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Reuters/Ipsos Poll: Guns Regulations and Mass Shootings

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between August 7, 2019 and August 8, 2019 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this survey, a sample of 1,116 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii were interviewed online in English. The sample includes 951 registered voters, 470 Democratic registered voters, 372 Republican registered voters, and 75 Independent registered voters. Weighting was then employed to balance demographics to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within ± 2.4 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all Americans been polled. The credibility interval will be wider among subsets of the population. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error. The poll also has a credibility interval plus or minus 3.3 percentage points for registered voters, plus or minus 3.6 percentage points for Democratic registered voters, plus or minus 5.2 percentage points for Republican registered voters, plus or minus 12.9 percentage points for Independent registered voters

For full results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire.



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		All Americans	All Registered Voters	Democratic Registered Voters	Republican Registered Voters	Independent Registered Voters
With which political party do you most identify? Specific Party Identification	Strong Democrat	17%	18%	41%	0%	0%
	Moderate Democrat	20%	20%	45%	0%	0%
	Lean Democratic	7%	6%	15%	0%	0%
	Lean Republican	8%	7%	0%	18%	0%
	Moderate Republican	13%	14%	0%	33%	0%
	Strong Republican	18%	20%	0%	49%	0%
	Independent	12%	11%	0%	0%	100%
	Other/Don't know/Refused	6%	3%	0%	0%	0%
	Total	1116	951	470	372	75
With which political party do you most identify? Summary	Democrat	43%	44%	100%	0%	0%
	Republican	39%	42%	0%	100%	0%
	Independent	12%	11%	0%	0%	100%
	Other/Don't know/Refused	6%	3%	0%	0%	0%
	Total	1116	951	470	372	75
Are you currently registered to vote, or not? (Select one)	Yes	82%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	No	16%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Don't know / Refused	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Total	1116	951	470	372	75



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In your view, which of the following pose the biggest threat to the safety of average Americans?	Foreign terrorism (committed by non-Americans on American soil)	16%	17%	7%	29%	10%
	Politically or religiously-motivated domestic terrorism (committed by Americans on American soil)	25%	26%	28%	22%	32%
	Random acts of violence such as mass shootings (committed by Americans on American soil)	59%	57%	65%	49%	59%
Do you favor or oppose the following? Banning people with a history of mental illness from buying guns	Strongly favor	67%	69%	78%	64%	63%
	Somewhat favor	22%	21%	15%	24%	30%
	Somewhat oppose	6%	6%	4%	8%	7%
	Strongly oppose	5%	4%	3%	4%	1%
Do you favor or oppose the following? Tracking gun sales through a federal database	Strongly favor	56%	59%	74%	46%	52%
	Somewhat favor	24%	22%	15%	27%	27%
	Somewhat oppose	11%	10%	6%	12%	13%
	Strongly oppose	10%	10%	5%	15%	7%



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Do you favor or oppose the following? Banning semi-automatic weapons	Strongly favor	49%	51%	69%	34%	50%
	Somewhat favor	21%	20%	18%	22%	21%
	Somewhat oppose	14%	14%	7%	20%	15%
	Strongly oppose	15%	15%	6%	24%	14%
Do you favor or oppose the following? Banning high-capacity ammunition clips	Strongly favor	54%	56%	73%	39%	56%
	Somewhat favor	20%	19%	15%	25%	15%
	Somewhat oppose	15%	14%	7%	19%	21%
	Strongly oppose	11%	10%	4%	18%	8%
Do you favor or oppose the following? Banning online sales of ammunition	Strongly favor	45%	47%	64%	34%	34%
	Somewhat favor	24%	23%	23%	22%	30%
	Somewhat oppose	17%	17%	8%	23%	26%
	Strongly oppose	14%	13%	5%	22%	10%
Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling gun control?	Strongly approve	22%	25%	7%	49%	10%
	Somewhat approve	17%	16%	7%	26%	18%
	Somewhat disapprove	11%	11%	14%	8%	8%
	Strongly disapprove	37%	38%	67%	6%	42%
	Don't know	13%	9%	5%	10%	21%



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In your opinion, what are the top three causes of mass shootings in the United States? (Select up to three responses.)	Easy access to firearms	45%	48%	66%	30%	52%
	Unaddressed mental health condition	55%	56%	46%	67%	56%
	Video games	16%	17%	9%	28%	14%
	Social media / Internet influence	29%	29%	21%	41%	18%
	Government inaction	20%	20%	31%	9%	17%
	Racism / Bigotry	49%	48%	63%	27%	62%
	Copycat mentality / inspired by other shootings	44%	45%	35%	54%	48%
	Other	6%	6%	2%	8%	12%
	Don't know	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%



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		All Americans	All Registered Voters	Democratic Registered Voters	Republican Registered Voters	Independent Registered Voters
When thinking about gun ownership rights and gun laws, which of the following comes closest to your personal opinion?	Gun ownership should have strong regulations or restrictions	50%	51%	70%	35%	39%
	Gun ownership should have moderate regulations or restrictions	19%	19%	16%	20%	28%
	Gun ownership should have basic regulations or restrictions	17%	17%	7%	28%	22%
	Gun ownership should have no or very few restrictions	7%	8%	3%	14%	5%
	Unsure	7%	4%	4%	3%	6%
In your opinion, how likely is it that there will be another mass shooting in the United States in the next 3 months?	Highly likely	49%	52%	63%	39%	54%
	Somewhat likely	29%	28%	21%	35%	26%
	Somewhat unlikely	6%	5%	2%	8%	6%
	Extremely unlikely	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%
	Don't know	13%	12%	10%	14%	11%
In your opinion, does the way people talk about immigration encourage acts of violence?	Yes	50%	52%	70%	36%	46%
	No	30%	30%	17%	46%	24%
	Don't know	20%	18%	13%	18%	29%



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