

**PRRI January 2013 Survey**  
**January 16 – 20, 2013**  
**N = 1,033**

Q.1 How often do you watch college or professional sports?

22	More than once a week
19	Once a week
11	Once or twice a month
11	A few times a year
13	Seldom
24	Never
*	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF WATCH SPORTS AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR (Q1=1-4), ASK [N=643]:**

Q.2 What sport would you say you watch or follow MOST closely? **[DO NOT READ]**

48	NFL or professional football
11	NBA or professional basketball
2	NHL or professional hockey
7	MLB or major league baseball
2	NASCAR
2	MLS or major league soccer
12	College football
6	College basketball
1	Tennis
1	Golf
2	European soccer
*	Other college sport
4	Other professional sport
3	Don't know
100	Total

Q.3 Do you consider yourself a fan of any particular sports teams?

62	Yes
37	No
*	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF SPORTS FAN (Q3=1), ASK [N=635]:**

Q.4 What sports team do you identify with MOST closely? [IF R IS A FAN OF MULTIPLE TEAMS ASK WHICH ONE R IDENTIFIES WITH MOST CLOSELY; IF R NAMES A CITY ONLY, ASK R TO SPECIFY ACTUAL TEAM NAME]

53	NFL team
16	MLB team
14	College Football team
6	College Basketball team
4	Soccer team
3	NHL Team
2	Multiple teams
1	Other sports team
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

**IF SPORTS FAN (Q3=1), ASK [N=635]:**

Q.5 How important is being a fan of this team in your life? Is it...?

1	The most important thing
14	Very important
42	Somewhat important
31	Not too important
12	Not at all important
*	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

Q.6 On any given Sunday, are you more likely to be in church, more likely to be watching football, doing both or doing neither?

26	To be in church
17	To be watching football
21	Doing both
36	Doing neither
*	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.7 How likely are you to watch the Super bowl this year? Are you...? **[READ LIST]**

44	Very likely
22	Somewhat likely
11	Not too likely
23	Not at all likely
<u>1</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.8 Now, please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree with the following statements. First... **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**. Next...

**READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree?

a. God rewards athletes who have faith with good health and success

24	Completely agree
29	Mostly agree
17	Mostly disagree
25	Completely disagree
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. God plays a role in determining which team wins a sporting event

12	Completely agree
15	Mostly agree
21	Mostly disagree
49	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Public high schools should be allowed to sponsor prayer before football games

49	Completely agree
27	Mostly agree
10	Mostly disagree
11	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.9 Do you think football has replaced baseball as America's national sport, or not?

55	Yes
36	No
*	No national sport in America (VOL.)
<u>9</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.10 Some athletes express their faith publicly by thanking God during or after a sporting event. Do you generally approve when athletes do this, do you disapprove or does it not matter to you?

50	Approve
4	Disapprove
45	Doesn't matter
<u>1</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.11 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

36	Strongly favor
24	Favor
14	Oppose
23	Strongly oppose
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Stricter enforcement of existing gun control laws

45	Strongly favor
27	Favor
12	Oppose
13	Strongly oppose
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## c. Loosening current gun control laws

10	Strongly favor
13	Favor
32	Oppose
39	Strongly oppose
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.12 All in all, would you say your overall opinion of the NRA or National Rifle Association is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very Unfavorable?

18	Very favorable
39	Mostly favorable
17	Mostly unfavorable
19	Very unfavorable
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.13 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]**

25	Stricter gun control laws and enforcement
30	Better mental health screening and support
11	Stricter security measures for public gatherings
9	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>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.14 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?

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

Turning to a different subject...

Q.15 As I read a couple of terms please tell me how well the following describe you. First, **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**. Would you say this describes you very well, somewhat well, not too well or not at all well? Next... **[INSERT NEXT]**?

a. Pro-life

41	Very well
30	Somewhat well
10	Not too well
13	Not at all well
<u>6</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Pro-choice

39	Very well
29	Somewhat well
9	Not too well
18	Not at all well
<u>6</u>	Don't know (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 January 16, 2013 and January 20, 2013 by professional interviewers under the direction of Social Science Research Solutions (SSRS). Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 1,033 adults 18 years of age or older in the continental United States (415 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.