



## National Survey Results

**Q1** Do you support or oppose requiring a criminal background check of every person who wants to buy a firearm?

*Support a criminal background check for everyone who wants to buy a firearm* ..... 83%  
*Oppose a criminal background check for everyone who wants to buy a firearm* ..... 14%  
*Not sure* ..... 3%

**Q2** Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose policymakers taking action to more strictly enforce already existing laws by requiring more high-volume gun sellers to conduct criminal background checks before they sell guns?

*Strongly support*..... 64%  
*Somewhat support*..... 15%  
*Somewhat oppose*..... 10%  
*Strongly oppose*..... 9%  
*Not sure* ..... 2%

**Q3** Do you support or oppose prohibiting anyone convicted of stalking or domestic violence from buying a gun?

*Support prohibiting anyone convicted of stalking or domestic violence from buying a gun*..... 73%  
*Oppose prohibiting anyone convicted of stalking or domestic violence from buying a gun*..... 15%  
*Not sure* ..... 12%

**Q4** Currently, most states require a permit to carry a concealed handgun in a public place.

Typically, to obtain a permit, a person must pay a processing fee, complete a basic gun safety course and have a clean criminal record.

Some have proposed removing the permit requirement and making it legal for gun owners to carry a concealed handgun without needing to go through a permitting process. Do you think the requirement to have a permit to carry a concealed handgun in a public place should be continued, or do you think it should be removed?

*The requirement to have a permit to carry a concealed handgun in a public place should be continued* ..... 76%  
*The requirement to have a permit should be removed*..... 21%  
*Not sure* ..... 3%

**Q5** Would you be more or less likely to support a candidate who backs background checks for all gun purchases, or would it not make a difference?

*More likely*..... 66%  
*Less likely* ..... 19%  
*Wouldn't make a difference*..... 12%  
*Not sure* ..... 2%





**Q6** Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: Supporting Second Amendment rights goes hand-in-hand with keeping illegal guns out of the hands of criminals and abusers. If you strongly agree that supporting Second Amendment rights goes hand-in-hand with keeping illegal guns out of the hands of criminals and abusers, press 1. If you somewhat agree, press 2. If you somewhat disagree, press 3. If you strongly disagree, press 4. If you're not sure, press 5.

<i>Strongly agree</i> .....	71%
<i>Somewhat agree</i> .....	11%
<i>Somewhat disagree</i> .....	6%
<i>Strongly disagree</i> .....	5%
<i>Not sure</i> .....	7%

**Q7** Have you ever purchased a gun in a sale that included a background check?

<i>Yes</i> .....	57%
<i>No</i> .....	35%
<i>Not sure</i> .....	8%

**Q8** What is the main reason you own guns: for hunting, for recreational target shooting, for self-defense, to express your support for Second Amendment rights, or something else?

<i>Hunting</i> .....	39%
<i>Recreational target shooting</i> .....	12%
<i>Self-defense</i> .....	32%
<i>Express support for Second Amendment rights</i> .....	8%
<i>Something else</i> .....	9%

**Q9** Are you a member of the NRA or National Rifle Association?

<i>Yes</i> .....	24%
<i>No</i> .....	76%

**Q10** In your view, does the NRA represent your interests as a gun owner, or not?

<i>NRA represents your interests as a gun owner</i> .....	51%
<i>NRA does not represent your interests as a gun owner</i> .....	37%
<i>Not sure</i> .....	12%

**Q11** The NRA opposes requiring a criminal background check of every person who wants to buy a firearm. Do you think the NRA represents your thinking when it comes to background checks, or not?

<i>NRA represents your thinking when it comes to background checks</i> .....	29%
<i>NRA does not represent your thinking when it comes to background checks</i> .....	62%
<i>Not sure</i> .....	9%

**Q12** Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: The NRA used to be an organization dedicated to gun safety, but it's been overtaken by lobbyists and the interests of gun manufacturers and lost its original purpose and mission.

<i>Strongly agree</i> .....	45%
<i>Somewhat agree</i> .....	14%
<i>Somewhat disagree</i> .....	13%
<i>Strongly disagree</i> .....	19%
<i>Not sure</i> .....	9%

**Q13** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i> .....	33%
<i>Republican</i> .....	43%
<i>Independent</i> .....	24%



**Q14** If you are Latino or Latina, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

<i>Latino / Latina</i> .....	6%
<i>White</i> .....	76%
<i>African-American</i> .....	12%
<i>Other</i> .....	6%

**Q15** If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

<i>18 to 45</i> .....	26%
<i>46 to 65</i> .....	51%
<i>Older than 65</i> .....	23%

**Q16** Do you own a gun?

<i>Yes</i> .....	100%
<i>No</i> .....	0%



	Base	NRA Member Yes/No	
		Yes	No
<b>Background Check Support/Oppose</b>			
Support a criminal background check for everyone who wants to buy a firearm	83%	72%	86%
Oppose a criminal background check for everyone who wants to buy a firearm	14%	21%	12%
Not sure	3%	6%	2%

	Base	NRA Member Yes/No	
		Yes	No
<b>Enforce Existing Gun Laws Support/Oppose</b>			
Strongly support	64%	47%	69%
Somewhat support	15%	17%	15%
Somewhat oppose	10%	13%	9%
Strongly oppose	9%	19%	6%
Not sure	2%	5%	1%

	Base	NRA Member Yes/No	
		Yes	No
<b>Prohibit Domestic Abusers from Buying Support/Oppose</b>			
Support prohibiting anyone convicted of stalking or domestic violence from buying a gun	73%	61%	76%
Oppose prohibiting anyone convicted of stalking or domestic violence from buying a gun	15%	17%	14%
Not sure	12%	21%	9%

	Base	NRA Member Yes/No	
		Yes	No
<b>Concealed Carry Permit Continued/Removed</b>			
The requirement to have a permit to carry a concealed handgun in a public place should be continued	76%	69%	78%
The requirement to have a permit should be removed	21%	27%	20%
Not sure	3%	4%	2%





	Base	NRA Member Yes/No	
		Yes	No
<b>Candidate Support Background Check More/Less Likely</b>			
More likely	66%	48%	72%
Less likely	20%	34%	15%
Wouldn't make a difference	12%	14%	12%
Not sure	2%	5%	2%

	Base	NRA Member Yes/No	
		Yes	No
<b>2nd Amendment Preventing Illegal Guns Agree/Disagree</b>			
Strongly agree	71%	74%	70%
Somewhat agree	11%	11%	11%
Somewhat disagree	6%	9%	6%
Strongly disagree	5%	1%	6%
Not sure	7%	5%	7%

	Base	NRA Member Yes/No	
		Yes	No
<b>Purchased Gun With Check Yes/No</b>			
Yes	57%	74%	52%
No	35%	21%	39%
Not sure	8%	5%	9%

	Base	NRA Member Yes/No	
		Yes	No
<b>Main Reason for Gun Ownership</b>			
Hunting	39%	40%	39%
Recreational target shooting	12%	9%	13%
Self-defense	32%	32%	31%
Express support for Second Amendment rights	8%	16%	6%
Something else	9%	2%	11%

	Base	NRA Member Yes/No	
		Yes	No
<b>NRA Member Yes/No</b>			
Yes	24%	100%	-
No	76%	-	100%





	Base	NRA Member Yes/No	
		Yes	No
<b>NRA Represent Interests Yes/No</b>			
NRA represents your interests as a gun owner	51%	85%	40%
NRA does not represent your interests as a gun owner	38%	9%	46%
Not sure	12%	6%	13%

	Base	NRA Member Yes/No	
		Yes	No
<b>Share NRA Background Checks Position Yes/No</b>			
NRA represents your thinking when it comes to background checks	29%	55%	21%
NRA does not represent your thinking when it comes to background checks	62%	33%	71%
Not sure	9%	12%	9%

	Base	NRA Member Yes/No	
		Yes	No
<b>NRA Overtaken by Lobbyists Agree/Disagree</b>			
Strongly agree	45%	21%	52%
Somewhat agree	14%	11%	15%
Somewhat disagree	13%	22%	11%
Strongly disagree	19%	40%	12%
Not sure	9%	6%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Background Check Support/Oppose</b>				
Support a criminal background check for everyone who wants to buy a firearm	83%	90%	81%	76%
Oppose a criminal background check for everyone who wants to buy a firearm	14%	9%	17%	17%
Not sure	3%	1%	3%	6%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Enforce Existing Gun Laws Support/Oppose</b>				
<b>Strongly support</b>	64%	81%	54%	57%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	15%	9%	21%	14%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	10%	5%	12%	11%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	9%	3%	11%	15%
<b>Not sure</b>	2%	2%	2%	3%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Prohibit Domestic Abusers from Buying Support/Oppose</b>				
<b>Support prohibiting anyone convicted of stalking or domestic violence from buying a gun</b>	73%	78%	71%	70%
<b>Oppose prohibiting anyone convicted of stalking or domestic violence from buying a gun</b>	15%	12%	18%	13%
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	10%	11%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Concealed Carry Permit Continued/Removed</b>				
<b>The requirement to have a permit to carry a concealed handgun in a public place should be continued</b>	76%	83%	72%	73%
<b>The requirement to have a permit should be removed</b>	21%	14%	25%	25%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	3%	3%	2%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Candidate Support Background Check More/Less Likely</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	66%	86%	56%	56%
<b>Less likely</b>	19%	9%	27%	22%
<b>Wouldn't make a difference</b>	12%	4%	15%	19%
<b>Not sure</b>	2%	2%	3%	3%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>2nd Amendment Preventing Illegal Guns Agree/Disagree</b>				
<b>Strongly agree</b>	71%	80%	71%	59%
<b>Somewhat agree</b>	11%	9%	10%	14%
<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	6%	3%	7%	11%
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	5%	5%	4%	7%
<b>Not sure</b>	7%	4%	8%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Purchased Gun With Check Yes/No</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	57%	54%	58%	60%
<b>No</b>	35%	38%	35%	31%
<b>Not sure</b>	8%	8%	7%	9%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Main Reason for Gun Ownership</b>				
Hunting	39%	39%	38%	43%
Recreational target shooting	12%	14%	10%	13%
Self-defense	32%	32%	37%	21%
Express support for Second Amendment rights	8%	4%	9%	12%
Something else	9%	11%	6%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>NRA Member Yes/No</b>				
Yes	24%	8%	38%	19%
No	76%	92%	62%	81%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>NRA Represent Interests Yes/No</b>				
NRA represents your interests as a gun owner	51%	25%	76%	43%
NRA does not represent your interests as a gun owner	37%	67%	13%	40%
Not sure	12%	8%	11%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>Share NRA Background Checks Position Yes/No</b>				
NRA represents your thinking when it comes to background checks	29%	16%	39%	28%
NRA does not represent your thinking when it comes to background checks	62%	78%	49%	61%
Not sure	9%	6%	12%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
<b>NRA Overtaken by Lobbyists Agree/Disagree</b>				
Strongly agree	45%	71%	26%	42%
Somewhat agree	14%	13%	14%	15%
Somewhat disagree	13%	4%	21%	13%
Strongly disagree	19%	7%	28%	19%
Not sure	9%	6%	12%	10%





	Base	Race			
		Latino / Latina	White	African-American	Other
<b>Background Check Support/Oppose</b>					
Support a criminal background check for everyone who wants to buy a firearm	83%	88%	84%	73%	75%
Oppose a criminal background check for everyone who wants to buy a firearm	14%	10%	13%	17%	23%
Not sure	3%	2%	2%	9%	2%

	Base	Race			
		Latino / Latina	White	African-American	Other
<b>Enforce Existing Gun Laws Support/Oppose</b>					
Strongly support	64%	72%	64%	68%	43%
Somewhat support	15%	12%	16%	7%	22%
Somewhat oppose	10%	10%	9%	7%	22%
Strongly oppose	9%	6%	8%	13%	13%
Not sure	2%	-	2%	4%	-

	Base	Race			
		Latino / Latina	White	African-American	Other
<b>Prohibit Domestic Abusers from Buying Support/Oppose</b>					
Support prohibiting anyone convicted of stalking or domestic violence from buying a gun	73%	51%	76%	68%	67%
Oppose prohibiting anyone convicted of stalking or domestic violence from buying a gun	15%	30%	13%	10%	30%
Not sure	12%	18%	11%	22%	3%

	Base	Race			
		Latino / Latina	White	African-American	Other
<b>Concealed Carry Permit Continued/Removed</b>					
The requirement to have a permit to carry a concealed handgun in a public place should be continued	76%	86%	76%	79%	62%
The requirement to have a permit should be removed	21%	14%	21%	18%	38%
Not sure	3%	-	3%	3%	-





	Base	Race			
		Latino / Latina	White	African-American	Other
<b>Candidate Support Background Check More/Less Likely</b>					
More likely	66%	75%	65%	77%	51%
Less likely	19%	23%	19%	14%	30%
Wouldn't make a difference	12%	2%	13%	8%	18%
Not sure	2%	-	3%	1%	-

	Base	Race			
		Latino / Latina	White	African-American	Other
<b>2nd Amendment Preventing Illegal Guns Agree/Disagree</b>					
Strongly agree	71%	86%	67%	88%	70%
Somewhat agree	11%	10%	12%	-	14%
Somewhat disagree	6%	2%	7%	8%	5%
Strongly disagree	5%	-	6%	-	9%
Not sure	7%	2%	8%	4%	2%

	Base	Race			
		Latino / Latina	White	African-American	Other
<b>Purchased Gun With Check Yes/No</b>					
Yes	57%	45%	55%	72%	66%
No	35%	53%	37%	18%	20%
Not sure	8%	2%	8%	10%	14%

	Base	Race			
		Latino / Latina	White	African-American	Other
<b>Main Reason for Gun Ownership</b>					
Hunting	39%	29%	42%	33%	32%
Recreational target shooting	12%	2%	13%	9%	10%
Self-defense	32%	49%	29%	43%	29%
Express support for Second Amendment rights	8%	12%	7%	15%	14%
Something else	9%	8%	10%	-	15%

	Base	Race			
		Latino / Latina	White	African-American	Other
<b>NRA Member Yes/No</b>					
Yes	24%	35%	25%	12%	19%
No	76%	65%	75%	88%	81%





	Base	Race			
		Latino / Latina	White	African-American	Other
<b>NRA Represent Interests Yes/No</b>					
NRA represents your interests as a gun owner	51%	72%	52%	30%	58%
NRA does not represent your interests as a gun owner	37%	23%	35%	62%	33%
Not sure	12%	5%	13%	8%	9%

	Base	Race			
		Latino / Latina	White	African-American	Other
<b>Share NRA Background Checks Position Yes/No</b>					
NRA represents your thinking when it comes to background checks	29%	40%	27%	27%	47%
NRA does not represent your thinking when it comes to background checks	62%	55%	62%	71%	45%
Not sure	9%	5%	11%	2%	8%

	Base	Race			
		Latino / Latina	White	African-American	Other
<b>NRA Overtaken by Lobbyists Agree/Disagree</b>					
Strongly agree	45%	51%	41%	64%	46%
Somewhat agree	14%	16%	16%	4%	10%
Somewhat disagree	13%	12%	15%	7%	6%
Strongly disagree	19%	7%	18%	24%	32%
Not sure	9%	15%	10%	1%	7%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Background Check Support/Oppose</b>				
Support a criminal background check for everyone who wants to buy a firearm	83%	73%	86%	85%
Oppose a criminal background check for everyone who wants to buy a firearm	14%	22%	11%	11%
Not sure	3%	4%	2%	3%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Enforce Existing Gun Laws Support/Oppose</b>				
<b>Strongly support</b>	64%	56%	66%	68%
<b>Somewhat support</b>	15%	19%	14%	14%
<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	10%	9%	10%	10%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	9%	13%	9%	5%
<b>Not sure</b>	2%	3%	2%	3%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Prohibit Domestic Abusers from Buying Support/Oppose</b>				
<b>Support prohibiting anyone convicted of stalking or domestic violence from buying a gun</b>	73%	61%	76%	80%
<b>Oppose prohibiting anyone convicted of stalking or domestic violence from buying a gun</b>	15%	20%	14%	11%
<b>Not sure</b>	12%	19%	10%	9%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Concealed Carry Permit Continued/Removed</b>				
<b>The requirement to have a permit to carry a concealed handgun in a public place should be continued</b>	76%	70%	77%	82%
<b>The requirement to have a permit should be removed</b>	21%	28%	21%	15%
<b>Not sure</b>	3%	2%	2%	3%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Candidate Support Background Check More/Less Likely</b>				
<b>More likely</b>	66%	57%	67%	74%
<b>Less likely</b>	19%	24%	19%	15%
<b>Wouldn't make a difference</b>	12%	17%	11%	9%
<b>Not sure</b>	2%	2%	2%	2%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>2nd Amendment Preventing Illegal Guns Agree/Disagree</b>				
Strongly agree	71%	69%	71%	75%
Somewhat agree	11%	12%	10%	9%
Somewhat disagree	6%	10%	5%	6%
Strongly disagree	5%	6%	6%	3%
Not sure	7%	4%	9%	6%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Purchased Gun With Check Yes/No</b>				
Yes	57%	68%	59%	40%
No	35%	22%	34%	51%
Not sure	8%	10%	7%	9%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Main Reason for Gun Ownership</b>				
Hunting	39%	43%	37%	40%
Recreational target shooting	12%	10%	12%	14%
Self-defense	32%	33%	31%	31%
Express support for Second Amendment rights	8%	9%	8%	7%
Something else	9%	5%	11%	8%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>NRA Member Yes/No</b>				
Yes	24%	21%	24%	25%
No	76%	79%	76%	75%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>NRA Represent Interests Yes/No</b>				
NRA represents your interests as a gun owner	51%	55%	49%	50%
NRA does not represent your interests as a gun owner	37%	37%	38%	37%
Not sure	12%	7%	13%	14%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Share NRA Background Checks Position Yes/No</b>				
NRA represents your thinking when it comes to background checks	29%	35%	26%	28%
NRA does not represent your thinking when it comes to background checks	62%	54%	67%	60%
Not sure	9%	12%	7%	12%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>NRA Overtaken by Lobbyists Agree/Disagree</b>				
Strongly agree	45%	44%	44%	47%
Somewhat agree	14%	12%	16%	12%
Somewhat disagree	13%	12%	14%	14%
Strongly disagree	19%	26%	17%	15%
Not sure	9%	7%	9%	13%

