

Talk Business Poll
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Poll of Arkansas Voters
623 Respondents (landline and cell phones)
Margin of Error +/- 3.9%

Q1. In general, do you think laws covering the sale of guns should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

36% More Strict
19% Less Strict
39% Kept as They Are
6% Don't Know

Q2. Which is more important: protecting the constitutional right of citizens to own guns or protecting citizens from gun violence?

56% Protecting the Right to Own Guns
37% Protecting Citizens from Gun Violence
7% Don't Know

Q3. Would you support a law requiring a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons or oppose such a law?

41% Favor
49% Oppose
10% Don't Know

Q4. Suppose more Americans were allowed to carry concealed weapons if they passed a criminal background check and training course. If more Americans carried concealed weapons, would the United States be safer or less safe?

58% More Safe
29% Less Safe
13% Don't Know

Q5. Do you favor or oppose allowing more teachers and school officials to carry guns in schools?

55% Favor
38% Oppose
7% Don't Know

Q6. Would better mental health screening and treatment help a lot, some, not much, or not at all in preventing gun violence?

47.5% A Lot
25.5% Some
15% Not Much
8% Not At All
4% Don't Know

Q7. As you may know, debate is ongoing regarding whether Arkansas's gun laws allow individuals to openly carry handguns in most situations. Would seeing someone openly carrying a handgun make you feel more or less safe?

38% More Safe
44% Less Safe
18% Don't Know

Q8. Earlier this year, Barack Obama announced an executive action that, among other things, seeks to expand background checks for some firearms and strengthen federal enforcement of the nation's current gun laws, particularly in online sales. Do you favor or oppose this action?

49% Favor
40% Oppose
11% Don't Know

Q9. Is your overall opinion of the National Rifle Association, also known as the NRA, very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

36% Very Favorable
31% Mostly Favorable
11% Mostly Unfavorable
15.5% Very Unfavorable
6.5% Don't Know

DEMOGRAPHICS

Notes on Raw Data/Weighting:

Q10. Do you or does anyone in your household own a gun?

59% Yes
27% No
14% I would prefer not to say

Age (weighted according to 2014 statewide vote)

12% Under the age of 30
24% Between the ages of 30 and 44
39% Between the ages of 45 and 64
24% 65 or older

Ethnicity

13.5% African American
1% Asian American
79% Caucasian or White
1.5% Latino
5% Other

Gender

46% Male
54% Female