

**PRRI/RNS August 2012 Survey**  
**August 8 – 12, 2012**  
**N = 1,006**

Q.1 Now, I'd like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today. All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose [INSERT FIRST TIME; RANDOMIZE]? What about [NEXT ITEM]?

**REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose?

a. Passing stricter gun control laws

30	Strongly favor
22	Favor
21	Oppose
23	Strongly oppose
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Stricter enforcement of existing gun control laws

37	Strongly favor
30	Favor
15	Oppose
16	Strongly oppose
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Loosening current gun control laws

12	Strongly favor
14	Favor
33	Oppose
36	Strongly oppose
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.2 Do you think laws about gun control are something that should be decided at the national level or is it something that each state should decide for itself?

46	National level
51	State level
2	Both/Neither (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.3 In general, do you think people should be allowed or not allowed to carry concealed guns in **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[INSERT]**?

a. A church or place of worship

20	Yes, should
76	No, should not
2	Depends (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. A government building

22	Yes, should
73	No, should not
3	Depends (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. A college campus

21	Yes, should
77	No, should not
1	Depends (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.4 Now, please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely DISagree with the following statement. The constitutional right to own and carry a gun is as important as other constitutional rights, such as freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

43	Completely agree
25	Mostly agree
15	Mostly disagree
15	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.5 What do you think is the most important thing that could be done to prevent mass shootings from occurring in the United States? **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

27	Stricter gun control laws and enforcement
22	Better mental health screening and support
14	Stricter security measures for public gatherings
11	Allow more private citizens to carry guns for protection
20	Put more emphasis on God and morality in school and society
3	Other (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.6 Do you or does anyone in your home own a gun? (If yes, ask:) Is that you, or someone in your household or both you and someone else?

18	Yes, Self
13	Yes, someone in household
11	Yes, both you and someone else in your household
56	No
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) RDD telephone interviews conducted between August 8, 2012 and August 12, 2012 by professional interviewers under the direction of Social Science Research Solutions (SSRS). Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 1,006 adults 18 years of age or older in the continental United States (304 respondents were interviewed on a cell phone).

The final sample was weighted to five different parameters—age, sex, geographic region, education and telephone usage<sup>1</sup>—to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the total adult population.

The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.5 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context and order effects.

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<sup>1</sup> Telephone usage refers to whether respondents have only a landline telephone, only a cell phone or both types and the frequency with which they use each type.