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**MAJORITY OF VOTERS SAY CLIMATE CHANGE IS AN EMERGENCY
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
72% SAY CONGRESS NEEDS TO ACT TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE**

A majority of registered voters nationwide, 56 percent, say that climate change is an emergency, while 42 percent do not. Democrats say that climate change is an emergency 84 – 14 percent, independents say the same 63 – 36 percent, and Republicans say that climate change is not an emergency 81 – 18 percent. Among 18 to 34 year old voters, who may expect to be the most affected by climate change, 74 percent say that climate change is an emergency, while 24 percent do not.

Voters also think that the United States isn't doing enough to address climate change, with 67 percent of voters saying more needs to be done – a new high since the question was first asked by the Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University Poll in December 2015. An additional 20 percent say that the U.S. is doing enough to address climate change, and 8 percent saying that the U.S. is doing too much. Asked whether or not they are worried that they or someone in their family might be affected by an extreme weather event, 40 percent of voters say that they are worried, while 59 percent say that they are not worried.

“As fires in the Amazon rainforest serve as just the latest concern about the planet, there is a sense of urgency about climate change among American voters,” said Mary Snow, Polling Analyst for the Quinnipiac University Poll. “More than half call it an emergency.”

Gun Laws and Mass Shootings

Congress needs to do more to reduce gun violence say 72 percent of voters, including 50 percent of Republicans, 93 percent of Democrats, and 75 percent of independents.

Voters say 60 – 34 percent that they support stricter gun laws in the United States. An identical 60 percent support a nationwide ban on assault weapons, including 37 percent of Republicans, 85 percent of Democrats, and 60 percent of independents. However, voters were split on the idea of a mandatory assault weapon buyback – 46 percent of voters support the concept, including a meager 18 percent of Republicans, 71 percent of Democrats, and 47 percent of independents.

“In a country gripped by political polarization, American voters are united in their message to Congress: do more to reduce gun violence,” adds Mary Snow.

Looking at all the specific gun policy proposals that voters were asked about, support ranges from very strong to split:

- 93 – 6 percent support for universal background checks;
- 82 – 16 percent support for requiring a license to purchase a gun;
- 80 – 15 percent support for a “red flag” law;
- 60 – 36 percent support for a ban on assault weapons;
- 46 – 49 percent on a mandatory buyback of assault weapons.

On gun licensing and both questions regarding assault weapons, there are huge gender gaps. This includes a double digit gap on each question between white men and white women. In each instance, both women and white women much more strongly support these three gun policies, including a bare majority of support for the mandatory assault weapon buyback.

A 54 percent majority of voters think that mental illness is a bigger cause of mass shootings than the availability of guns, while 37 percent say gun availability is a bigger cause. But 54 percent of voters also think that stricter gun laws would help to decrease the number of mass shootings in the United States, while 43 percent don’t think so. About four in ten voters are worried about being a victim of a mass shooting themselves.

Prejudice in the United States

Prejudice against immigrants is a very serious problem in the United States today, say 51 percent of voters, while 23 percent say it is a somewhat serious problem. When asked about other groups, voters’ opinions varied:

- 44 percent say prejudice against Muslim people is a very serious problem and 29 percent say it is a somewhat serious problem;
- 44 percent say prejudice against Hispanic people and Latinos is a very serious problem and 25 percent say it is a somewhat serious problem;
- 43 percent say prejudice against black people is a very serious problem and 29 percent say it is a somewhat serious problem;
- 31 percent say prejudice against LGBTQ people is a very serious problem and 31 percent say it is a somewhat serious problem;
- 27 percent say prejudice against Jewish people is a very serious problem and 35 percent say it is a somewhat serious problem;
- 14 percent say prejudice against white people is a very serious problem and 30 percent say it is a somewhat serious problem.

In general, 64 percent of voters believe that the level of hatred and prejudice in the United States has increased since the 2016 election, with 28 percent saying it hasn’t changed, and 6 percent saying it has decreased. And in the wake of recent events, 56 percent of voters say that President Trump’s language and behavior have played a role in motivating white supremacists to commit violence, while 40 percent disagree.

From August 21 – 26, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,422 self-identified registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 3.1 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than a dozen states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

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19. Are you worried that you or someone in your family might be affected by an extreme weather event, or is that not something you're worried about?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Worried	40%	15%	56%	44%	33%	46%	42%	36%
No/Not worried	59	83	42	56	66	53	57	63
DK/NA	1	2	2	-	1	2	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Worried	39%	43%	35%	43%	32%	46%	39%	40%	48%
No/Not worried	60	56	63	55	67	53	60	58	50
DK/NA	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2

TREND: Are you worried that you or someone in your family might be affected by an extreme weather event, or is that not something you're worried about?

	Yes/ Worried	No	DK/NA
Aug 29, 2019	40	59	1
Dec 18, 2018	40	59	1

21. Does having Donald Trump as President of the United States make you feel more safe, less safe, or doesn't it have an impact on how safe you feel?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
More safe	26%	66%	2%	15%	30%	23%	28%	36%
Less safe	46	8	82	48	36	56	47	37
No impact	26	26	15	36	33	20	24	26
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
More safe	14%	23%	32%	32%	35%	28%	31%	5%	15%
Less safe	43	46	45	51	31	52	42	69	52
No impact	42	30	21	15	33	19	25	26	31
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	2

TREND: Does having Donald Trump as President of the United States make you feel more safe, less safe, or doesn't it have an impact on how safe you feel?

	More Safe	Less Safe	No Impact	DK/NA
Aug 29, 2019	26	46	26	1
Dec 12, 2017	26	52	19	2
Oct 11, 2017	30	49	21	-
Aug 23, 2017	28	52	19	-

22. Since the election of Donald Trump, do you believe the level of hatred and prejudice in the U.S. has increased, the level of hatred and prejudice has decreased, or hasn't it changed either way?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Increased	64%	38%	84%	68%	61%	66%	65%	56%
Decreased	6	11	4	3	6	6	4	7
Hasn't changed	28	46	11	28	31	25	28	32
DK/NA	3	5	1	1	3	3	3	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Increased	68%	59%	63%	65%	57%	64%	61%	72%	76%
Decreased	3	6	5	7	5	6	5	8	3
Hasn't changed	27	34	30	22	34	26	30	20	20
DK/NA	1	1	3	6	4	3	4	-	1

	RELIGION.....			
	Whit	Evang	Prot	Cath
Increased	48%	60%	64%	73%
Decreased	9	7	7	3
Hasn't changed	38	30	26	22
DK/NA	5	3	3	2

TREND: Since the election of Donald Trump, do you believe the level of hatred and prejudice in the U.S. has increased, the level of hatred and prejudice has decreased, or hasn't it changed either way?

	Incr	Decr	NoChng	DK/NA
Aug 29, 2019	64	6	28	3
Nov 21, 2018	59	5	32	3
Dec 12, 2017	62	4	31	2
Aug 23, 2017	65	2	32	1
Mar 09, 2017	63	2	32	3

23. How serious a problem do you think that prejudice against - minority groups is in the United States today; a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very serious	47%	14%	75%	48%	36%	56%	44%	40%
Somewhat serious	27	34	17	32	29	25	28	32
Not so serious	16	32	4	13	20	12	18	16
Not at all	8	15	3	6	12	5	8	9
DK/NA	2	5	1	-	3	2	2	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Very serious	55%	48%	41%	45%	30%	53%	42%	63%	59%
Somewhat serious	23	28	29	29	31	29	30	18	17
Not so serious	15	15	17	15	23	12	17	10	14
Not at all	5	8	10	9	12	4	8	9	8
DK/NA	2	1	3	3	4	2	3	-	2

	RELIGION.....			
	Wht Evang	Prot	Cath	None
Very serious	24%	42%	42%	57%
Somewhat serious	32	30	33	24
Not so serious	25	17	15	13
Not at all	15	10	8	5
DK/NA	5	2	2	1

TREND: How serious a problem do you think that prejudice against minority groups is in the United States today; a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all?

	Very Serious	Smwht Serious	Not so Serious	Not at All	DK/NA
Aug 29, 2019	47	27	16	8	2
Nov 21, 2018	47	31	14	7	2
Jan 24, 2018	48	33	11	6	2
Aug 23, 2017	50	31	13	5	1
Mar 09, 2017	48	29	15	7	2
Feb 08, 2017	41	34	17	8	1
Jan 13, 2017	47	32	13	6	3
Nov 23, 2016	43	33	17	5	2
Jun 29, 2016	41	37	14	6	1

24. How serious a problem do you think that prejudice against - white people is in the United States today: a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very serious	14%	17%	11%	14%	12%	15%	13%	12%
Somewhat serious	30	39	20	29	29	30	28	36
Not so serious	27	25	26	30	28	26	29	26
Not at all	27	15	41	27	29	26	28	23
DK/NA	2	3	1	1	2	2	2	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Very serious	7%	13%	18%	16%	11%	14%	12%	15%	17%
Somewhat serious	26	27	31	36	31	33	32	19	26
Not so serious	36	27	23	23	30	25	28	25	30
Not at all	29	32	26	22	26	25	26	39	26
DK/NA	2	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	1

	RELIGION.....			
	Wht	Prot	Cath	None
Very serious	12%	17%	12%	9%
Somewhat serious	45	34	32	25
Not so serious	22	24	28	32
Not at all	17	23	26	34
DK/NA	4	2	2	1

TREND: How serious a problem do you think that prejudice against white people is in the United States today; a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all?

	Very Serious	Smwht Serious	Not so Serious	Not at All	DK/NA
Aug 29, 2019	14	30	27	27	2
Nov 21, 2018	14	28	25	29	3
Aug 23, 2017	19	26	27	26	2

25. How serious a problem do you think that prejudice against - black people is in the United States today: a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Very serious	43%	9%	74%	45%	35%	51%	42%	36%			
Somewhat serious	29	36	19	33	32	27	31	32			
Not so serious	15	28	3	17	20	11	18	16			
Not at all	10	22	3	5	12	8	8	11			
DK/NA	2	5	1	-	1	3	1	4			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Very serious	54%	41%	40%	41%	29%	49%	39%	68%	50%		
Somewhat serious	25	34	31	28	34	29	32	18	25		
Not so serious	13	13	17	18	21	13	17	5	13		
Not at all	7	10	10	10	14	6	10	9	12		
DK/NA	1	1	2	3	1	4	2	-	-		
	RELIGION.....										
	Wht										
	Evang	Prot	Cath	None							
Very serious	20%	38%	36%	53%							
Somewhat serious	35	31	39	28							
Not so serious	27	16	14	12							
Not at all	15	12	8	6							
DK/NA	3	3	2	1							

26. How serious a problem do you think that prejudice against - Hispanic people and Latinos is in the United States today: a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very serious	44%	11%	72%	47%	35%	52%	41%	39%
Somewhat serious	25	29	20	27	28	23	28	25
Not so serious	18	35	5	18	22	15	21	20
Not at all	10	21	2	6	13	6	9	12
DK/NA	3	5	2	1	2	4	2	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Very serious	55%	46%	38%	40%	30%	50%	40%	62%	50%
Somewhat serious	25	26	27	22	30	23	26	18	24
Not so serious	14	18	21	21	24	17	20	10	17
Not at all	5	10	10	11	15	6	10	4	8
DK/NA	1	-	3	6	2	4	3	6	-

	RELIGION.....			
	Wht Evang	Prot	Cath	None
Very serious	20%	35%	42%	56%
Somewhat serious	27	30	25	23
Not so serious	31	18	20	16
Not at all	19	12	10	5
DK/NA	3	5	3	-

27. How serious a problem do you think that prejudice against - Jewish people is in the United States today: a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very serious	27%	17%	38%	27%	21%	32%	26%	24%
Somewhat serious	35	31	40	35	32	37	40	32
Not so serious	20	24	12	25	26	15	19	22
Not at all	13	22	6	10	18	8	11	15
DK/NA	5	6	4	3	3	7	3	7

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Very serious	28%	24%	28%	29%	20%	30%	25%	31%	35%
Somewhat serious	26	41	40	32	34	38	36	36	29
Not so serious	27	18	21	17	24	17	21	19	21
Not at all	14	13	7	14	18	8	13	10	10
DK/NA	4	4	4	7	3	7	5	4	6

	RELIGION.....			
	Wht Evang	Prot	Cath	None
Very serious	21%	25%	25%	29%
Somewhat serious	33	34	40	32
Not so serious	26	22	17	23
Not at all	15	12	12	12
DK/NA	5	7	5	4

TREND: How serious a problem do you think that prejudice against Jewish people is in the United States today: a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all?

	Very Serious	Smwht Serious	Not so Serious	Not at All	DK/NA
Aug 29, 2019	27	35	20	13	5
Nov 21, 2018	29	40	14	11	5
Aug 23, 2017	28	34	23	11	4
Mar 09, 2017	35	35	19	10	2
Feb 08, 2017	13	36	29	18	3

28. How serious a problem do you think that prejudice against - Muslim people is in the United States today: a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Very serious	44%	15%	72%	43%	37%	51%	44%	39%			
Somewhat serious	29	32	19	38	30	27	27	32			
Not so serious	14	28	3	13	17	12	18	14			
Not at all	9	18	4	4	13	5	8	9			
DK/NA	4	7	2	2	3	5	3	6			

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very serious	58%	44%	38%	41%	33%	50%	41%	54%	50%
Somewhat serious	23	29	33	28	33	27	30	29	25
Not so serious	13	14	15	16	19	14	16	2	14
Not at all	5	9	10	6	13	4	9	9	9
DK/NA	1	3	4	9	3	5	4	7	2

	RELIGION.....				
	Wht	Evang	Prot	Cath	None
Very serious	22%	37%	39%	59%	
Somewhat serious	32	31	34	22	
Not so serious	24	15	17	11	
Not at all	13	11	8	4	
DK/NA	8	6	3	3	

29. How serious a problem do you think that prejudice against - immigrants is in the United States today: a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very serious	51%	20%	82%	51%	42%	61%	48%	48%
Somewhat serious	23	29	12	28	26	20	25	24
Not so serious	13	26	2	12	18	8	15	13
Not at all	9	19	3	6	11	7	10	10
DK/NA	4	5	1	3	3	4	3	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Very serious	61%	51%	46%	50%	35%	59%	48%	68%	59%
Somewhat serious	21	25	26	21	29	20	24	16	21
Not so serious	12	12	15	14	19	9	14	6	13
Not at all	5	8	11	8	13	7	10	6	6
DK/NA	1	4	2	7	3	4	4	4	1

	RELIGION.....			
	Wht Evang	Prot	Cath	None
Very serious	32%	46%	47%	65%
Somewhat serious	26	24	27	18
Not so serious	19	14	13	11
Not at all	17	11	10	4
DK/NA	6	5	3	2

30. How serious a problem do you think that prejudice against - LGBTQ people is in the United States today: a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very serious	31%	7%	52%	30%	24%	36%	28%	25%
Somewhat serious	31	24	32	39	30	32	34	33
Not so serious	17	30	6	15	21	14	19	17
Not at all	14	28	3	12	20	9	14	16
DK/NA	7	10	7	3	5	9	4	9

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Very serious	37%	28%	27%	31%	20%	33%	27%	40%	40%
Somewhat serious	30	33	34	29	31	36	34	31	24
Not so serious	18	18	19	16	22	15	18	9	17
Not at all	10	18	15	10	22	8	15	9	12
DK/NA	5	2	6	14	5	8	7	11	7

	RELIGION.....			
	Wht	Evang	Prot	Cath
Very serious	13%	26%	26%	40%
Somewhat serious	24	29	36	34
Not so serious	25	17	19	14
Not at all	24	14	16	9
DK/NA	14	13	4	4

31. Do you think the United States is doing enough to address climate change, doing too much, or do you think more needs to be done to address climate change?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Doing enough	20%	42%	3%	17%	22%	17%	22%	22%			
Doing too much	8	18	2	6	10	7	10	8			
More to be done	67	32	91	76	64	70	64	62			
DK/NA	5	8	3	2	5	6	4	7			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Doing enough	10%	18%	24%	24%	25%	19%	22%	7%	15%		
Doing too much	4	11	11	6	11	8	9	6	4		
More to be done	82	67	60	62	60	66	63	82	76		
DK/NA	4	4	5	8	4	7	5	6	4		

TREND: Do you think the United States is doing enough to address climate change, doing too much, or do you think more needs to be done to address climate change?

	Doing Enough	Doing TooMuch	MoreTo BeDone	DK/NA
Aug 29, 2019	20	8	67	5
Aug 15, 2018	18	10	64	7
Mar 22, 2018	22	10	63	5
Sep 28, 2017	21	12	63	5
Aug 16, 2017	19	13	64	4
Jun 07, 2017	19	12	65	4
Apr 05, 2017	18	18	59	5
Mar 24, 2017	19	17	59	4
Mar 08, 2017	18	19	59	4
Feb 08, 2017	17	18	59	5

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32. Do you think that climate change is an emergency, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Yes/Emergency	56%	18%	84%	63%	52%	61%	56%	53%			
No	42	81	14	36	47	38	42	46			
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Yes/Emergency	74%	54%	49%	52%	47%	61%	55%	53%	67%		
No	24	45	50	45	52	37	44	44	29		
DK/NA	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	4		

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....				
							COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Support	60%	30%	89%	61%	53%	66%	64%	51%			
Oppose	34	62	9	33	43	26	31	42			
DK/NA	6	8	2	6	4	8	5	6			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	56%	60%	60%	64%	49%	66%	58%	74%	61%		
Oppose	34	36	35	29	47	27	37	24	26		
DK/NA	9	5	5	6	4	8	6	2	12		
	GUN.....		DENSITY.....								
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural						
Support	48%	45%	65%	65%	47%						
Oppose	46	50	29	30	46						
DK/NA	5	5	6	5	6						

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

	Sup	Opp	DK/NA
Aug 29, 2019	60	34	6
May 22, 2019	61	34	5
Mar 06, 2019	60	35	5
Jan 14, 2019	56	40	4
Nov 21, 2018	58	36	6
Apr 11, 2018	56	39	4
Mar 06, 2018	63	32	5
Feb 20, 2018	66	31	4
Dec 20, 2017	59	36	5
Nov 15, 2017	60	36	3

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....				
							Yes	No			
Support	93%	89%	97%	94%	92%	95%	94%	96%			
Oppose	6	11	2	5	7	5	6	4			
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	93%	93%	93%	95%	93%	96%	95%	91%	92%		
Oppose	6	6	7	4	7	3	5	8	7		
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	1		
	GUN.....		DENSITY.....								
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural						
Support	94%	93%	93%	96%	91%						
Oppose	5	7	6	4	8						
DK/NA	-	-	1	-	-						

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

	Sup	Opp	DK/NA
Aug 29, 2019	93	6	1
May 22, 2019	94	4	2
Mar 06, 2019	93	6	1
Jan 14, 2019	92	6	1
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

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....				
							Yes	No			
Support	60%	37%	85%	60%	47%	72%	61%	58%			
Oppose	36	59	13	37	48	25	36	38			
DK/NA	4	4	2	3	5	4	3	4			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	48%	54%	63%	74%	45%	73%	59%	70%	53%		
Oppose	46	42	35	21	51	24	37	27	36		
DK/NA	6	4	2	6	4	3	4	3	11		
	GUN.....		DENSITY.....								
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural						
Support	49%	41%	63%	62%	51%						
Oppose	46	54	32	34	44						
DK/NA	5	6	4	3	5						

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

	Sup	Opp	DK/NA
Aug 29, 2019	60	36	4
May 22, 2019	63	33	4
Mar 06, 2018	61	35	4
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

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36. Do you support or oppose a mandatory buyback of assault weapons, which would mean that people who own assault weapons would be required to turn them in and be compensated with money?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Support	46%	18%	71%	47%	36%	54%	42%	41%			
Oppose	49	77	23	49	61	39	51	55			
DK/NA	5	5	5	4	3	7	7	4			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	39%	42%	50%	51%	31%	51%	41%	66%	53%		
Oppose	57	53	46	39	66	41	53	31	43		
DK/NA	4	5	4	9	3	8	6	3	4		
	GUN.....		DENSITY.....								
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural						
Support	31%	26%	52%	46%	34%						
Oppose	65	69	41	50	60						
DK/NA	4	5	6	4	5						

37. Do you support or oppose allowing the police or family members to petition a judge to remove guns from a person that may be at risk for violent behavior?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Support	80%	72%	89%	79%	76%	83%	82%	81%			
Oppose	15	25	6	14	20	11	13	15			
DK/NA	5	3	4	7	4	6	4	4			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	77%	74%	84%	86%	77%	86%	81%	81%	78%		
Oppose	18	19	13	9	20	9	14	17	14		
DK/NA	6	6	3	6	4	5	4	3	7		
	GUN.....		DENSITY.....								
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural						
Support	79%	74%	79%	82%	78%						
Oppose	17	21	15	12	18						
DK/NA	4	5	6	5	4						

TREND: Do you support or oppose allowing the police or family members to petition a judge to remove guns from a person that may be at risk for violent behavior?

	Sup	Opp	DK/NA
Aug 29, 2019	80	15	5
Mar 06, 2018	89	8	3

38. Do you support or oppose requiring individuals to obtain a license before being able to purchase a gun?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....				
							Yes	No			
Support	82%	69%	95%	81%	74%	89%	80%	81%			
Oppose	16	28	3	17	24	8	17	17			
DK/NA	2	3	1	1	2	3	3	2			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	84%	81%	80%	85%	70%	90%	80%	93%	88%		
Oppose	15	15	19	12	28	6	17	7	11		
DK/NA	1	4	1	3	2	3	3	-	1		
	GUN.....		DENSITY.....								
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural						
Support	77%	72%	85%	85%	75%						
Oppose	21	25	13	13	23						
DK/NA	2	3	3	2	2						

TREND: Do you support or oppose requiring individuals to obtain a license before being able to purchase a gun?

	Sup	Opp	DK/NA
Aug 29, 2019	82	16	2
May 22, 2019	77	19	4

39. 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	21%	40%	4%	19%	27%	15%	21%	25%
Do more	72	50	93	75	65	79	72	68
DK/NA	7	10	4	6	8	6	7	7

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Doing enough	21%	22%	24%	16%	30%	17%	23%	12%	17%
Do more	74	72	72	72	63	77	70	84	76
DK/NA	5	6	4	12	7	6	7	4	8

	GUN.....		DENSITY.....		
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural
Doing enough	28%	33%	17%	18%	31%
Do more	64	59	77	76	61
DK/NA	8	9	6	6	8

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
Aug 29, 2019	21	72	7
Mar 22, 2018	25	68	8
Feb 20, 2018	17	75	8
Dec 20, 2017	25	67	8
Nov 15, 2017	23	69	9
Oct 12, 2017	24	68	8

40. Which do you think is a bigger cause of mass shootings: the availability of guns, or mental illness?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Gun availability	37%	8%	66%	39%	31%	44%	38%	30%
Mental illness	54	85	25	53	61	48	54	63
DK/NA	9	7	9	7	9	8	8	8

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Gun availability	35%	30%	40%	44%	25%	42%	34%	61%	39%
Mental illness	55	61	54	46	67	50	58	30	54
DK/NA	10	9	6	10	8	8	8	10	7

	GUN.....		DENSITY.....		
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural
Gun availability	24%	21%	40%	43%	27%
Mental illness	68	72	49	50	66
DK/NA	8	7	11	7	7

41. Do you think that stricter gun laws would help to decrease the number of mass shootings in the United States, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....				
							COLLEGE DEG		Yes	No	
Yes/Help decrease	54%	21%	85%	56%	46%	61%	57%	44%			
No	43	75	14	41	53	34	41	52			
DK/NA	3	4	1	3	2	5	2	4			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Yes/Help decrease	58%	49%	53%	56%	41%	59%	51%	75%	59%		
No	38	49	46	39	57	36	46	24	40		
DK/NA	4	2	1	4	1	5	3	1	1		
	GUN.....		DENSITY.....								
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb	Rural						
Yes/Help decrease	39%	36%	59%	60%	40%						
No	59	63	39	37	56						
DK/NA	2	1	3	3	4						

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....				
							COLLEGE DEG		Yes	No	
Yes/Worry	41%	24%	58%	37%	31%	51%	35%	39%			
No	58	75	41	62	69	49	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	44%	49%	35%	37%	27%	47%	37%	60%	51%		
No	54	51	64	62	73	52	62	39	47		
DK/NA	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	2		

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

	Yes/ Worry	No	DK/NA
Aug 29, 2019	41	58	1
Nov 21, 2018	41	57	2
Feb 20, 2018	45	55	1
Dec 20, 2017	37	62	1
Nov 15, 2017	40	60	-

43. Do you think that President Trump's language and behavior have played a role in motivating white supremacists to commit violence, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Yes/Played a role	56%	14%	90%	61%	49%	62%	55%	44%			
No	40	82	8	36	48	34	43	52			
DK/NA	4	5	3	3	4	4	3	4			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Yes/Played a role	62%	57%	52%	53%	42%	57%	50%	80%	68%		
No	31	41	45	42	56	39	47	13	29		
DK/NA	7	2	3	4	2	4	3	7	3		