/- 4.7 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level including the design effect.

Once the sample has been selected and fielded, and all the study data have been collected and made final, a poststratification process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any noncoverage or under- and oversampling resulting from the study specific sample design. Poststratification variables included age, gender, census division, race/ethnicity, and education. Weighting variables were obtained from the 2021 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

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