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**U.S. SUPPORT FOR GUN CONTROL TOPS 2-1, HIGHEST EVER,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;  
LET DREAMERS STAY, 80 PERCENT OF VOTERS SAY**

American voters support stricter gun laws 66 – 31 percent, the highest level of support ever measured by the independent Quinnipiac University National Poll, with 50 – 44 percent support among gun owners and 62 – 35 percent support from white voters with no college degree and 58 – 38 percent support among white men.

Today’s result is up from a negative 47 – 50 percent measure of support in a December 23, 2015, survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll.

Support for universal background checks is itself almost universal, 97 – 2 percent, including 97 – 3 percent among gun owners. Support for gun control on other questions is at its highest level since the Quinnipiac University Poll began focusing on this issue in the wake of the Sandy Hook massacre:

- 67 – 29 percent for a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons;
- 83 – 14 percent for a mandatory waiting period for all gun purchases.

It is too easy to buy a gun in the U.S. today, American voters say 67 – 3 percent.

If more people carried guns, the U.S. would be less safe, voters say 59 – 33 percent.

Congress needs to do more to reduce gun violence, voters say 75 – 17 percent.

Stricter gun control would do more to reduce gun violence in schools, 40 percent of voters say, while 34 percent say metal detectors would do more and 20 percent say armed teachers are the answer.

“If you think Americans are largely unmoved by the mass shootings, you should think again. Support for stricter gun laws is up 19 points in little more than 2 years,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“In the last two months, some of the biggest surges in support for tightening gun laws comes from demographic groups you may not expect, independent voters, men, and whites with no college degree.”

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Mass killings by U.S. citizens is a bigger problem than mass killings by people from other countries, American voters say 70 – 20 percent.

### **Military Parade**

American voters disapprove 61 – 26 percent of President Donald Trump’s plan for a military parade. Every listed party, gender, education, age and racial group disapproves except Republicans, who approve 58 – 24 percent.

And voters say 75 – 18 percent, including 52 – 37 percent among Republicans, that the estimated \$10 million to \$30 million to pay for the parade is not a good use of government funds.

### **Dreamers**

American voters support 80 – 16 percent allowing undocumented children brought to the U.S. as children, so-called “Dreamers,” to remain and eventually apply for citizenship. Every listed group supports Dreamers by wide margins.

Voters think 63 – 27 percent that Trump wants Dreamers to be deported. Only Republicans think Trump wants Dreamers to remain. And voters think 55 – 32 percent that Republicans in Congress want Dreamers deported. Again, only Republicans think their leaders want Dreamers to remain.

Voters think 85 – 8 percent that Democrats in Congress want Dreamers to stay.

### **2018 Congressional Elections**

American voters say 53 – 38 percent, including 47 – 36 percent among independent voters, they want the Democratic Party to win control of the U.S. House of Representatives this year. Voters say 54 – 39 percent, including 51 – 38 percent among independent voters, they want the Democrats to win control of the U.S. Senate this year.

The Democrats can do a better job handling immigration, voters say 52 – 38 percent. Democrats can do a better job handling gun violence, voters say 52 – 31 percent.

From February 16 – 19, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,249 voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 3.4 percentage points, including the design effect. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts nationwide public opinion surveys, and statewide polls in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa and Colorado as a public service and for research.

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10. If the election were today, would you want to see the Republican Party or the Democratic Party win control of the United States House of Representatives?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Republican Party	38%	93%	2%	36%	45%	31%	42%	46%
Democratic Party	53	5	95	47	45	61	52	42
DK/NA	9	2	3	16	10	8	6	12

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Republican Party	28%	37%	38%	44%	52%	37%	44%	7%	29%
Democratic Party	63	52	53	50	38	55	47	86	57
DK/NA	10	11	9	6	11	8	9	6	14

TREND: If the election were today, would you want to see the Republican Party or the Democratic Party win control of the United States House of Representatives?

	Rep Party	Dem Party	DK/NA
Feb 20, 2018	38	53	9
Feb 07, 2018	40	49	11
Jan 24, 2018	38	51	11
Jan 18, 2018	39	50	10
Jan 11, 2018	35	52	13
Dec 19, 2017	37	52	12
Dec 13, 2017	37	49	13
Dec 05, 2017	36	50	13
Nov 14, 2017	38	51	11
Oct 11, 2017	41	49	10

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11. If the election were today, would you want to see the Republican Party or the Democratic Party win control of the United States Senate?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Republican Party	39%	96%	2%	38%	45%	32%	41%	49%
Democratic Party	54	4	95	51	46	61	53	41
DK/NA	7	1	3	11	9	6	6	10

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Republican Party	28%	39%	39%	45%	53%	38%	45%	7%	31%
Democratic Party	67	52	52	50	38	55	47	88	62
DK/NA	5	10	9	5	9	6	8	5	7

TREND: If the election were today, would you want to see the Republican Party or the Democratic Party win control of the United States Senate?

	Rep Party	Dem Party	DK/NA
Feb 20, 2018	39	54	7
Feb 07, 2018	42	49	9
Jan 24, 2018	39	53	8
Jan 18, 2018	40	52	8
Jan 11, 2018	36	53	11
Dec 19, 2017	37	53	10
Dec 13, 2017	39	51	10
Dec 05, 2017	37	51	12
Nov 14, 2017	39	52	8
Oct 11, 2017	43	49	8

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12. Compared to past midterm elections, how motivated would you say you are to vote in this year's midterm election; are you more motivated to vote than usual, less motivated, or are you just as motivated as usual?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
More	49%	41%	59%	46%	46%	52%	46%	44%
Less	6	2	6	7	7	5	3	8
As usual	44	57	35	45	47	42	50	47
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1

  

	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
					Men	Wom			
More	54%	50%	47%	45%	41%	48%	45%	55%	58%
Less	6	7	7	3	6	5	5	6	9
As usual	40	41	45	51	52	46	49	39	33
DK/NA	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	-

21. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very satisfied	8%	20%	-	8%	10%	6%	9%	10%
Smwht satisfied	21	46	5	22	28	16	24	24
Smwht dissatisfied	22	22	23	22	26	19	21	25
Very dissatisfied	47	10	70	49	35	57	44	41
DK/NA	1	3	1	-	1	1	2	1

  

	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
					Men	Wom			
Very satisfied	5%	7%	9%	12%	11%	8%	9%	1%	9%
Smwht satisfied	18	22	21	24	31	18	24	6	20
Smwht dissatisfied	31	22	22	17	25	22	23	22	21
Very dissatisfied	45	49	46	46	32	51	42	71	47
DK/NA	2	-	2	1	1	2	1	1	2

TREND: In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Very sat	Smwht sat	Smwht dis	Very dis	DK/NA
Feb 20, 2018	8	21	22	47	1
Jan 18, 2018	9	31	22	37	1
Dec 20, 2017	7	26	24	43	1
Nov 22, 2017	7	25	29	38	1
Nov 14, 2017	5	23	29	42	1
Oct 11, 2017	3	24	29	43	1
Sep 27, 2017	2	22	33	41	1
Aug 24, 2017	3	19	27	50	1
Aug 17, 2017	6	26	26	42	1
Aug 03, 2017	5	27	29	39	1

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22. Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling the economy, the Democratic party or the Republican party?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Democratic party	46%	3%	85%	41%	40%	52%	42%	39%
Republican party	42	93	5	43	50	34	48	46
NO DIFF (VOL)	7	2	4	10	7	6	7	7
DK/NA	5	2	5	6	3	8	4	8

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Democratic party	56%	46%	46%	42%	34%	46%	40%	81%	47%
Republican party	31	42	43	47	55	40	47	13	37
NO DIFF (VOL)	6	8	8	5	8	6	7	2	8
DK/NA	7	5	3	7	3	8	6	4	8

TREND: Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling the economy, the Democratic party or the Republican party?

	Dem Party	Rep Party	NO DIFF	DK/NA
Feb 20, 2018	46	42	7	5
Dec 05, 2017	45	43	6	6
Aug 03, 2017	44	44	5	6
Apr 03, 2013	40	42	11	7

23. Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling the federal budget, the Democratic party or the Republican party?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Democratic party	43%	2%	81%	38%	38%	48%	40%	34%		
Republican party	39	89	7	37	45	33	43	44		
NO DIFF (VOL)	10	4	6	15	11	9	11	11		
DK/NA	8	6	7	10	7	10	6	10		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Democratic party	50%	41%	44%	39%	30%	43%	37%	76%	48%	
Republican party	29	40	38	44	51	38	44	14	35	
NO DIFF (VOL)	10	12	11	7	12	10	11	3	10	
DK/NA	10	8	7	9	7	9	8	7	7	

24. Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling taxes, the Democratic party or the Republican party?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Democratic party	46%	3%	84%	42%	39%	53%	44%	39%		
Republican party	41	92	8	42	49	35	47	48		
NO DIFF (VOL)	6	1	3	10	8	4	5	6		
DK/NA	6	4	5	6	5	8	4	8		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Democratic party	56%	48%	46%	40%	34%	48%	41%	75%	52%	
Republican party	30	41	43	48	55	40	47	19	31	
NO DIFF (VOL)	7	5	5	5	7	4	6	2	8	
DK/NA	7	6	5	7	4	8	6	4	9	

TREND: Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling taxes, the Democratic party or the Republican party?

	Dem Party	Rep Party	NO DIFF	DK/NA
Feb 20, 2018	46	41	6	6
Dec 05, 2017	47	39	6	7
Aug 03, 2017	43	43	6	7
Apr 03, 2013	41	41	8	9

25. Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling immigration, the Democratic party or the Republican party?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Democratic party	52%	6%	90%	50%	45%	59%	52%	41%		
Republican party	38	88	5	37	45	31	40	47		
NO DIFF (VOL)	5	2	2	8	7	3	3	6		
DK/NA	5	5	4	5	3	7	4	6		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Democratic party	65%	49%	52%	48%	39%	53%	47%	83%	59%	
Republican party	21	42	38	46	51	37	43	13	29	
NO DIFF (VOL)	8	5	6	2	7	3	5	-	10	
DK/NA	6	4	5	5	3	7	5	4	2	

26. Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling infrastructure, the Democratic party or the Republican party?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Democratic party	43%	7%	77%	37%	38%	47%	41%	33%		
Republican party	42	84	9	47	49	36	45	49		
NO DIFF (VOL)	8	5	6	10	8	8	8	8		
DK/NA	8	5	8	6	6	9	6	9		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Democratic party	52%	42%	41%	39%	33%	41%	37%	75%	43%	
Republican party	35	43	41	46	53	43	47	14	40	
NO DIFF (VOL)	5	9	9	7	8	8	8	4	9	
DK/NA	7	6	8	9	6	9	7	8	7	

27. Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling domestic violence, the Democratic party or the Republican party?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Democratic party	52%	12%	83%	53%	46%	59%	52%	43%		
Republican party	27	68	2	25	32	22	27	34		
NO DIFF (VOL)	10	10	7	12	13	8	11	11		
DK/NA	11	11	8	11	10	11	10	12		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Democratic party	66%	55%	49%	45%	42%	53%	48%	74%	63%	
Republican party	18	25	27	32	35	26	30	5	23	
NO DIFF (VOL)	7	8	12	13	13	9	11	10	7	
DK/NA	9	12	11	11	10	12	11	11	7	

28. Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling sexual harassment, the Democratic party or the Republican party?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Democratic party	53%	13%	85%	51%	49%	57%	51%	45%	
Republican party	23	57	1	22	27	19	24	26	
NO DIFF (VOL)	15	18	8	17	15	14	13	17	
DK/NA	10	12	6	9	9	10	11	11	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Democratic party	72%	54%	48%	45%	45%	52%	48%	76%	62%
Republican party	15	23	21	29	28	23	25	4	23
NO DIFF (VOL)	7	12	20	14	17	14	15	11	11
DK/NA	6	11	10	12	10	12	11	8	4

29. Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling gun violence, the Democratic party or the Republican party?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Democratic party	52%	8%	87%	51%	46%	57%	52%	42%	
Republican party	31	73	4	30	37	26	32	40	
NO DIFF (VOL)	10	9	5	12	11	9	10	10	
DK/NA	7	9	3	6	6	8	6	8	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Democratic party	62%	55%	52%	45%	41%	52%	47%	82%	52%
Republican party	27	32	29	36	41	31	36	7	27
NO DIFF (VOL)	6	8	12	11	11	9	10	7	12
DK/NA	5	5	7	9	7	8	7	4	9

30. Which political party do you think can do a better job of representing your values, the Democratic party or the Republican party?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG		
							Yes	No	
Democratic party	53%	5%	94%	48%	43%	61%	52%	42%	
Republican party	38	92	3	36	47	30	39	49	
NO DIFF (VOL)	5	-	1	9	5	4	5	4	
DK/NA	5	2	2	6	6	4	4	5	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Democratic party	66%	49%	52%	48%	37%	55%	47%	83%	60%
Republican party	28	37	39	44	53	36	44	12	28
NO DIFF (VOL)	4	5	5	3	4	5	5	2	6
DK/NA	2	9	4	5	5	4	5	4	6

TREND: Which political party do you think can do a better job of representing your values, the Democratic party or the Republican party?

	Dem Party	Rep Party	NO DIFF	DK/NA
Feb 20, 2018	53	38	5	5
Dec 05, 2017	51	37	7	6

31. In general, do you think that the Democrats in Congress care about the federal budget deficit, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Care	49%	28%	71%	43%	39%	58%	44%	44%
No	47	71	22	53	57	38	53	52
DK/NA	4	-	7	4	4	5	4	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Care	56%	50%	46%	46%	35%	52%	44%	77%	55%
No	40	47	49	49	63	44	53	17	39
DK/NA	4	3	5	5	2	5	3	6	6

32. In general, do you think that the Republicans in Congress care about the federal budget deficit, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Care	41%	68%	27%	37%	38%	44%	44%	44%
No	55	28	69	61	58	53	54	51
DK/NA	4	3	4	2	4	4	2	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Care	46%	41%	36%	42%	40%	47%	44%	29%	44%
No	50	55	61	53	57	48	53	69	52
DK/NA	4	4	3	6	3	5	4	3	5

33. Do you think that the federal budget deficit is an important issue, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Important	92%	96%	89%	93%	90%	94%	92%	93%
No	7	4	10	7	10	5	8	7
DK/NA	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Important	88%	94%	92%	93%	92%	93%	92%	90%	94%
No	11	6	7	7	8	7	7	10	6
DK/NA	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-

34. Do you think that raising the federal gas tax to specifically pay for repairs to the U.S. infrastructure is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Good idea	46%	48%	49%	46%	46%	46%	53%	44%
Bad idea	44	39	41	47	48	40	37	45
DK/NA	10	13	10	8	6	13	10	11

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Good idea	48%	49%	45%	47%	51%	46%	48%	42%	42%
Bad idea	39	45	47	40	43	39	41	51	52
DK/NA	13	6	8	13	6	15	10	7	6

TREND: Do you think that raising the federal gas tax to specifically pay for repairs to the U.S. infrastructure is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Good Idea	Bad Idea	DK/NA
Feb 20, 2018	46	44	10
May 11, 2017	51	41	8

37. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's response to the recent school shooting in Florida?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	33%	72%	6%	31%	39%	27%	36%	42%
Disapprove	52	10	83	52	44	59	53	41
DK/NA	15	17	11	16	17	14	11	17

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	20%	27%	39%	40%	46%	33%	39%	10%	23%
Disapprove	61	51	51	49	40	53	47	77	58
DK/NA	19	22	10	11	14	14	14	13	18

42. Do you approve or disapprove of the military parade President Trump has ordered?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	26%	58%	6%	25%	33%	20%	22%	33%
Disapprove	61	24	86	62	54	66	65	54
DK/NA	13	18	8	13	12	14	12	14

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	22%	28%	28%	27%	36%	20%	28%	17%	24%
Disapprove	61	60	61	61	52	65	59	75	58
DK/NA	16	13	11	12	12	14	13	8	18

43. As you may know, it has been estimated that the military parade ordered by President Trump will cost somewhere between 10 and 30 million dollars. Do you think this is a good use of government funds, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Good use	18%	37%	3%	20%	24%	14%	17%	20%
No	75	52	96	73	71	79	78	73
DK/NA	6	11	2	6	5	7	5	7

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Good use	17%	18%	20%	18%	23%	14%	19%	9%	25%
No	79	75	75	74	71	80	76	85	68
DK/NA	4	7	5	8	6	6	6	6	8

44. Do you think that the NRA, or National Rifle Association, supports policies that are good for the U.S. or supports policies that are bad for the U.S.?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Good	38%	80%	9%	38%	47%	31%	36%	49%
Bad	51	8	83	52	44	57	54	42
DK/NA	11	12	9	10	9	13	10	9

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Good	26%	43%	42%	39%	53%	34%	43%	10%	39%
Bad	57	53	46	51	40	55	48	80	40
DK/NA	17	5	13	10	7	12	10	10	20

  

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....			Gun HsHld
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural	
Good	30%	40%	43%	37%	34%	34%	52%	55%
Bad	56	50	48	51	55	55	37	34
DK/NA	14	10	9	12	11	11	11	11

TREND: Do you think that the NRA, or National Rifle Association, supports policies that are good for the U.S. or supports policies that are bad for the U.S.?

	Good	Bad	DK/NA
Feb 20, 2018	38	51	11
Oct 12, 2017	43	47	10

45. Do you support or oppose allowing undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children to remain in the United States and eventually apply for citizenship?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Support	80%	59%	94%	82%	79%	81%	80%	79%		
Oppose	16	37	5	14	18	15	17	17		
DK/NA	4	4	1	4	4	4	3	4		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	86%	79%	78%	80%	78%	81%	79%	83%	81%	
Oppose	11	19	19	15	19	16	17	11	14	
DK/NA	3	2	4	6	3	4	3	6	4	

TREND: Do you support or oppose allowing undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children to remain in the United States and eventually apply for citizenship?

	Sup	Opp	DK/NA
Feb 20, 2018	80	16	4
Feb 06, 2018	81	14	5

46. As you may know, Congress must pass a bill by March 5th in order to prevent the deportation of undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children. If they do not pass a bill to prevent this, who would you say is most responsible: Republicans in Congress, or Democrats in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Republicans	58%	22%	86%	57%	51%	64%	56%	50%		
Democrats	26	57	6	26	33	20	30	29		
DK/NA	16	21	8	17	16	16	14	21		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Republicans	71%	54%	56%	54%	46%	58%	53%	82%	66%	
Democrats	16	25	29	31	37	24	30	10	19	
DK/NA	13	21	15	15	16	18	17	8	15	

47. If Congress does not pass a bill in order to prevent the deportation of undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children, would you also hold President Trump responsible or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Yes/Hold responsible	61%	21%	90%	59%	52%	68%	60%	51%		
No	37	75	8	39	46	29	38	45		
DK/NA	3	3	2	2	2	4	2	3		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Hold responsible	73%	58%	59%	55%	49%	61%	56%	86%	68%	
No	26	39	39	39	49	35	42	11	31	
DK/NA	1	3	2	6	2	3	3	2	1	

48. Do you think that President Trump wants undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children to remain in the United States, or do you think he wants them to be deported?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Remain	27%	54%	8%	27%	32%	23%	30%	31%		
Deported	63	30	87	63	58	68	59	58		
DK/NA	10	16	5	10	11	10	12	11		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Remain	10%	25%	34%	34%	36%	25%	30%	8%	22%	
Deported	86	64	57	53	52	63	58	89	72	
DK/NA	4	11	9	14	12	11	12	3	6	

49. Do you think that the Republicans in Congress want undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children to remain in the United States, or do you think they want them to be deported?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Remain	32%	51%	13%	35%	38%	26%	36%	34%		
Deported	55	29	78	54	51	59	49	51		
DK/NA	13	20	9	11	11	15	15	15		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Remain	16%	32%	34%	39%	41%	30%	35%	14%	35%	
Deported	79	56	52	42	47	52	50	83	60	
DK/NA	6	12	14	19	12	18	15	3	5	

50. Do you think that the Democrats in Congress want undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children to remain in the United States, or do you think they want them to be deported?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Remain	85%	82%	90%	85%	87%	83%	90%	82%
Deported	8	10	7	8	6	10	4	10
DK/NA	7	9	3	7	7	7	6	8

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Remain	83%	87%	85%	84%	88%	84%	86%	78%	86%
Deported	11	6	9	7	5	8	7	19	7
DK/NA	6	7	5	9	6	8	7	4	7

55. Do you support or oppose stricter gun laws in the United States?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	66%	34%	86%	69%	59%	72%	69%	62%
Oppose	31	60	13	27	37	25	27	35
DK/NA	4	6	1	4	4	3	4	3

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	68%	64%	64%	69%	58%	72%	65%	77%	57%
Oppose	30	33	33	26	38	25	31	23	37
DK/NA	2	3	3	5	4	3	4	-	6

  

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....			Gun Hshld
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural	
Support	75%	67%	61%	64%	69%	72%	52%	50%
Oppose	22	31	35	32	28	26	42	44
DK/NA	3	2	5	4	3	3	6	6

TREND: Do you support or oppose stricter gun laws in the United States?

	Sup	Opp	DK/NA
Feb 20, 2018	66	31	4
Dec 20, 2017	59	36	5
Nov 15, 2017	60	36	3
Oct 12, 2017	60	36	3
Jun 28, 2017	54	42	4
Jun 30, 2016	54	42	4
Dec 23, 2015	47	50	3
Nov 05, 2015	52	45	3

56. Do you support or oppose requiring background checks for all gun buyers?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Support	97%	97%	99%	98%	96%	99%	96%	99%		
Oppose	2	2	1	1	3	1	3	1		
DK/NA	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	99%	96%	96%	98%	97%	98%	98%	98%	99%	
Oppose	1	4	2	2	3	1	2	2	-	
DK/NA	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	
	REGION.....				DENSITY.....			Gun		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural	HsHld		
Support	99%	97%	96%	98%	98%	98%	95%	97%		
Oppose	1	2	3	2	1	1	4	3		
DK/NA	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	1		

TREND: Do you support or oppose requiring background checks for all gun buyers?

	Sup	Opp	DK/NA
Feb 20, 2018	97	2	1
Dec 20, 2017	95	4	1
Nov 15, 2017	95	4	1
Oct 12, 2017	94	5	1
Jun 28, 2017	94	5	-
Jun 30, 2016	93	6	1
Nov 05, 2015	93	5	1
Sep 28, 2015	93	6	1
Jul 03, 2014	92	7	1
Oct 02, 2013	89	9	1

See additional trend information on website

57. Do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Support	67%	43%	91%	63%	53%	79%	69%	63%		
Oppose	29	49	8	34	43	17	26	32		
DK/NA	4	8	2	3	4	4	4	4		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	61%	62%	70%	76%	51%	80%	66%	84%	58%	
Oppose	33	35	26	21	45	16	30	13	37	
DK/NA	6	3	4	3	4	4	4	2	5	
	REGION.....				DENSITY.....			Gun		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural	HsHld		
Support	74%	67%	63%	68%	71%	70%	56%	53%		
Oppose	22	30	33	27	26	26	38	42		
DK/NA	4	3	4	5	3	4	5	5		

TREND: Do you support or oppose a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons?

	Supp	Opp	DK/NA
Feb 20, 2018	67	29	4
Nov 15, 2017	65	31	5
Oct 12, 2017	64	32	4
Jun 30, 2016	59	37	4
Dec 23, 2015	58	38	4
Apr 04, 2013	59	36	4
Mar 07, 2013	54	41	6
Feb 07, 2013	56	39	5

58. Do you support or oppose imposing a federal mandatory waiting period on all gun purchases, so that everyone who purchases a gun must wait a certain number of days before taking the gun home?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	83%	77%	92%	81%	76%	89%	86%	85%
Oppose	14	19	6	16	19	9	12	13
DK/NA	3	4	1	3	4	2	3	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	71%	83%	88%	89%	79%	90%	85%	85%	76%
Oppose	24	15	9	8	17	8	12	11	21
DK/NA	4	2	2	3	4	2	3	4	3

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....			Gun HsHld
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural	
Support	86%	86%	79%	86%	83%	87%	79%	77%
Oppose	11	12	18	12	13	11	19	20
DK/NA	3	3	3	2	4	2	2	3

TREND: Do you support or oppose imposing a federal mandatory waiting period on all gun purchases, so that everyone who purchases a gun must wait a certain number of days before taking the gun home?

	Supp	Opp	DK/NA
Feb 20, 2018	83	14	3
Oct 12, 2017	79	19	2

59. Do you think it is too easy to buy a gun in the U.S. today, too difficult to buy a gun in the U.S. today, or about right?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....						
							COLLEGE DEG						
							Yes	No					
Too easy	67%	38%	91%	67%	59%	75%	71%	61%					
Too difficult	3	5	-	3	4	2	2	3					
About right	25	50	6	26	34	18	22	31					
DK/NA	4	7	3	3	3	5	5	4					
AGE IN YRS.....										WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp				
Too easy	70%	65%	66%	70%	57%	74%	66%	83%	62%				
Too difficult	1	7	2	1	4	1	3	4	-				
About right	24	25	29	23	36	20	27	12	35				
DK/NA	4	4	2	5	3	5	4	1	3				
REGION.....										DENSITY.....		Gun	
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural	HsHld					
Too easy	75%	64%	64%	70%	71%	71%	56%	55%					
Too difficult	2	3	2	4	3	1	4	3					
About right	19	29	29	21	22	24	35	38					
DK/NA	4	4	4	5	4	4	6	5					

TREND: Do you think it is too easy to buy a gun in the U.S. today, too difficult to buy a gun in the U.S. today, or about right?

	Too Easy	Too Diff	About Right	DK/NA
Feb 20, 2018	67	3	25	4
Nov 15, 2017	59	4	33	5
Oct 12, 2017	59	3	33	4
Jun 28, 2017	57	6	32	5
Jun 30, 2016	57	3	36	4
Dec 23, 2015	55	4	36	5

60. If more people carried guns, do you think the United States would be safer or less safe?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....				
							COLLEGE DEG		Yes	No	
Safer	33%	67%	6%	35%	43%	23%	31%	40%			
Less safe	59	19	90	58	49	67	61	48			
DK/NA	9	14	4	7	8	10	7	12			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Safer	30%	36%	33%	29%	46%	27%	36%	8%	38%		
Less safe	60	55	59	63	45	63	55	89	53		
DK/NA	10	9	7	8	8	10	9	3	9		
	REGION.....				DENSITY.....			Gun			
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural	HsHld			
Safer	23%	36%	38%	30%	27%	30%	46%	48%			
Less safe	66	57	55	60	65	63	43	41			
DK/NA	12	6	7	10	8	7	11	11			

TREND: If more people carried guns, do you think the United States would be safer or less safe?

	Safer	Less Safe	DK/NA
Feb 20, 2018	33	59	9
Nov 15, 2017	37	55	8
Oct 12, 2017	35	56	9
Jun 28, 2017	35	57	8
Jun 30, 2016	40	52	8
Dec 23, 2015	44	47	9
Nov 05, 2015	41	49	9

61. Do you think Congress is doing enough to reduce gun violence or do you think Congress needs to do more to reduce gun violence?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....				
							COLLEGE DEG		Yes	No	
Doing enough	17%	35%	3%	18%	20%	14%	16%	18%			
Do more	75	51	95	76	70	80	76	74			
DK/NA	8	15	2	7	10	6	8	9			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Doing enough	17%	21%	18%	12%	20%	15%	17%	6%	28%		
Do more	76	74	75	77	71	78	75	93	66		
DK/NA	7	5	8	11	9	7	8	1	6		
	REGION.....				DENSITY.....			Gun			
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural	HsHld			
Doing enough	9%	20%	18%	19%	15%	15%	23%	25%			
Do more	86	74	72	73	77	80	67	63			
DK/NA	5	6	9	8	8	5	10	12			

TREND: Do you think Congress is doing enough to reduce gun violence or do you think Congress needs to do more to reduce gun violence?

	Doing Enough	Do More	DK/NA
Feb 20, 2018	17	75	8
Dec 20, 2017	25	67	8
Nov 15, 2017	23	69	9
Oct 12, 2017	24	68	8

62. Which of these do you think would do more to reduce gun violence in schools, having stricter gun laws, armed teachers in schools, or using metal detectors at school entrances?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Stricter gun laws	40%	9%	63%	39%	35%	44%	47%	33%
Armed teachers	20	38	6	21	26	15	18	24
Metal detectors	34	41	28	36	33	35	28	36
DK/NA	6	12	3	5	6	6	7	7

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Stricter gun laws	54%	37%	33%	41%	35%	44%	40%	47%	38%
Armed teachers	17	26	19	15	29	15	21	8	19
Metal detectors	26	32	40	37	29	35	32	44	38
DK/NA	4	5	8	7	7	7	7	2	5

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....			Gun HsHld
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural	
Stricter gun laws	48%	37%	33%	46%	41%	47%	27%	26%
Armed teachers	16	22	23	16	19	15	28	30
Metal detectors	29	38	37	31	32	32	40	38
DK/NA	7	3	7	7	8	6	5	7

63. If you agreed with a political candidate on other issues, but not on the issue of gun laws, could you still vote for that candidate, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Yes	54%	67%	42%	55%	58%	50%	58%	58%		
No	34	21	47	33	32	37	31	30		
DK/NA	12	11	12	11	11	13	11	12		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes	59%	58%	57%	43%	62%	55%	58%	39%	50%	
No	30	34	32	41	29	33	31	49	36	
DK/NA	11	8	11	16	9	13	11	12	15	
	REGION.....				DENSITY.....			Gun		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural	HsHld		
Yes	57%	52%	55%	50%	51%	56%	54%	60%		
No	32	37	35	33	38	32	33	27		
DK/NA	11	11	10	16	11	12	13	13		
	STRICTER GUN LAWS Q55									
	Sup	Opp								
Yes	53%	54%								
No	36	34								
DK/NA	11	12								

64. Is being the victim of a mass shooting something you personally worry about or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Yes/Worry	45%	33%	55%	42%	37%	52%	36%	38%		
No	55	67	45	57	63	48	64	61		
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Worry	53%	53%	39%	37%	29%	44%	37%	66%	66%	
No	47	46	60	63	71	55	62	34	34	
DK/NA	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	
	REGION.....				DENSITY.....			Gun		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural	HsHld		
Yes/Worry	49%	42%	45%	42%	47%	44%	40%	37%		
No	50	57	55	57	52	56	60	63		
DK/NA	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1		

TREND: Is being the victim of a mass shooting something you personally worry about or not?

	Yes/ Worry	No	DK/NA
Feb 20, 2018	45	55	1
Dec 20, 2017	37	62	1
Nov 15, 2017	40	60	-

65. Which do you think is a bigger problem in the United States: mass killings committed by people from other countries, or mass killings committed by U.S. citizens?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
From other countries	20%	48%	8%	16%	21%	19%	19%	23%
U.S. citizens	70	36	88	73	68	71	73	66
DK/NA	10	16	4	11	11	10	9	11

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
From other countries	9%	17%	26%	23%	23%	20%	21%	18%	16%
U.S. citizens	88	72	64	64	67	71	69	78	75
DK/NA	3	11	9	13	10	9	10	4	9

  

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....			Gun HsHld
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural	
From other countries	17%	24%	24%	13%	18%	17%	28%	28%
U.S. citizens	70	65	67	79	71	76	59	60
DK/NA	13	11	9	9	11	7	13	13