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Introduction

While media attention focuses on proposals to regulate firearms at the national level, most laws relating to guns exist at the state level and most legislative initiatives in recent years have also been in state capitals rather than in Washington, DC (Bruce and Wilcox, 1998). Among the policies that have recently been debated in many state legislatures are shall-issue, concealed-carry laws, child access prevention acts, other dealer and owner liability statues, and various other measures. Just as the media have focused on national legislation, so polls have concentrated on national public opinion. While the country's general public opinion is important to understand, such national information may be of limited utility in understanding citizen preferences in particular states and in regards to specific legislation and referendums in those states. To address this need, this report examines several valuable sources of information about attitudes towards and experiences with firearms at the state and regional level.

Data

Information on attitudes towards and experience with firearms at the state and/or regional level comes from three sources. First, the archives of the National Network of State Polls (NNSP) at the University of North Carolina were searched. These polls are

general, telephone surveys of adults in a given state. This source had 202 questions about firearms from polls in 16 states between 1979 and 1996 (See Table 1). The collection included a number of trends, but since each item was asked as part of independently-designed surveys covering a single state, there is very little strictly comparable figures across states. Appendix 1 fully lists these questions organized by state and from earliest to latest within state. In addition, Appendix 1 includes a subject index.

Second, the three National Gun Policy Surveys (NGPSs) for 1996-1998, conducted by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago and funded by the Joyce Foundation, have 20 items on firearms. The NGPSs are RDD surveys of adults in the United States (Smith, 1997; 1998; 1999). These items can be compared across the nine Census regions (New England, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, East North Central, West North Central, East South Central, West South Central, Mountain, and Pacific) and for four of the largest states (California, New York, Texas, and Pennsylvania). Since the three NGPSs had to be pooled together to examine regions and states, there are no time series.

Third, the General Social Surveys (GSSs) of the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago have two items on firearms. The GSSs are full-probability, in-person interviews of adults in the United States (Davis, Smith, and Marsden, 1999). The two firearm items can be aggregated by Census region and up to 21 states by decade, so results from the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s can be compared.
Results

Level of Support

Consistent with the findings of national polls (Adams, 1996; Blendon, et al., 1996; Kleck, 1991 and 1997; Smith, 1980, 1997 1998, 1999, Stinchcombe, et al., 1980; and Vernick, et al., 1993), virtually all measures to regulate firearms and promote gun safety are backed by majorities in all regions and states. On the 108 questions on regulating firearms covering an extremely varied set of policies, majorities endorsed gun control on 98 questions and pluralities did so on 3 questions, while pluralities were opposed on 1 question and on 6 questions the majority opposed the proposed measure to regulate firearms. Some of the variation in support levels comes from differences in the year in which the item was asked (see Trends below) or in the state covered (see State/Regional Comparisons below), but most comes from the substance and wording of the questions.

In terms of content, Table 2 groups attitudes toward firearms into 13 general topics. They are arranged from those garnering the greatest support (A. Waiting Periods to Buy) to those with the least support (M. Handgun Sales, Ban). The range of percentages shows the lowest to highest level of support for gun-control measures in each topic and the number in parentheses indicates how many state-level readings there are for each topic. Given that these figures usually come from different questions and several
different states, there is often a fair degree of similarity in the levels of support. About three quarters or more of the public back measures to require waiting periods to buy firearms, bans on mail orders of handguns, and the registration of guns. Majorities back all items asking about mail order bans on guns, general gun-control measures, registering handguns, licensing only those with a definite need for a handgun, requiring a license / police permit before a gun could be purchased, and a ban on assault weapons. A plurality or majority opposes making it easier to get a permit to carry concealed weapons. Support for general handgun control measures, bans on the ownership of handguns, and bans on the sale of handguns range from majorities in favor to majorities against. In general, the more general and restrictive, the less support there is for the gun-control measure.

In terms of wording, the particular formulations of questions are also important. A few examples will illustrate. First, support for one measure to ban the sale of handguns (1RI) is especially low (20%) because its does not present a simple choice between banning handguns or doing nothing, but presents the alternative option of licensing buyers before they can buy a handgun, which was endorsed by 75%. Second, the general gun-control measure showing the least support for stricter laws (58% - 6NJ) does so in large part because "don't you know anything about the current guns laws" is an explicit response that 13% select. For other questions there were not any kind of an explicit DK response or DKS were omitted

2Questions in Appendix 1 are designated by a state code (e.g. RI=Rhode Island) and preceded by a number. Thus, 1RI is the first listed item under Rhode Island.
from the reported results. Third, the general gun-control measure with the most support for more regulation (90.5% - 60CA), is about making it easier to obtain a permit to buy a gun, so that the pro-control response opposing this measure is just an endorsement of the status quo.

Majority support is also found about the impact of guns and gun control on safety, crime, and violence (Table 3). On nine questions asking whether particular gun measures would reduce crime or violence and/or increase safety, majorities expected improvements in all but one instance (28CA) where 45% thought handgun registration would reduce the number of gun-related crimes. On 14 items dealing with whether either carrying or having a gun at home reduces victimization, makes people feel safer, or otherwise improves safety, majorities of 56-79% reject the idea that guns promote such favorable results.

In sum, while the individual focus and phrasing of questions leads to differences in the level of support for gun-control measures, majorities and often substantial majorities endorse more than 9 out of 10 of the regulations described. Only on banning the sale and/or ownership of handguns do half of the state polls show majorities opposed to the proposed policy. Likewise, majorities consistently favor the idea that gun-control measures will increase safety and/or reduce crime and that possessing guns will not reduce crime or promote security.
Trends

Gun control is a much discussed issue that has been frequently debated at the state and national levels since the 1960s. As such, public opinion on gun control tends to be mature and not subject to large fluctuations or shifts. From the NNSP data there are nine time trends regarding the regulation of firearms covering two+ years from three different states (California, Kentucky, and North Carolina). As Table 4A shows, four trends indicate no change in support, one has a variable, up-and-down pattern with no net change, and two reveal gains and two losses in support. The GSS police-permit item shows a similar pattern from the 1970s to the 1980s with support unchanged in seven states, up in five states, and down in two states (Table 4B). However, from the 1980s to the 1990s there were more widespread gains for police permits with no change in four states and more support in 11 states. From the 1970s to the 1990s support grew in three states during both periods, in five states in one period with no information for the other period, and in three states was unchanged from the 1970s to the 1980s and then rose from the 1980s to the 1990s. Four states showed no change in both periods. (But one, Ohio, showed a gain in support when the 1970s and 1990s were then directly compared.) Two states initially had a drop in support, but saw a gain from the 1980s to the 1990s.

In sum, state-level support for the regulation of firearms tends to be stable. Among the generally small changes, one sees more gains in support for gun control than declines and the pattern of moderate gains is particularly strong on the police-permit item.
from the 1980s to the 1990s. These gains are consistent with data on national trends (Smith, 1997, 1998, 1999).

State/Regional Comparisons

Gun use and attitudes towards guns differ across regions and states. In general, in areas where hunting is popular and gun ownership is more widespread, there is less support for policies to regulate firearms. The GSS and NGPS data both show large, regional differences in the possession of guns. According to the GSSs from the 1990s, gun ownership ranged from a low of 29% in New England to a high of 60% in the East South Central region (Table 5). While still quite large, this regional gap is smaller than it used to be. In the 1970s gun ownership ran from 24% in New England to 72% in the East South Central region. The NGPS shows similar patterns. The percent ever having purchased a handgun was 12-13% in New England and the Mid-Atlantic and 26-30% in the five southern and western regions (Table 7). State differences in gun use and ownership are very consistent with the regional patterns. On the GSS in the 1990s, of the 17 states with separate readings, New Jersey, New York, and Massachusetts had the lowest gun ownership levels (16-22%) and Tennessee and North Carolina had the highest (55-59%).

Attitudes generally follow the same pattern as the gun experiences do. In the 1990s, across 16 questions in the GSS and NGPS there were small regional differences (i.e. gap between most and least pro-gun control regions of 10 percentage points or less) for three items, moderate regional variation (11-20 percentage
points) for eight items, and large regional gaps (greater than 20 percentage points) for five items. Looking at how the regions rank on these attitudes towards guns (where a 1 indicates the region least in favor of controls or most pro-gun and 9 the region that is most in favor of control or least pro-gun) shows some overall patterns. Most for control are the Mid-Atlantic and New England (average ranks of 8.2 and 7.6 respectively) and least for control are the Mountain (2.8) and East South Central (3.0) regions. The Pacific, West South Central, South Atlantic, and two Midwest regions fall in the middle. However, there are some notable exceptions to this general alignment of regions on particular items. For example, New England is typically highest or next to highest in support of gun-control measures, but is less supportive of denying the right of those convicted of driving under the influence to buy a gun than are those in most regions. Conversely, the generally more pro-gun East South Central region is actually the region most in favor of the mandatory registration of handguns. These exceptions may result from unique circumstances in particular states, including how the public discussion of the policy has been reported in the media. Thus, while regions have general tendencies towards guns, there are important exceptions when it comes to assessing specific measures.

The regional differences are greatest for questions dealing with safety, concealed carrying, and restricting criminal access to firearms. Regarding whether guns make homes less safe, 25% in the East South Central think so compared to 64% in New England (gap=39 percentage points). Restricting concealed-carry permits is favored
by 38% in the East South Central and 69% in the Mid-Atlantic (31 percentage points). Keeping handguns from criminals even if it hampers law-abiding citizens is backed by 53% in the Mountain region and 84% in New England (31 percentage points). Regional differences are smallest for items on mandatory handgun registration (10 percentage points), regulating the safety design of guns (9 percentage points), and childproofing (9 percentage points).

State differences are almost always consistent with the regional variation. On the GSS police-permit item in the 1990s, approval ranged from 73% in the West South Central to 89% in New England. State differences ranged from 73% in Texas to 96% in Massachusetts. For the four states that can be examined on the 15 NGPS items, Texas and California are the most pro-gun, with average ranks of 1.8 and 1.9 respectively, then comes Pennsylvania with an average rank of 2.6, and finally New York with an average rank of 3.8. Also, as with the regional comparisons, there are a few exceptions to the general pattern of state-level differences. Texas, for example, is more likely than the three states to support denying guns to those convicted of DUI. As above, this indicates that a specific issue may get more or less support than would normally be anticipated because of special circumstances that prevail in the state.

Summary

The hundreds of available results from state surveys and
national surveys disaggregated to regional and state levels over the last 25 years presents a portrait of public experiences and attitudes towards guns that is consistent with, but more detailed and nuanced than, that portrayed by the national polls. Majorities in all states and periods support almost all gun-control measures except those calling for banning the sales and/or ownership of handguns. Most attitudes towards guns have changed only a little, although there has been increased support in most states for gun-control measures, especially in the 1990s. Finally, support for gun control is lowest in states and regions where recreational gun use and ownership are highest. Most gun-control items follow this general pattern, but there are several cases in which states and regions with a general pro- or anti- gun-control stance take an atypical pattern on particular policies.
Table 1

**Question Distribution by State and Year**

Total number of questions: 202
Questions per state: Questions per year:

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Table 2
Summary of Levels of Support for the Regulation of Firearms

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<tr>
<td>A. Waiting Periods to Buy</td>
<td>82-93% (7)</td>
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<tr>
<td>B. Mail Order Handguns, Ban</td>
<td>72-86% (3)</td>
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<tr>
<td>C. Register Guns</td>
<td>72-87% (8)</td>
<td>65-76% (4)</td>
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<tr>
<td>D. Mail Order Guns, Ban</td>
<td>62-67% (5)</td>
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<tr>
<td>E. General Gun Control</td>
<td>58-90.5% (8)</td>
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<tr>
<td>F. Register Handguns</td>
<td>58-80% (4)</td>
<td>81-84% (4)</td>
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<tr>
<td>G. License Only if &quot;Definite Need&quot;</td>
<td>56-69% (5)</td>
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<tr>
<td>H. License / Police Permit to Buy</td>
<td>54-80% (6)</td>
<td>73-90% (18)</td>
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<tr>
<td>I. Assault Weapons Ban</td>
<td>50-79% (7)</td>
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<td>J. Conceal Carry, Limit</td>
<td>49-73% (4)</td>
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<td>K. General Handgun Control</td>
<td>44-81% (11)</td>
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<tr>
<td>L. Handgun Ownership, Ban</td>
<td>33-54% (5)</td>
<td>31-59% (4)</td>
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<td>M. Handgun Sales, Ban</td>
<td>20-76% (5)</td>
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Source: NNSP: Appendix 1, A - 1AZ, 5CA, 2FL, 2GA, 4NE, 8NJ, 2WI; B - 15, 22, 32CA; C - 2, 11, 16, 20, 30, 47, 58, 73CA; D - 1, 10, 46, 57, 72CA; E - 2AL, 53, 60, 71, 75CA, 9GA, 6NJ, 32NC; F - 1, 2, 4NC; G - 1MS; H - 7GA, 5KY, 4, 25, 27, 28NC; I - 4AL, 3GA, 4KY, 2NE, 12NJ, 30NC, 2RI; J - 3IL, 45, 46NC, 5TX; K - 19, 25, 36, 39, 45CA, 1FL, 1-3KY, 2MS, 40NC; L - 37CA, 19NJ, 1, 4, 5WI; M - 24CA, 8GA, 1, 3RI, 3WI

NGPS: Table 6, 8
Table 3
Summary of Evaluations about Safety, Crime, and Violence

A. Impact of More/Stricter Gun-Control Measures 45-74% (9)

B. Impact of More Guns

| More Concealed Carry = More Trouble, Less Safe | 56-70% (2) |
| Guns at Homes = Not Less Victimized, Not Feel Safer | 60-73% (6) |
| Carry a Gun = Not Less Victimized, Not Feel Safer | 70-79% (6) |

Source: Appendix 1, A - 18CA, 28CA, 70CA, 1GA, 2IL, 1NE, 3NE, 31NC, 1TN
B - 49-52, 62-69CA, 5IL, 9NJ
Table 4

Trends in Support for Gun Control

A. NNSP

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<td>1. Ban Mail Order Gun Sales</td>
<td>62-72%</td>
<td>1979-94</td>
<td>CA</td>
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<td>2. Easier to Carry Guns Openly, Against</td>
<td>76-82%</td>
<td>1987-94</td>
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<td>3. Easier to Get Permit, Against</td>
<td>87-90.5%</td>
<td>1987-94</td>
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<td>4. Feel Safer Going Places with Gun, No</td>
<td>70-72%</td>
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<td>5. Feel Safer at Home with Gun, No</td>
<td>60-62%</td>
<td>1987-94</td>
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<td>6. Police Permit to Buy Gun</td>
<td>79-80%</td>
<td>1983-92</td>
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<td>7. License Handgun Only If Definite Need</td>
<td>56-68%</td>
<td>1980-94</td>
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<td>8. Register to Buy Guns</td>
<td>77-87%</td>
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<td>9. Stricter Handgun Sales</td>
<td>50-64%</td>
<td>1980-89</td>
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Source: See Appendix 1: 1,2,10-12,15-17,46-48,50,52-54,57-61,63,65,67,69,72-76CA,1-3KY,4,25,27,28NC

B. GSS - Police Permit to Buy Gun

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Source: See Table 6
Table 5
GSS Data: Gun Behavior

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Percent Owning Gun* (Number of Respondents) by Region
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GSS Data: Gun Behavior

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*Question Wording: "Do you happen to have in your home (IF HOUSE: or garage) any guns or revolvers?"
Table 6
GSS Data: Gun Attitudes

Percent in Favor of Police Permit to Buy Gun* (Number of Respondents)

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*Question Wording: "Would you favor or oppose a law which would require a person to obtain a police permit before he or she could buy a gun?"
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*Question Wording: "For each of the following statements, please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree? The government should do everything it can to keep handguns out of the hands of criminals, even if it means that it will be harder for law-abiding citizens to purchase guns." Percent indicates those responding "strongly agree" or "agree."

^Question Wording: "Do you think that a gun makes a home much safer, safer, less safe, or much less safe?" Percent indicates those responding "less safe" or "much less safe."
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*Question Wording: “Do you think there should be a law that would ban the possession of handguns except for the police and other authorized persons?”

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*Question Wording: “Which of these views comes closer to your own? Legal restrictions on the sale and ownership of handguns are too strict and should be relaxed/Existing restrictions on the sale and ownership of handguns are sufficient now/Handgun owners should be licensed by the government and complete mandatory training/There should be a total ban on handgun ownership.”
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*Question Wording: "Should licenses to carry concealed firearms be issued to any adult who has passed a criminal background check and a gun safety course or only to people with a special need to carry a concealed gun such as private detectives?" Percent indicates those responding "only to people with a special need."

^Question Wording: "If a new law were to require all new handguns to be personalized, how strongly would you favor or oppose it? Would you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose?" Percent indicates those responding "strongly favor" or "favor."
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Course 45NC
Feel safer...

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with gun
if allow concealed guns
Get rid of gun to save lives
Government assurance of safety before limit guns
Reduce chances of being victimized
Reducing crime
Violence, gun-related
see also LEGISLATION
SECOND AMENDMENT, see LEGISLATION
VICTIMIZATION, see SAFETY
VIOLENCE, see SAFETY

II. BEHAVIOR/EXPERIENCES

OWNERSHIP
Gun in home during childhood
Number owned
Owns gun

Fast, owned gun
Reasons for owning gun
Reasons for not owning gun
Type of gun owned
Why owns gun (use)

PURCHASE
Future, buy gun in

USAGE
Fired a gun
Threatened with gun

III. KNOWLEDGE

POLITICAL
Candidate's position on gun control
Evaluation of candidates

50CA, 52CA, 63CA, 65CA, 67CA, 59CA
4IL, 5IL
6AL
29CA
49CA, 51CA, 62CA, 64CA, 66CA, 68CA, 14NJ, 10NC
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3NJ, 14NJ
5NJ, 9NC, 10NC, 11NC, 12NC, 13NC, 14NC, 15NC
18NC, 19NC, 20NC, 21NC, 22NC, 23NC
4NJ, 36NC, 37NC
5NJ
2NJ, 48NC
6NC, 7NC, 34NC
4CA
49NC, 4TX
15NJ, 16NJ, 17NJ, 18NJ, 20NJ
Do you have a gun or revolver in your home?

Responses:
- YES/NO/OK, NA

Percent Responding
- 64.70% YES
- 35.30% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 510

SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUN

I would like to ask you some questions about some political issues. Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements? The country would be better off if we had good gun control laws.

Responses:
- STRONGLY AGREE/AGREE/DISAGREE/STRONGLY DISAGREE/OK, NA

Percent Responding
- 7.10% STRONGLY AGREE
- 53.20% AGREE
- 31.80% DISAGREE
- 7.90% STRONGLY DISAGREE

Number of Valid Cases: 481

SAS/SPSS Variable Name: ISSUE7

Now, as you may know, our nation recently celebrated the 200th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. A number of amendments to the Constitution have been proposed, and I would like to get your opinion about them. Could you tell me if you favor or oppose an amendment to the Constitution that would impose more controls on those who would want to own guns?

Responses:
- FAVOR/OPPOSE/DK, NA

Percent Responding
- 47.80% FAVOR
- 52.20% OPPOSE

Number of Valid Cases: 450

SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q14.5
### Question 78

Please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with this statement about firearms. The sale and possession of assault weapons should be banned by law.

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Number of Valid Cases: 448

SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q78

### Question 79

Is there a handgun in your household?

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Number of Valid Cases: 444

SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q79

### Question 80

Please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with this statement. I would get rid of my handgun if I had certain knowledge that this would save lives.

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Number of Valid Cases: 198

SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q80
The next questions are about guns in your household. Do you or any other member of your household keep a firearm or gun in your home, vehicles, vacation home or business?

Responses:
YES/NO/OK, NA

Percent Responding
69.30% YES
30.70% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 450
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q45
This year, Congress is again planning to debate legislation that would impose a five-day waiting period before someone could buy a gun. The proposal is commonly known as the Brady Bill. Do you support or oppose such a bill?

Responses:
Support/Oppose/DK
Percent Responding
83.70% SUPPORT
16.30% OPPOSE

Number of Valid Cases: 342
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V14

Do you or does any member of your family keep a handgun in your household?

Responses:
Yes/No/Refused to answer/DK
Percent Responding
41.80% YES
58.20% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 350
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V15
QCA.
Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 7901
<YEAR> 1979-02 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-001

Survey Date: 02/1979
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 330.
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN HELD UP OR THREATENED BY A PERSON WITH A GUN?
Responses:
NO/YES/DON'T KNOW
Percent Responding
89.60% NO
10.40% YES

Number of Valid Cases: 98604
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V330

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SCA.
Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 7901
<YEAR> 1979-02 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-001

Survey Date: 02/1979
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 336.
AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE STATE LEGISLATURE PASSED A LAW A FEW YEARS AGO THAT ANYONE WHO IS CONVICTED OF USING A GUN IN THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME MUST AUTOMATICALLY BE SENT TO PRISON. THE LAW ALLOWS NO EXCEPTIONS. THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF DISCUSSION RECENTLY ABOUT THIS LAW. HERE ARE SOME STATEMENTS EXPRESSING DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW ABOUT THIS LAW, I'D LIKE YOU TO TELL ME WHETHER YOU AGREE STRONGLY, AGREE, DISAGREE, OR DISAGREE STRONGLY WITH EACH ONE. THE USE A GUN, GO TO JAIL LAW WILL DISCOURAGE CRIMINALS FROM USING GUNS
Responses:
DISAGREE STRONGLY/DISAGREE/AGREE/AGREE STRONGLY/DON'T KNOW,
NOT SURE
Percent Responding
14.00% DISAGREE STRONGLY
25.60% DISAGREE
32.30% AGREE
28.10% AGREE STRONGLY

Number of Valid Cases: 81639
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V336

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6CA.
Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 7901
<YEAR> 1979-02 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-001

Survey Date: 02/1979
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 337.
THE USE A GUN, GO TO JAIL LAW DOES NOT ALLOW JUDGES ENOUGH FLEXIBILITY TO ADJUST INDIVIDUAL SENTENCES TO FIT SPECIAL CASES
Responses:
DISAGREE STRONGLY/DISAGREE/AGREE/AGREE STRONGLY/DON'T KNOW,
NOT SURE
Percent Responding
19.90% DISAGREE STRONGLY
33.70% DISAGREE
33.90% AGREE
12.50% AGREE STRONGLY

Number of Valid Cases: 79793
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V337
CALIFORNIA, continued

Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 7901
Survey Date: 02/1979
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 338.
THE USE A GUN, GO TO JAIL LAW IS NECESSARY BECAUSE MANY
JUDGES STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT THE PUBLIC WANTS A REAL CRACKDOWN ON
CRIMINALS
Responses:
DISAGREE STRONGLY/DISAGREE/AGREE/AGREE STRONGLY/DON'T KNOW,
NOT SURE
Percent Responding
4.10% DISAGREE STRONGLY
14.90% DISAGREE
37.00% AGREE
44.00% AGREE STRONGLY

Number of Valid Cases: 29603
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V338

Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 7901
Survey Date: 02/1979
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 339.
THE USE A GUN, GO TO JAIL LAW WON'T SEND ALL GUN-USERS TO
JAIL BECAUSE PROSECUTORS WILL STILL HAVE DISCRETION WHETHER OR NOT TO
PROSECUTE A GUN-USING CRIMINAL UNDER THIS LAW.
Responses:
DISAGREE STRONGLY/DISAGREE/AGREE/AGREE STRONGLY/DON'T KNOW,
NOT SURE
Percent Responding
10.40% DISAGREE STRONGLY
19.10% DISAGREE
51.00% AGREE
19.50% AGREE STRONGLY

Number of Valid Cases: 65803
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V339

Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 7901
Survey Date: 02/1979
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 340.
THE USE A GUN, GO TO JAIL LAW WON'T HAVE ANY EFFECT ON
CRIMINALS USING GUNS -- THEY WON'T BE STOPPED BY A LAW
Responses:
DISAGREE STRONGLY/DISAGREE/AGREE/AGREE STRONGLY/DON'T KNOW,
NOT SURE
Percent Responding
17.00% DISAGREE STRONGLY
26.60% DISAGREE
31.50% AGREE
24.90% AGREE STRONGLY

Number of Valid Cases: 64901
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V340
WILL YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF A LAW WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT THE SALE OF GUNS THROUGH THE MAILS.

Responses:
APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/CANT SAY, NO OPINION

Percent Responding
65.70% APPROVE
34.30% DISAPPROVE

Number of Valid Cases: 1003
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V122

WILL YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF A LAW WHICH WOULD REQUIRE EVERY CITIZEN WHO OWNS OR BUYS A GUN TO REGISTER THE GUN WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

Responses:
APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/CANT SAY, NO OPINION

Percent Responding
77.30% APPROVE
22.70% DISAPPROVE

Number of Valid Cases: 1001
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V123

WILL YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF A LAW WHICH WOULD LICENSE PEOPLE TO HAVE HAND GUNS, SUCH AS PISTOLS OR REVOLVERS, ONLY IF THEY CAN SHOW A DEFINITE NEED FOR THEM.

Responses:
APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/CANT SAY, NO OPINION

Percent Responding
64.80% APPROVE
35.20% DISAPPROVE

Number of Valid Cases: 988
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V124
HOW ABOUT GUN CONTROL? HOW IMPORTANT IS IT THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE YOU SUPPORT HOLDS THE SAME OR NEARLY THE SAME POSITION ON GUN CONTROL THAT YOU HAVE -- VERY IMPORTANT, SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT, OR NOT TOO IMPORTANT.

Responses:

- VERY IMPORTANT
- SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
- NOT TOO IMPORTANT
- DK/INAP

Percent Responding:

- VERY IMPORTANT: 40.70%
- SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT: 39.10%
- NOT TOO IMPORTANT: 19.30%
- DK: 1.00%

Number of Valid Cases: 509

SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V132

What is your opinion of the USE A GUN, GO TO PRISON law? Do you favor or oppose it? Do you (favor) (oppose) it strongly or somewhat?

Responses:

- FAVOR STRONGLY
- FAVOR SOMEWHAT
- OPPOSE SOMEWHAT
- OPPOSE STRONGLY
- NO OPINION
- DK/INAP

Percent Responding:

- FAVOR STRONGLY: 84.00%
- FAVOR SOMEWHAT: 9.50%
- OPPOSE SOMEWHAT: 3.50%
- OPPOSE STRONGLY: 3.10%

Number of Valid Cases: 518

SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V141

Would you approve or disapprove of a law which would prohibit the sale of guns through the mails?

Responses:

- APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/CANT SAY, NO OPINION
- DK/INAP

Percent Responding:

- APPROVE: 72.10%
- DISAPPROVE: 27.90%

Number of Valid Cases: 516

SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V142
CA.
Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8101
YEAR 1981-01 YEAR
NNSP-CA-011

Survey Date: 01/1981
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 59.
Would you approve or disapprove of a law which would require
every citizen who owns or buys a gun to register the gun with law
enforcement agencies?
Responses:
APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/CANT SAY, NO OPIN/INAP
Percent Responding
81.20% APPROVE
18.80% DISAPPROVE

Number of Valid Cases: 511
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V143

17CA.
Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8101
YEAR 1981-01 YEAR
NNSP-CA-011

Survey Date: 01/1981
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 60.
Would you approve or disapprove of a law which would license
people to have hand guns, such as pistols and revolvers, only if they
can show a definite need for them?
Responses:
APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/CANT SAY, NO OPIN/INAP
Percent Responding
68.80% APPROVE
31.20% DISAPPROVE

Number of Valid Cases: 503
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V144

18CA.
Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8101
YEAR 1981-01 YEAR
NNSP-CA-011

Survey Date: 01/1981
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 61.
Now, I have some statements about crime that I'd like your
opinion about. As I read each one, please tell me whether you agree or
disagree with each one. Do you (agree) (disagree) strongly or somewhat?
Laws requiring the registration of all handguns would help to decrease
the number of gun-related crimes that are committed
Responses:
AGREE STRONGLY/AGREE SOMEWHAT/DISAGREE SOMEWHAT/DISAGREE
STRONGLY/DK, NOT SURE/INAP
Percent Responding
36.80% AGREE STRONGLY
23.50% AGREE SOMEWHAT
15.30% DISAGREE SOMEWHAT
24.50% DISAGREE STRONGLY

Number of Valid Cases: 511
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V154
Question: 38. IN GENERAL, DO YOU FEEL THAT THE LAWS COVERING THE SALE OF HANDGUNS SHOULD BE MADE MORE STRICT, LESS STRICT OR KEPT AS THEY ARE NOW?

Responses:
MORE STRICT/LESS STRICT/KEPT SAME/NA

Percent Responding:
72.30% MORE STRICT
2.60% LESS STRICT
25.00% KEPT SAME

Number of Valid Cases: 77609
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V160

Question: 39A. THE INITIATIVE REQUIRES THE REGISTRATION OF ALL HANDGUNS WITH THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL. DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THIS.

Responses:
APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/NA

Percent Responding:
81.10% APPROVE
18.90% DISAPPROVE

Number of Valid Cases: 74225
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V161

Question: 39B. THE INITIATIVE WOULD MAKE IT ILLEGAL TO BRING INTO CALIFORNIA A HANDGUN UNLESS THAT GUN HAD ALREADY BEEN REGISTERED IN THE STATE. DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THIS.

Responses:
APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/NA

Percent Responding:
77.40% APPROVE
22.60% DISAPPROVE

Number of Valid Cases: 69911
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V162
Question: 39C.
THE INITIATIVE WOULD PROHIBIT THE SALE OF ANY HANDGUN THROUGH THE MAILS. DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THIS.
Responses:
APPROVE/ DISAPPROVE/ NA
Percent Responding:
85.70% APPROVE
14.30% DISAPPROVE
Number of Valid Cases: 79503
SAS/ SPSS Variable Name: V163

Question: 39D.
THE INITIATIVE WOULD PROVIDE MANDATORY SENTENCES OF SIX MONTHS FOR ANYONE CARRYING A CONCEALED UNREGISTERED HANDGUN. DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THIS.
Responses:
APPROVE/ DISAPPROVE/ NA
Percent Responding:
82.20% APPROVE
17.80% DISAPPROVE
Number of Valid Cases: 64098
SAS/ SPSS Variable Name: V164

Question: 39E.
THE INITIATIVE WOULD PROVIDE THAT AFTER THE LAW GOES INTO EFFECT ONLY REGISTERED HANDGUNS COULD BE SOLD IN THE STATE. THIS MEANS THAT NO NEW HANDGUNS COULD BE SOLD IN THE STATE EXCEPT FOR THOSE THAT ARE NEEDED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THIS.
Responses:
APPROVE/ DISAPPROVE/ NA
Percent Responding:
52.50% APPROVE
47.50% DISAPPROVE
Number of Valid Cases: 45700
SAS/ SPSS Variable Name: V165
25CA.
Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8202
\<YEAR\> 1982-03 \</YEAR\>
NNSP-CA-016

Survey Date: 03/1982
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 39F.
THE PRECEDING QUESTIONS I HAVE JUST ASKED ARE THE MAIN PROVISIONS OF THE HANDGUN CONTROL INITIATIVE WHICH IS NOW BEING CIRCULATED. IF THIS INITIATIVE WERE ON THE BALLOT AND YOU WERE VOTING NOW, WOULD YOU BE INCLINED TO VOTE YES OR NO.
Responses:
YES/NO/UNDECIDED
Percent Responding
67.80% YES
32.20% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 43050
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V166

26CA.
Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8205
\<YEAR\> 1982-08 \</YEAR\>
NNSP-CA-019

Survey Date: 08/1982
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 35A.
HAVE YOU SEEN OR HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT A PROPOSITION HAVING TO DO WITH HANDGUNS THAT WILL BE ON THE NOVEMBER STATEWIDE ELECTION BALLOT?
Responses:
YES, HAVE HEARD/NO, HAVE NOT HEARD, NOT SURE, NO/INAPPLICABLE -- NOT FORM B
Percent Responding
76.20% YES
23.80% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 281
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V138

27CA.
Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8205
\<YEAR\> 1982-08 \</YEAR\>
NNSP-CA-019

Survey Date: 08/1982
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 35B.
WELL (AS YOU KNOW), THERE IS PROPOSITION 15. IT IS A GUN CONTROL INITIATIVE THAT WOULD LIMIT THE NUMBER OF HANDGUNS ALLOWED IN CALIFORNIA AND REQUIRE ALL EXISTING HANDGUNS TO BE REGISTERED. AT THIS POINT, ARE YOU INCLINED TO VOTE YES OR NO ON PROPOSITION 15?
Responses:
YES/NO/DK, UNDECIDED/INAPPLICABLE -- NOT FORM B
Percent Responding
59.10% YES
40.90% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 77567
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V139
29CA.
Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8205
<YEAR> 1982-08 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-019

Survey Date: 08/1982
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 69C.

NOW, I HAVE SOME STATEMENTS ABOUT CRIME THAT I'D LIKE YOUR OPINION ABOUT. AS I READ EACH ONE, PLEASE TELL ME WHETHER YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH EACH ONE. LAWS REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF ALL HANDGUNS WOULD HELP TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF GUN RELATED CRIMES THAT ARE COMMITTED

Responses:
AGREE STRONGLY/AGREE SOMEWHAT/DISAGREE SOMEWHAT/DISAGREE STRONGLY/DON'T KNOW, NOT SURE/INAPPLICABLE -- NOT FORM A
Percent Responding
31.70% AGREESTRONGLY
13.40% AGREESOMEWHAT
16.80% DISAGREESOMEWHAT
38.00% DISAGREESTRONGLY

Number of Valid Cases: 92096
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V214

29CA.
Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8205
<YEAR> 1982-08 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-019

Survey Date: 08/1982
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 69F.

NOW, I HAVE SOME STATEMENTS ABOUT CRIME THAT I'D LIKE YOUR OPINION ABOUT. AS I READ EACH ONE, PLEASE TELL ME WHETHER YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH EACH ONE. GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO LIMIT HANDGUNS UNTIL IT IS ABLE TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF A CITIZEN IN HIS HOME AND IN THE STREETS

Responses:
AGREE STRONGLY/AGREE SOMEWHAT/DISAGREE SOMEWHAT/DISAGREE STRONGLY/DON'T KNOW, NOT SURE/INAPPLICABLE -- NOT FORM A
Percent Responding
51.00% AGREESTRONGLY
16.80% AGREESOMEWHAT
10.90% DISAGREESOMEWHAT
21.30% DISAGREESTRONGLY

Number of Valid Cases: 80061
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V217

30CA.
Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8205
<YEAR> 1982-08 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-019

Survey Date: 08/1982
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 70A.

PROPOSITION 15 HAVING TO DO WITH HANDGUN CONTROL WILL BE ON THE BALLOT IN THE UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION. I AM GOING TO READ SOME OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PROPOSITION AND I WOULD LIKE YOU TO TELL ME WHETHER YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF EACH ONE. REQUIRES THE REGISTRATION OF ALL HANDGUNS WITH THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL
CALIFORNIA, continued

Responses:
APPROVE STRONGLY/APPROVE SOMEWHAT/DISAPPROVE
SOMEWHAT/DISAPPROVE STRONGLY/NO OPINION

Percent Responding
52.70% APPROVE STRONGLY
19.20% APPROVE SOMEWHAT
8.20% DISAPPROVE SOMEWHAT
19.80% DISAPPROVE STRONGLY

Number of Valid Cases: 82424
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V226

Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8205
<YEAR> 1982-08 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-019

Survey Date: 08/1982
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 70B.
PROPOSITION 15 HAVING TO DO WITH HANDGUN CONTROL WILL BE ON
THE BALLOT IN THE UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION. I AM GOING TO READ SOME OF
THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PROPOSITION AND I WOULD LIKE YOU TO TELL ME
WHETHER YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF EACH ONE. MAKES IT ILLEGAL TO BRING
INTO CALIFORNIA A HANDGUN UNLESS THAT GUN HAD ALREADY BEEN REGISTERED IN
THIS STATE
Responses:
APPROVE STRONGLY/APPROVE SOMEWHAT/DISAPPROVE
SOMEWHAT/DISAPPROVE STRONGLY/NO OPINION
Percent Responding
54.20% APPROVE STRONGLY
17.20% APPROVE SOMEWHAT
10.70% DISAPPROVE SOMEWHAT
18.00% DISAPPROVE STRONGLY

Number of Valid Cases: 72804
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V227

Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8205
<YEAR> 1982-08 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-019

Survey Date: 08/1982
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 70C.
PROPOSITION 15 HAVING TO DO WITH HANDGUN CONTROL WILL BE ON
THE BALLOT IN THE UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION. I AM GOING TO READ SOME OF
THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PROPOSITION AND I WOULD LIKE YOU TO TELL ME
WHETHER YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF EACH ONE. PROHIBITS THE SALE OF ANY
HANDGUN THROUGH THE MAIL
Responses:
APPROVE STRONGLY/APPROVE SOMEWHAT/DISAPPROVE
SOMEWHAT/DISAPPROVE STRONGLY/NO OPINION
Percent Responding
75.70% APPROVE STRONGLY
7.00% APPROVE SOMEWHAT
4.70% DISAPPROVE SOMEWHAT
12.60% DISAPPROVE STRONGLY

Number of Valid Cases: 87669
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V228
PROPOSITION 15 HAVING TO DO WITH HANDGUN CONTROL WILL BE ON THE BALLOT IN THE UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION. I AM GOING TO READ SOME OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PROPOSITION AND I WOULD LIKE YOU TO TELL ME WHETHER YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF EACH ONE. PROVIDES MANDATORY SENTENCES OF SIX MONTHS FOR ANYONE CARRYING A CONCEALED UNREGISTERED HANDGUN.

Responses:
APPROVE STRONGLY/APPROVE SOMEWHAT/DISAPPROVE SOMEWHAT/DISAPPROVE STRONGLY/NO OPINION

Percent Responding
64.80% APPROVESTRONGLY
14.60% APPROVESOMEWHAT
8.10% DAPPROVESOMEWHAT
12.60% DAPPROVESTRONGLY

Number of Valid Cases: 75790
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V229

PROPOSITION 15 HAVING TO DO WITH HANDGUN CONTROL WILL BE ON THE BALLOT IN THE UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION. I AM GOING TO READ SOME OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PROPOSITION AND I WOULD LIKE YOU TO TELL ME WHETHER YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF EACH ONE. PUTS A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF HANDGUNS IN CALIFORNIA BY MAKING IT ILLEGAL TO SELL A HANDGUN THAT IS NOT ALREADY REGISTERED, EXCEPT FOR THOSE NEEDED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Responses:
APPROVE STRONGLY/APPROVE SOMEWHAT/DISAPPROVE SOMEWHAT/DISAPPROVE STRONGLY/NO OPINION

Percent Responding
46.20% APPROVESTRONGLY
16.70% APPROVESOMEWHAT
12.40% DAPPROVESOMEWHAT
24.70% DAPPROVESTRONGLY

Number of Valid Cases: 68064
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V230

PROPOSITION 15 HAVING TO DO WITH HANDGUN CONTROL WILL BE ON THE BALLOT IN THE UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION. I AM GOING TO READ SOME OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PROPOSITION AND I WOULD LIKE YOU TO TELL ME WHETHER YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF EACH ONE. Restricts the Legislature from banning ownership or requiring the registration of shotguns or long rifles.
CALIFORNIA, continued

Responses:
- APPROVE STRONGLY/APPROVE SOMEWHAT/DISAPPROVE SOMEWHAT/DISAPPROVE STRONGLY/NO OPINION

Percent Responding
- 32.70% APPROVE STRONGLY
- 18.60% APPROVE SOMEWHAT
- 18.40% DISAPPROVE SOMEWHAT
- 30.30% DISAPPROVE STRONGLY

Number of Valid Cases: 46940
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V231

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Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8205
<YEAR> 1982-08 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-019

Survey Date: 08/1982
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older

Question: 71.
NOW THAT I HAVE READ ITS MAIN PROVISIONS, WHAT IS YOUR OVERALL FEELING ABOUT PROPOSITION 15, THE HANDGUN CONTROL MEASURE. OVERALL ARE YOU INCLINED TO VOTE YES OR NO ON PROPOSITION 15, THE HANDGUN CONTROL MEASURE?
Responses:
- YES/NO/DON'T KNOW

Percent Responding
- 61.80% YES
- 38.20% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 43729
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V232

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Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8205
<YEAR> 1982-08 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-019

Survey Date: 08/1982
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older

Question: 72.
AS YOU MAY KNOW, SOME CALIFORNIA CITIES ARE CONSIDERING ADOPTING LOCAL HANDGUN CONTROL LAWS THAT WOULD APPLY TO THEIR COMMUNITIES. THOSE CITY LAWS GENERALLY PROHIBIT THE OWNERSHIP OR POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS WHETHER REGISTERED OR NOT. IN GENERAL, DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD OR BAD IDEA FOR YOUR CITY TO PASS A LAW PROHIBITING HANDGUNS?
Responses:
- GOOD IDEA/BAD IDEA/DON'T KNOW

Percent Responding
- 33.40% GOOD IDEA
- 46.60% BAD IDEA

Number of Valid Cases: 44973
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V233
CALIFORNIA, continued

Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8206
_YEAR 1982-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-020

Survey Date: 10/1982
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 25A.
HAVE YOU SEEN OR HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT A PROPOSITION HAVING
TO DO WITH HANDGUNS THAT WILL BE ON THE NOVEMBER STATEWIDE ELECTION
BALLOT?
Responses:
YES/NO/INAP
Percent Responding
90.40% YES
9.60% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 10667
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V99

Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8206
_YEAR 1982-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-020

Survey Date: 10/1982
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 25B.
WELL (AS YOU KNOW) THERE IS PROPOSITION 15. IT IS A GUN
CONTROL INITIATIVE THAT LIMITS THE NUMBER OF HANDGUNS ALLOWED IN
CALIFORNIA AND REQUIRES ALL EXISTING HANDGUNS TO BE REGISTERED. IF YOU
WERE VOTING TODAY, WOULD YOU VOTE YES OR NO ON PROPOSITION 15?
Responses:
YES/NO/UNDECIDED/INAP
Percent Responding
56.50% YES
43.50% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 70493
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V100

Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8206
_YEAR 1982-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-020

Survey Date: 10/1982
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 25C.
WELL (AS YOU KNOW) THERE IS PROPOSITION 15. IT IS A GUN
CONTROL INITIATIVE THAT LIMITS THE NUMBER OF HANDGUNS ALLOWED IN
CALIFORNIA AND REQUIRES ALL EXISTING HANDGUNS TO BE REGISTERED. WHY
WOULD YOU VOTE YES ON PROP. 15? ARGUMENTS FOR PROP. 15? (FIRST MENTION)
Responses:
OTHER MENTIONS/TOO MANY GUNS/NO PUBLIC HANDGUNS/REGISTER
GUNS/REDUCE CRIMES/REDUCE ACCIDENTS/NO MENTION/INAP
Percent Responding
10.50% OTHER MENTIONS
35.00% TOO MANY GUNS
9.70% NO PUBLIC HANDGUNS
29.20% REGISTER GUNS
10.00% REDUCE CRIMES
4.80% REDUCE ACCIDENTS

Number of Valid Cases: 36656
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V101
Survey Source: NNNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8206

Survey Date: 10/1982
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older

Question: 250.
WELL (AS YOU KNOW) THERE IS PROPOSITION 15. IT IS A GUN
CONTROL INITIATIVE THAT LIMITS THE NUMBER OF HANDGUNS ALLOWED IN
CALIFORNIA AND REQUIRES ALL EXISTING HANDGUNS TO BE REGISTERED. WHY
WOULD YOU VOTE YES ON PROP. 15? ARGUMENTS FOR PROP. 15. (SECOND MENTION)

Responses:
OTHER MENTIONS/TOO MANY GUN
PUBLIC HANDGUNS/REGISTER
GUNS/REDUCE CRIMES/REDUCE ACCIDENTS/NO MENTION/INAP

Percent Responding

2.30% OTHER MENTIONS
9.80% TOO MANY GUNS
9.20% NO PUBLIC HANDGUNS
35.70% REGISTER GUNS
29.70% REDUCE CRIMES
13.30% REDUCE ACCIDENTS

Number of Valid Cases: 34649
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V102

Question: 25D.
WELL (AS YOU KNOW) THERE IS PROPOSITION 15. IT IS A GUN
CONTROL INITIATIVE THAT LIMITS THE NUMBER OF HANDGUNS ALLOWED IN
CALIFORNIA AND REQUIRES ALL EXISTING HANDGUNS TO BE REGISTERED. WHY
WOULD YOU VOTE NO ON PROP. 15? ARGUMENTS AGAINST PROP. 15. (FIRST
MENTION)

Responses:
OTHER MENTIONS/REMOVES RIGHTS/CRIMINALS GET GUNS/PEOPLE NEED
GUNS FOR PROTECTION/NOT REDUCE CRIME/COSTS TOO MUCH/NEW GUNS
REGISTERED/NO MENTION/INAP

Percent Responding

10.10% OTHER MENTIONS
33.10% REMOVES RIGHTS
24.00% CRIMINALS GET GUNS
69.90% NEED GUNS
11.10% NO REDUCE CRIME
6.80% COSTS TOO MUCH
8.10% NEW GUN REGISTERED

Number of Valid Cases: 10411
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V103
Question: 25E.

WELL (AS YOU KNOW) THERE IS PROPOSITION 15. IT IS A GUN CONTROL INITIATIVE THAT LIMITS THE NUMBER OF HANDGUNS ALLOWED IN CALIFORNIA AND REQUIRES ALL EXISTING HANDGUNS TO BE REGISTERED. WHY WOULD YOU VOTE NO ON PROP. 15? ARGUMENTS AGAINST PROP. 15. (SECOND MENTION)

Responses:
OTHER MENTIONS/REMOVES RIGHTS/CRIMINALS GET GUNS/PEOPLE NEED GUNS FOR PROTECTION/NOT REDUCE CRIME/COSTS TOO MUCH/NEW GUNS REGISTERED/NO MENTION/INAP

Percent Responding
5.30% OTHERMENTIONS
11.50% REMOVES RIGHTS
42.20% CRIMSGET GUNS
12.90% NEED GUNS
16.30% NOREDUCE CRIME
11.70% COSTSTOO MUCH

Number of Valid Cases: 40881
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V10

Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8207
<YEAR> 1982-11 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-021

Survey Date: 11/1982
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 18A.
HAVE YOU SEEN OR HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT A PROPOSITION HAVING TO DO WITH HANDGUNS THAT WILL BE ON NEXT WEEK'S STATEWIDE ELECTION BALLOT?

Responses:
YES, HAVE HEARD/NO, HAVE NOT HEARD, NOT SURE

Percent Responding
97.40% YES
2.60% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 99343
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V50
Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8704
          <YEAR> 1987-11 </YEAR>
          NNSP-CA-046

Survey Date: 11/1987
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 37.
  WOULD YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF A LAW WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT THE SALE OF GUNS THROUGH THE MAIL?
Responses:
  APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/NO OPINION
Percent Responding
  64.00% APPROVE
  36.00% DISAPPROVE

Number of Valid Cases: 989
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q37

Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8704
          <YEAR> 1987-11 </YEAR>
          NNSP-CA-046

Survey Date: 11/1987
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 38.
  WOULD YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF A LAW WHICH WOULD REQUIRE EVERY CITIZEN WHO OWNS OR BUYS A GUN TO REGISTER THE GUN WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES?
Responses:
  APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/NO OPINION
Percent Responding
  83.50% APPROVE
  16.50% DISAPPROVE

Number of Valid Cases: 998
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q38

Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 8704
          <YEAR> 1987-11 </YEAR>
          NNSP-CA-046

Survey Date: 11/1987
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 39.
  WOULD YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF A LAW WHICH WOULD LICENSE PEOPLE TO HAVE HAND GUNS, SUCH AS PISTOLS OR REVOLVERS, ONLY IF THEY CAN SHOW A DEFINITE NEED FOR THEM?
Responses:
  APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/NO OPINION
Percent Responding
  65.70% APPROVE
  34.30% DISAPPROVE

Number of Valid Cases: 977
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q39
Question: 41.
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD REDUCE THE CHANCES OF BECOMING A VICTIM OF A SERIOUS CRIME IF YOU HAD A GUN IN YOUR HOME OR NOT?
Responses:
YES/NO/NO OPINION
Percent Responding
27.30% YES
72.70% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 985
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q41

Question: 42.
WOULD YOU FEEL SAFER IF YOU HAD A GUN IN YOUR HOME OR NOT?
Responses:
YES/NO/NO OPINION
Percent Responding
37.70% YES
62.30% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 1002
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q42

Question: 43.
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD REDUCE THE CHANCES OF BECOMING A VICTIM OF A SERIOUS CRIME WHEN YOU WERE OUTSIDE YOUR HOME IF YOU CARRIED A HANDGUN WITH YOU OR NOT?
Responses:
YES/NO/NO OPINION
Percent Responding
21.00% YES
79.00% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 987
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q43
Question: 44.
WOULD YOU FEEL SAFER GOING TO SOME PLACES OUTSIDE YOUR HOME IF YOU HAD A GUN WITH YOU OR NOT?
Responses:
YES/NO/NO OPINION
Percent Responding
27.70% YES
72.30% NO
Number of Valid Cases: 989
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q44

Question: 45.
WOULD YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF CHANGING CALIFORNIA'S GUN LAWS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR A PERSON TO OBTAIN A PERMIT TO BUY A GUN?
Responses:
APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/NO OPINION
Percent Responding
11.10% APPROVE
88.90% DISAPPROVE
Number of Valid Cases: 965
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q45

Question: 46.
WOULD YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF CHANGING CALIFORNIA'S GUN LAWS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR A PERSON WHO HAD A PERMIT TO OPENLY CARRY A GUN IN PUBLIC SO THAT IT CAN BE SEEN BY OTHER PEOPLE?
Responses:
APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/NO OPINION
Percent Responding
17.90% APPROVE
82.10% DISAPPROVE
Number of Valid Cases: 969
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q46
CURRENTLY STATE LAW REQUIRES A 15 DAY WAITING PERIOD AND BACKGROUND CHECK OF PERSONS SEEKING TO ACQUIRE A HANDGUN. DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE EXTENDING THIS 15 DAY WAITING PERIOD AND BACKGROUND CHECK TO INCLUDE PURCHASERS OF ALL FIREARMS INCLUDING RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS? DO YOU (FAVOR) (OPPOSE) STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT?

Responses:
- FAVOR STRONGLY
- FAVOR SOMEWHAT
- OPPOSE SOMEWHAT
- OPPOSE STRONGLY
- NO OPINION
- NOT APPLICABLE

Percent Responding:
- 57.70% FAVOR STRONGLY
- 7.20% FAVOR SOMEWHAT
- 3.00% OPPOSE SOMEWHAT
- 11.00% OPPOSE STRONGLY
- 0.90% NO OPINION
- 20.10% NOT APPLICABLE

Number of Valid Cases: 1259

SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q42
CALIFORNIA, continued

Responses:
APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE
Percent Responding
65.60% APPROVE
34.40% DISAPPROVE

Number of Valid Cases: 638
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q42

Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 9204
YEAR 1992-05 <YEAR> 1992-05 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-072

Survey Date: 05/1992
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 43.
WOULD YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF A LAW WHICH WOULD REQUIRE
EVERY CITIZEN WHO OWNS OR BUYS A GUN TO REGISTER THE GUN WITH LAW
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES?
Responses:
APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE
Percent Responding
83.90% APPROVE
16.10% DISAPPROVE

Number of Valid Cases: 644
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q43

Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 9204
YEAR 1992-05 <YEAR> 1992-05 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-072

Survey Date: 05/1992
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 44.
WOULD YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF A LAW WHICH WOULD LICENSE
PEOPLE TO HAVE HAND GUNS, SUCH AS PISTOLS OR REVOLVERS, ONLY IF THEY
CAN SHOW A DEFINITE NEED FOR THEM?
Responses:
APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE
Percent Responding
56.20% APPROVE
43.80% DISAPPROVE

Number of Valid Cases: 619
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q44

Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 9204
YEAR 1992-05 <YEAR> 1992-05 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-072

Survey Date: 05/1992
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 45.
WOULD YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF CHANGING CALIFORNIA'S GUN
LAWS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR A PERSON TO OBTAIN A PERMIT TO BUY A GUN?
Responses:
APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE
Percent Responding
9.50% APPROVE
90.50% DISAPPROVE

Number of Valid Cases: 635
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Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 9204
<YEAR> 1992-05 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-072

Survey Date: 05/1992
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 46.
Would you approve or disapprove of changing California's gun laws to make it easier for a person who had a permit to openly carry a gun in public so that it can be seen by other people?
Responses: APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE
Percent Responding
19.50% APPROVE
80.50% DISAPPROVE

Number of Valid Cases: 602
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q46

Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 9204
<YEAR> 1992-05 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-072

Survey Date: 05/1992
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 48.
Do you think you could reduce the chances of becoming a victim of a serious crime if you had a gun in your home or not?
Responses: YES/NO/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE
Percent Responding
32.30% YES
67.70% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 657
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q48

Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 9204
<YEAR> 1992-05 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-072

Survey Date: 05/1992
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 49.
Would you feel safer if you had a gun in your home or not?
Responses: YES/NO/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE
Percent Responding
39.90% YES
60.10% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 672
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q49
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD REDUCE THE CHANCES OF BECOMING A VICTIM OF A SERIOUS CRIME WHEN YOU WERE OUTSIDE YOUR HOME IF YOU CARRIED A HANDGUN WITH YOU OR NOT?

Responses:
YES/NO/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE

Percent Responding
22.50% YES
77.50% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 663
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q50

WOULD YOU FEEL SAFER GOING TO SOME PLACES OUTSIDE YOUR HOME IF YOU HAD A GUN WITH YOU OR NOT?

Responses:
YES/NO/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE

Percent Responding
30.20% YES
69.80% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 669
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q51

DO YOU THINK YOU COULD REDUCE THE CHANCES OF BECOMING A VICTIM OF A SERIOUS CRIME IF YOU HAD A GUN IN YOUR HOME OR NOT?

Responses:
YES/NO/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE (NOT FORM A)

Percent Responding
29.40% YES
70.60% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 486
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q33
Question: 34. WOULD YOU FEEL SAFER IF YOU HAD A GUN IN YOUR HOME OR NOT?
Responses: YES/NO/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE
Percent Responding
37.80% YES
62.20% NO
Number of Valid Cases: 496
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q34

Question: 35. DO YOU THINK YOU COULD REDUCE THE CHANCES OF BECOMING A VICTIM OF A SERIOUS CRIME WHEN YOU ARE OUTSIDE YOUR HOME IF YOU CARRIED A HANDGUN WITH YOU OR NOT?
Responses: YES/NO/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE
Percent Responding
25.20% YES
74.80% NO
Number of Valid Cases: 479
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q35

Question: 36. WOULD YOU FEEL SAFER GOING TO SOME PLACES OUTSIDE YOUR HOME IF YOU HAD A GUN WITH YOU OR NOT?
Responses: YES/NO/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE
Percent Responding
29.20% YES
70.80% NO
Number of Valid Cases: 486
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q36
Question: 37. HOW EFFECTIVE DO YOU THINK STRONGER LAWS RESTRICTING THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF GUNS WOULD BE IN REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF VIOLENT CRIME IN YOUR COMMUNITY? (READ CATEGORIES)

Responses: VERY EFFECTIVE/SOMEWHAT EFFECTIVE/NOT TOO EFFECTIVE/NOT AT ALL EFFECTIVE/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE (NOT FORM A)

Percent Responding

- 25.60% VERY EFFECTIVE
- 31.30% SOMEWHAT EFFECTIVE
- 18.60% NOT TOO EFFECTIVE
- 24.50% NOT AT ALL EFFECTIVE

Number of Valid Cases: 482

SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q37

Question: 38. GENERALLY SPEAKING, DO YOU THINK THAT EXISTING LAWS MAKE IT TOO EASY FOR PEOPLE TO BUY GUNS, TOO DIFFICULT OR ARE THEY ABOUT RIGHT?

Responses: TOO EASY/ABOUT RIGHT/TOO DIFFICULT/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE (NOT FORM B)

Percent Responding

- 70.30% TOO EASY
- 26.20% ABOUT RIGHT
- 3.50% TOO DIFFICULT

Number of Valid Cases: 474

SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q38

Question: 39. WOULD YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF A LAW WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT THE SALE OF GUNS THROUGH THE MAILS?

Responses: APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE (NOT FORM B)

Percent Responding

- 62.00% APPROVE
- 38.00% DISAPPROVE

Number of Valid Cases: 483

SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q39
CALIFORNIA, continued

73CA.
Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 9401
<YEAR> 1994-01 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-081

Survey Date: 01/1994
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 40.
WILL YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF A LAW WHICH WOULD REQUIRE EVERY CITIZEN WHO OWNS OR BUYS A GUN TO REGISTER THE GUN WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES?
Responses:
APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE (NOT FORM B)
Percent Responding
87.00% APPROVE
13.00% DISAPPROVE
Number of Valid Cases: 493
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q40

74CA.
Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 9401
<YEAR> 1994-01 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-081

Survey Date: 01/1994
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 41.
WILL YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF A LAW WHICH WOULD LICENSE PEOPLE TO HAVE HAND GUNS, SUCH AS PISTOLS OR REVOLVERS, ONLY IF THEY CAN SHOW A DEFINITE NEED FOR THEM?
Responses:
APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE (NOT FORM B)
Percent Responding
61.80% APPROVE
38.20% DISAPPROVE
Number of Valid Cases: 454
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q41

75CA.
Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 9401
<YEAR> 1994-01 </YEAR>
NNSP-CA-081

Survey Date: 01/1994
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 42.
WILL YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF CHANGING CALIFORNIA'S GUN LAWS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR A PERSON TO OBTAIN A PERMIT TO BUY A GUN?
Responses:
APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE (NOT FORM B)
Percent Responding
12.90% APPROVE
87.10% DISAPPROVE
Number of Valid Cases: 467
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q42
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Survey Source: NNSP: CALIFORNIA / THE CALIFORNIA POLL / FIELD INSTITUTE / 9401
<year> 1994-01 </year>
NNSP-CA-081

Survey Date: 01/1994
Sample: CALIFORNIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 43.
WOULD YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF CHANGING CALIFORNIA'S GUN
LAWS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR A PERSON WHO HAD A PERMIT TO OPENLY CARRY A
GUN IN PUBLIC SO THAT IT CAN BE SEEN BY OTHER PEOPLE?
Responses:
APPROVE/DISAPPROVE/NO OPINION/NOT APPLICABLE (NOT FORM B)
Percent Responding
24.40% APPROVE
75.60% DISAPPROVE

Number of Valid Cases: 668
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q43
I would like your opinion on a few current political issues. Some people really don't have an opinion on some of these matters. If you have no opinion on an issue, please tell me and I can go to the next question. Do you favor or oppose tightening the requirements for purchasing a handgun?

Responses:
- Favor/Other, depends/Oppose/No Interest/DK

Percent Responding
- 72.60% FAVOR
- 3.10% OTHER-DEPENDS
- 24.30% OPPOSE

Number of Valid Cases: 927

SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V88

Do you favor or oppose a waiting period between the purchase of a gun and the actual delivery of the gun to the buyer?

Responses:
- Favor/Oppose/Other, depends/DK

Percent Responding
- 89.30% FAVOR
- 9.40% OPPOSE
- 1.30% OTHER

Number of Valid Cases: 1072

SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V129
Survey Source: NNSP: / GEORGIA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA / SURVEY RESEARCH CENTER / SPRING 1993

Survey Date: 05/1993
Sample: Residents 18 or older
Question: 34.

Please tell me if you strongly agree, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat, or strongly disagree with the next two statements. First, crime rates in the U.S. would decrease if laws were more strict concerning handguns.

Responses:
STR AGREE/AGREE SOME/DISAGREE SOME/STR DISAGREE/REFUSED/DON'T KNOW/NA

Percent Responding
39.80% STR AGREE
23.60% AGREE SOME
13.30% DISAGREE SOME
16.90% STR DISAGREE
0.50% REFUSED
3.40% DON'T KNOW
2.70% NA

Number of Valid Cases: 415
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q34

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Survey Source: NNSP: / GEORGIA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA / SURVEY RESEARCH CENTER / SPRING 1993

Survey Date: 05/1993
Sample: Residents 18 or older

Question: 35.

Next, people who want to purchase firearms should be required to wait for a period of seven days before being allowed to purchase a gun.

Responses:
STR AGREE/AGREE SOME/DISAGREE SOME/STR DISAGREE/REFUSED/DON'T KNOW/NA

Percent Responding
66.50% STR AGREE
20.70% AGREE SOME
4.80% DISAGREE SOME
3.60% STR DISAGREE
0.20% REFUSED
1.90% DON'T KNOW
2.20% NA

Number of Valid Cases: 415
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q35
GEORGIA, continued

Survey Source: NNSP: GEORGIA / GEORGIA STATE POLL / APPLIED RESEARCH CENTER / GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY / FALL 1993
YEAR> 1993-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-GA-GS-006
Survey Date: 10/1993
Sample: GEORGIA Residents 18 or older
Question: QAJC5.
Do you favor or oppose a ban on the sale of all assault weapons?
Responses:
Favor/Oppose/No answer
Percent Responding
69.90% FAVOR
30.10% OPPOSE
Number of Valid Cases: 782
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: QAJC5

Survey Source: NNSP: GEORGIA / GEORGIA STATE POLL / APPLIED RESEARCH CENTER / GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY / FALL 1993
YEAR> 1993-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-GA-GS-006
Survey Date: 10/1993
Sample: GEORGIA Residents 18 or older
Question: QAJC6.
Would you favor or oppose making it a felony in Georgia for anyone under the age of 18 to possess a handgun?
Responses:
Favor/Oppose/No answer
Percent Responding
78.60% FAVOR
21.40% OPPOSE
Number of Valid Cases: 785
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: QAJC6

Survey Source: NNSP: GEORGIA / GEORGIA STATE POLL / APPLIED RESEARCH CENTER / GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY / FALL 1993
YEAR> 1993-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-GA-GS-006
Survey Date: 10/1993
Sample: GEORGIA Residents 18 or older
Question: QAJC7.
Would you favor or oppose making it a felony in Georgia for adults to sell or furnish handguns to anyone under 18?
Responses:
Favor/Oppose/No answer
Percent Responding
85.20% FAVOR
14.80% OPPOSE
Number of Valid Cases: 803
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: QAJC7

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GEORGIA, continued

6GA.
Survey Source: NNSP: GEORGIA / GEORGIA STATE POLL / APPLIED RESEARCH CENTER / GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY / FALL 1993
<YEAR> 1993-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-GA-CS-006
Survey Date: 10/1993
Sample: GEORGIA Residents 18 or older
Question: QAJC8.
Would you favor or oppose a law in Georgia requiring instant background checks for anyone buying a handgun?
Responses:
Favor/Oppose/No answer
Percent Responding
93.50% FAVOR
6.50% OPPOSE
Number of Valid Cases: 798
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: QAJC8

7GA.
Survey Source: NNSP: GEORGIA / ATLANTA JOURNAL CONSTITUTION GEORGIA POLL / ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION / DECEMBER 1993
<YEAR> 1993-12 </YEAR>
NNSP-GA-AJC-004
Survey Date: 12/1993
Sample: GEORGIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 18.
Do you think the government should license gun owners, the way it now licenses drivers, or not?
Responses:
SHOULD LICENSE/SHOULD NOT LICENSE/DK, REF
Percent Responding
53.70% SHOULD LICENSE
40.30% SHOULD NOT LICENSE
6.00% DK/REF
Number of Valid Cases: 530
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNOWN

8GA.
Survey Source: NNSP: GEORGIA / ATLANTA JOURNAL CONSTITUTION GEORGIA POLL / ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION / DECEMBER 1993
<YEAR> 1993-12 </YEAR>
NNSP-GA-AJC-004
Survey Date: 12/1993
Sample: GEORGIA Residents 18 or older
Question: 19.
Do you favor or oppose a law to ban the sale of handguns?
Responses:
FAVOR/OPPOSE/DK, REF
Percent Responding
32.80% FAVOR
63.00% OPPOSE
4.20% DK/REF
Number of Valid Cases: 530
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: BANGUN
Question: QDOE9.
Would you say that you strongly Agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements? We need a Georgia law that places restrictions on the sale of non-sporting guns and ammunition?
Responses:
Strongly Agree/Somewhat Agree/Somewhat Disagree/Strongly Disagree/No answer
Percent Responding
36.90% STRONGLY AGREE
44.80% AGREE
13.50% DISAGREE
4.80% STRONGLY DISAGREE
Number of Valid Cases: 788
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: QDOE9

Question: QLS6.1
Now here are two questions about your general beliefs. For each statement give your opinion using a 1 to 5 scale where 1 is equal to strongly disagree and 5 is equal to strongly agree. When children take an unsecured gun from their parents' home, parents should be held financially responsible for the harm done
Responses:
Strongly Disagree/Strongly Agree/No answer
Percent Responding
14.10% STRONGLY DISAGREE
7.00% 2
13.90% 3
16.50% 4
47.80% STRONGLY AGREE
Number of Valid Cases: 782
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: QLS6.1
Question: QLS6.2

Now here are two questions about your general beliefs. For each statement give your opinion using a 1 to 5 scale where 1 is equal to strongly disagree and 5 is equal to strongly agree. When children take an unsecured gun from their parents' home, parents should be charged as an accessory to the crime.

Responses:

Strongly Disagree/Strongly Agree/No answer

Percent Responding

22.50% STRONGLY DISAGREE
11.50% 2
17.80% 3
13.90% 4
34.40% STRONGLY AGREE

Number of Valid Cases: 786

SAS/SPSS Variable Name: QLS6.2

Question: QLS6.3

Now here are two questions about your general beliefs. For each statement give your opinion using a 1 to 5 scale where 1 is equal to strongly disagree and 5 is equal to strongly agree. Georgia needs a law that requires adult trials for youths who are caught carrying guns.

Responses:

Strongly Disagree/Strongly Agree/No answer

Percent Responding

16.80% STRONGLY DISAGREE
16.70% 2
15.60% 3
41.50% STRONGLY AGREE

Number of Valid Cases: 778

SAS/SPSS Variable Name: QLS6.3
Do you think there will be serious gun control sometime in the next 50 years?

Responses: Yes/No/Won't answer/Don't know/Not asked

Percent Responding
65.20% Yes
32.30% No
2.50% Don't know

Number of Valid Cases: 800
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q37

Do you think greater restrictions on handguns would reduce crime a lot, some, or not much?

Responses: A lot/Some/Not much/Not at all/Won't answer/Don't know/Not asked

Percent Responding
28.80% A lot
24.40% Some
37.60% Not much
8.80% Not at all
0.10% Won't answer
0.40% Don't know

Number of Valid Cases: 800
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q84

Do you favor or oppose a law that would allow citizens in Illinois to carry concealed handguns?

Responses: Favor/Oppose/Won't Answer/Don't Know

Percent Responding
24.90% Favor
73.00% Oppose
0.40% Won't Answer
1.70% Don't Know

Number of Valid Cases: 800
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q57
Survey Source: NNSP: ILLINOIS / ILLINOIS POLICY SURVEY / CENTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES / NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY / 1996
YEAR: 1996-11 /YEAR>
NNSP-IL-014

Survey Date: 11/1996
Sample: ILLINOIS Residents 18 or older
Question: 58.
Would you feel more or less safe if Illinois allowed citizens to carry concealed weapons?
Responses:
More Safe/Less Safe/About the Same/Don't Know/Not Asked
Filter:
IF Q3 = 1
Percent Responding
21.70% More Safe
73.50% Less Safe
2.90% About the Same
0.50% Won't Answer
1.40% Don't Know

Number of Valid Cases: 406
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q58

Survey Source: NNSP: ILLINOIS / ILLINOIS POLICY SURVEY / CENTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES / NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY / 1996
YEAR: 1996-11 /YEAR>
NNSP-IL-014

Survey Date: 11/1996
Sample: ILLINOIS Residents 18 or older
Question: 59.
Would you feel more or less safe if Illinois allowed law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons?
Responses:
More Safe/Less Safe/About the Same/Don't Know/Not Asked
Filter:
IF Q3 = 2
Percent Responding
23.00% More Safe
70.10% Less Safe
5.60% About the Same
1.30% Don't Know

Number of Valid Cases: 394
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q59
Survey Source: NNSP: INDIANA / INDIANA POLL / CENTER FOR SURVEY RESEARCH / INDIANA UNIVERSITY / NUMBER 6

<YEAR> 1985-03 </YEAR>

NNSP-IN-006

Survey Date: 03/1985

Sample: INDIANA Residents 18 or older

Question: GUN1.

HAVE ANY GUNS OR REVOLVERS. NOW ON A DIFFERENT TOPIC: THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF TALK IN THE NEWS THESE DAYS ABOUT CRIME AND SELF DEFENSE. FIRST, DO YOU HAVE ANY GUNS OR REVOLVERS IN YOUR HOME?

Responses:

YES/NO/DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

Percent Responding
48.30% YES
51.70% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 791

SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUN1
Question: 17. Gun registration and control is another issue surrounded by controversy. In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of handguns should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

Responses: Made stricter/Kept the same/Made less strict/Not asked/Don't know/Refused

Percent Responding
50.30% MADE STRICTER
41.20% KEPT THE SAME
6.40% MADE LESS STRICT
2.10% DONT KNOW

Number of Valid Cases: 704
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: QS17

Question: 16. Gun registration and control is another issue surrounded by controversy. In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of handguns should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

Responses: Made stricter/Made less strict/Kept the same/Don't know/Refused

Percent Responding
50.80% MADE STRICTER
4.90% MADE LESS STRICT
40.80% KEPT THE SAME
3.50% DON'T KNOW

Number of Valid Cases: 794
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: QS16

Question: 22. Gun registration and control is another issue surrounded by controversy. In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of handguns should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?
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Responses:
Made more strict/Made less strict/Kept the same/Don't know/Refused

Percent Responding
63.90% MADE MORE STRICT
3.50% MADE LESS STRICT
32.60% KEEP THE SAME

Number of Valid Cases: 651
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q22

Survey Source: NNSP: KENTUCKY / KENTUCKY POLL / SURVEY RESEARCH CENTER / UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY / FALL 1989

Question: 23.
What about assault weapons, such as the AK-47? In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of ASSAULT WEAPONS should be made more strict, less strict, kept as they are now, or should they be banned altogether?
Responses:
Made more strict/Made less strict/Kept the same/Should be banned altogether/Not asked/Don't know/Refused

Percent Responding
28.00% MADE MORE STRICT
1.80% MADE LESS STRICT
8.80% KEEP THE SAME
61.30% SHOULD BE BANNED ALT

Number of Valid Cases: 649
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q23

SKY.
Survey Source: NNSP: KENTUCKY / KENTUCKY POLL / SURVEY RESEARCH CENTER / UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY / HEALTH 1992

Question: 139.
Would you favor or oppose passage of a state law that would:
Require regulation of those who can purchase a gun
Responses:
Favor/Oppose/DK/REF

Percent Responding
73.10% FAVOR
20.40% OPPOSE
6.50% DK

Number of Valid Cases: 617
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q139

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MISSISSIPPI

1MS.
Survey Source: NNSP: MISSISSIPPI / MISSISSIPPI POLL / SURVEY RESEARCH UNIT / SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER / MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY / 1986
<YEAR> 1986-02 </YEAR>
NNSP-MS-004

Survey Date: 02/1986
Sample: MISSISSIPPI Residents 18 or older
Question: 8.
Do you favor or oppose the registration of all handguns?
Responses:
Favor/Oppose/Do Not Know
Percent Responding
60.50% For
39.50% Against

Number of Valid Cases: 1148
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: HANDGUNS

2MS.
Survey Source: NNSP: MISSISSIPPI / MISSISSIPPI POLL / SURVEY RESEARCH UNIT / SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER / MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY / APRIL 1988
<YEAR> 1988-04 </YEAR>
NNSP-MS-005

Survey Date: 04/1988
Sample: MISSISSIPPI Residents 18 or older
Question: 30.
Stricter legislation to control handguns.
Responses:
STRONGLY FAVOR/FAVOR/UNDECIDED-DON'T KNOW/OPOSE/STRONGLY OPPOSE/REFUSED
Percent Responding
15.70% STRONG FAVOR
38.60% FAVOR
6.60% UNDECIDED
30.00% OPPOSE
9.10% STRONG OPPOSE

Number of Valid Cases: 1210
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: V57

3MS.
<YEAR> 1990-04 </YEAR>
NNSP-MS-007

Survey Date: 04/1990
Sample: MISSISSIPPI Residents 18 or older
Question: 31.
Do you favor or oppose a law that would require that a person obtain a permit before buying a handgun?
Responses:
FAVOR/OPOSE DON'T KNOW/REFUSED
Percent Responding
79.20% Favor
18.10% Oppose
2.50% Don't Know
0.20% Refused

Number of Valid Cases: 601
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: 055
Question: 479.
Please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each statement I read.
A complete ban on assault weapons would decrease the crime rate.

Responses:
- Strongly Agree/Agree/NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE/Disagree/Strongly Disagree/DK/REF/INAP

Percent Responding:
- 13.80% STRONGLY AGREE
- 43.50% AGREE
- 1.80% NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE
- 32.50% DISAGREE
- 8.50% STRONGLY DISAGREE

Number of Valid Cases: 432
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: JP479

Question: 480.
Please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each statement I read.
I would favor a ban on assault weapons.

Responses:
- Strongly Agree/Agree/NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE/Disagree/Strongly Disagree/DK/REF/INAP

Percent Responding:
- 20.20% STRONGLY AGREE
- 54.30% AGREE
- 3.00% NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE
- 16.30% DISAGREE
- 6.10% STRONGLY DISAGREE

Number of Valid Cases: 432
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: JP480
Question: 481. Please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each statement I read. Imposing a five day waiting period on the purchase of a gun would decrease the crime rate.

Responses:
- Strongly Agree/Agree/NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE/Disagree/Strongly Disagree/DK/REF/INAP

Percent Responding:
- 13.10% STRONGLY AGREE
- 39.60% AGREE
- 1.80% NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE
- 37.50% DISAGREE
- 8.00% STRONGLY DISAGREE

Number of Valid Cases: 429
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: JP481

Question: 482. Please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each statement I read. I would favor a five day waiting period on the purchase of a gun.

Responses:
- Strongly Agree/Agree/NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE/Disagree/Strongly Disagree/DK/REF/INAP

Percent Responding:
- 22.70% STRONGLY AGREE
- 59.10% AGREE
- 1.50% NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE
- 11.90% DISAGREE
- 4.80% STRONGLY DISAGREE

Number of Valid Cases: 439
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: JP482

Question: 494. Do you own a gun?

Responses:
- YES/NO/DK/REF/PRE 10-13/NEITHER PARENT DRANK/INAP/NONRESPONSE/INAP

Percent Responding:
- 45.30% YES
- 54.70% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 442
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: JP494
NEW JERSEY

1NJ.  
Survey Source:  NNSP: NEW JERSEY / EAGLETON POLL / EAGLETON INSTITUTE / RUTGERS UNIVERSITY / POLL 84
<YEAR> 1991-06 </YEAR>
NNSP-NJ-084

Survey Date: 06/1991
Sample: NEW JERSEY Residents 18 or older
Question: 17. 
Do you have any type of gun in your home? 
Responses:
NO/YES/DON'T KNOW-REFUSED
Percent Responding
80.70% NO
17.60% YES
1.70% DK-REFUSED

Number of Valid Cases: 786
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q17

2NJ.  
Survey Source:  NNSP: NEW JERSEY / EAGLETON POLL / EAGLETON INSTITUTE / RUTGERS UNIVERSITY / POLL 84
<YEAR> 1991-06 </YEAR>
NNSP-NJ-084

Survey Date: 06/1991
Sample: NEW JERSEY Residents 18 or older
Question: 18A. 
Do you think you or someone in your household will purchase a gun in the future? 
Responses:
YES/NO/DON'T KNOW-REFUSED 
Filter:
IF NO OR DON'T KNOW, REFUSED IN Q.17
Percent Responding
8.50% YES
84.20% NO
7.40% DK-REFUSED

Number of Valid Cases: 650
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q18A

3NJ.  
Survey Source:  NNSP: NEW JERSEY / EAGLETON POLL / EAGLETON INSTITUTE / RUTGERS UNIVERSITY / POLL 84
<YEAR> 1991-06 </YEAR>
NNSP-NJ-084

Survey Date: 06/1991
Sample: NEW JERSEY Residents 18 or older
Question: 18B. 
Did you ever have any kind of gun in your home in the past?
Responses:
YES/NO/DON'T KNOW-REFUSED
Filter:
IF NO OR DON'T KNOW, REFUSED IN Q.17
Percent Responding
19.30% YES
79.30% NO
1.30% DK-REFUSED

Number of Valid Cases: 650
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q18B
NEW JERSEY, continued

Survey Source: NNSP: NEW JERSEY / EAGLETON POLL / EAGLETON INSTITUTE / RUTGERS UNIVERSITY / POLL 84

Survey Date: 06/1991
Sample: NEW JERSEY Residents 18 or older

Question: 18C.
Is that a hand gun, a shotgun, a rifle, or a semi-automatic weapon?
Responses:
HAND GUN/SHOTGUN/RIFLE/SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPON/DON'T KNOW-REFUSED
Filter:
IF YES IN Q.17
Percent Responding
30.30% HAND GUN
32.80% SHOTGUN
23.20% RIFLE
6.20% SEMI-AUTO GUN
7.50% OK-REFUSED

Number of Valid Cases: 101
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q18C
NEW JERSEY, continued

Survey Source: NNSP: NEW JERSEY / EAGLETON POLL / EAGLETON INSTITUTE / RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
/YEAR 1991-06 /YEAR
NNSP-NJ-084

Survey Date: 06/1991
Sample: NEW JERSEY Residents 18 or older
Question: 21.
What is your personal view on the issue of gun control in New Jersey. Do you think that the laws on gun ownership should be more strict than they are now, less strict, are they about right or don't you know anything about the current gun laws?
Responses:
MORE STRICT THAN THEY ARE NOW/LESS STRICT THAN THEY ARE NOW/ABOUT RIGHT/DON'T KNOW ABOUT CURRENT LAWS/NOT SURE-REFUSED
Percent Responding
58.30% MORE STRICT THAN NOW
7.90% LESS STRICT THAN NOW
17.30% ABOUT RIGHT
13.40% DON'T KNOW ABOUT CURRENT LAWS
3.00% NOT SURE-REFUSED
Number of Valid Cases: 788
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q21

Survey Date: 06/1991
Sample: NEW JERSEY Residents 18 or older
Question: 22A.
Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. First, (START AT DESIGNATED POINT) (PROBE: Do you agree-disagree strongly or mildly?)—owning a gun is a right all Americans should have
Responses:
STRONGLY AGREE/MILDLY AGREE/MILDLY DISAGREE/STRONGLY DISAGREE/DON'T KNOW
Percent Responding
27.60% STRONGLY AGREE
18.70% MILDLY AGREE
12.90% MILDLY DISAGREE
35.90% STRONGLY DISAGREE
5.00% DON'T KNOW
Number of Valid Cases: 788
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q22A

Survey Date: 06/1991
Sample: NEW JERSEY Residents 18 or older
Question: 22C.
Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. First, (START AT DESIGNATED POINT) (PROBE: Do you agree-disagree strongly or mildly?)—there should be a one week waiting period to investigate the background of someone who wants to buy a gun

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Responses:
- STRONGLY AGREE/MILDLY AGREE/MILDLY DISAGREE/STRONGLY DISAGREE/DON'T KNOW

Percent Responding
- 77.90% STRONGLY AGREE
- 4.80% MILDLY AGREE
- 3.80% MILDLY DISAGREE
- 10.60% STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 2.90% DK

Number of Valid Cases: 788
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q22C

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Survey Source: NNSP: NEW JERSEY / EAGLETON POLL / EAGLETON INSTITUTE / RUTGERS UNIVERSITY / POLL 84
Survey Date: 06/1991
Sample: NEW JERSEY Residents 18 or older
Question: 22D.
Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. First, (START AT DESIGNATED POINT) (PROBE: Do you agree-disagree strongly or mildly?)--a private citizen carrying a gun is just asking for trouble
Responses:
- STRONGLY AGREE/MILDLY AGREE/MILDLY DISAGREE/STRONGLY DISAGREE/DON'T KNOW

Percent Responding
- 42.80% STRONGLY AGREE
- 13.60% MILDLY AGREE
- 18.70% MILDLY DISAGREE
- 17.60% STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 7.20% DK

Number of Valid Cases: 787
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q22D

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Survey Source: NNSP: NEW JERSEY / EAGLETON POLL / EAGLETON INSTITUTE / RUTGERS UNIVERSITY / POLL 84
Survey Date: 06/1991
Sample: NEW JERSEY Residents 18 or older
Question: 22E.
First, (START AT DESIGNATED POINT) (PROBE: Do you agree-disagree strongly or mildly?)--strict gun control laws make it more difficult for law-abiding citizens to get guns, but not more difficult for criminals
Responses:
- STRONGLY AGREE/MILDLY AGREE/MILDLY DISAGREE/STRONGLY DISAGREE/DON'T KNOW

Percent Responding
- 53.10% STRONGLY AGREE
- 12.90% MILDLY AGREE
- 11.30% MILDLY DISAGREE
- 16.70% STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 6.10% DK

Number of Valid Cases: 788
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q22E
NEW JERSEY, continued

11NJ.
Survey Source: NNSP: NEW JERSEY / EAGLETON POLL / EAGLETON INSTITUTE / RUTGERS UNIVERSITY / POLL 84
<YEAR> 1991-06 </YEAR>

Survey Date: 06/1991
Sample: NEW JERSEY Residents 18 or older
Question: 23.
Recently, a New Jersey law went into effect making it illegal to own semi-automatic assault weapons in New Jersey. Have you read or heard anything about this law?
Responses:
YES/NO/DON'T KNOW
Percent Responding
64.60% YES
34.40% NO
1.00% DK

Number of Valid Cases: 788
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q23

12NJ.
Survey Source: NNSP: NEW JERSEY / EAGLETON POLL / EAGLETON INSTITUTE / RUTGERS UNIVERSITY / POLL 84
<YEAR> 1991-06 </YEAR>

Survey Date: 06/1991
Sample: NEW JERSEY Residents 18 or older
Question: 25.
In addition to making the sale and purchase of semi-automatic assault weapons illegal in New Jersey, the law requires current owners to sell them out-of-state, turn them in to police, or disable them. Anyone possessing a banned weapon faces a maximum of five years in prison. Would you say that you support or oppose this law?
(PROBE: Do you support or oppose it strongly or mildly?)
Responses:
SUPPORT STRONGLY/SUPPORT MILDLY/OPPOSE MILDLY/OPPOSE STRONGLY/DON'T KNOW
Percent Responding
57.80% SUPPORT STRONGLY
15.00% SUPPORT MILDLY
8.20% OPPOSE MILDLY
13.40% OPPOSE STRONGLY
5.50% DK

Number of Valid Cases: 788
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q25
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Responses:
SUPPORT STRONGLY/SUPPORT MILDLY/OPPOSE MILDLY/OPPOSE STRONGLY/DON'T KNOW
Percent Responding
26.20% SUPPORT STRONGLY
21.50% SUPPORT MILDLY
9.40% OPPOSE MILDLY
35.40% OPPOSE STRONGLY
7.40% DK

Number of Valid Cases: 788
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q26

Survey Source: NNSP: NEW JERSEY / EAGLETON POLL / EAGLETON INSTITUTE / RUTGERS UNIVERSITY / POLL 92
<YEAR> 1993-02 </YEAR>
NNSP-NJ-092

Survey Date: 02/1993
Sample: NEW JERSEY Residents 18 or older
Question: 31C.
In the last year, have you PURCHASED A GUN to protect yourself from being VICTIM OF A CRIME?
Responses:
YES/NO/ALREADY HAD/DON'T KNOW
Percent Responding
3.30% Yes
94.40% No
2.10% Already had
0.20% DK

Number of Valid Cases: 801
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q31C

Survey Source: NNSP: NEW JERSEY / EAGLETON POLL / EAGLETON INSTITUTE / RUTGERS UNIVERSITY / POLL 93
<YEAR> 1993-06 </YEAR>
NNSP-NJ-093

Survey Date: 06/1993
Sample: NEW JERSEY Residents 18 or older
Question: 26AL.
How would you rate the job Governor Jim Florio has done at DEALING WITH THE ISSUE OF GUN CONTROL -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?
Responses:
EXCELLENT/GOOD/ONLY FAIR/POOR/DON'T KNOW
Percent Responding
23.70% Excellent
33.70% Good
15.80% Only fair
18.70% Poor
8.10% DK

Number of Valid Cases: 704
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q26AL
NEW JERSEY, continued

16NJ.
Survey Source:  NNSP: NEW JERSEY / EAGLETON POLL / EAGLETON INSTITUTE / RUTGERS UNIVERSITY / POLL 93
<YEAR> 1993-06 </YEAR>
NNSP-NJ-093

Survey Date: 06/1993
Sample: NEW JERSEY Residents 18 or older
Question: 26BL.
Do you think Christine Todd Whitman would do a better, worse, or about the same job of this if elected governor? DEALING WITH THE ISSUE OF GUN CONTROL
Responses: BETTER/WORSE/SAME/DON'T KNOW/REFUSED
Percent Responding
15.20% Better
18.60% Worse
44.70% Same
21.50% OK

Number of Valid Cases: 704
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q26BL

17NJ.
Survey Source:  NNSP: NEW JERSEY / EAGLETON POLL / EAGLETON INSTITUTE / RUTGERS UNIVERSITY / POLL 95
<YEAR> 1993-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-NJ-095

Survey Date: 10/1993
Sample: NEW JERSEY Residents 18 or older
Question: 18J.
How would you rate the job Governor Jim Florio has done at dealing with the issue of gun control --excellent, good, only fair, or poor?
Responses: EXCELLENT/GOOD/ONLY FAIR/POOR/DON'T KNOW
Percent Responding
24.40% EXCELLENT
29.10% GOOD
23.40% ONLY FAIR
18.40% POOR
4.60% DON'T KNOW

Number of Valid Cases: 559
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q18J

18NJ.
Survey Source:  NNSP: NEW JERSEY / EAGLETON POLL / EAGLETON INSTITUTE / RUTGERS UNIVERSITY / POLL 95
<YEAR> 1993-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-NJ-095

Survey Date: 10/1993
Sample: NEW JERSEY Residents 18 or older
Question: 19J.
Do you think Christine Todd Whitman would do a better, worse, or about the same job of this if elected governor? DEALING WITH THE ISSUE OF GUN CONTROL
NEW JERSEY, continued

Responses:
BETTER/WORSE/SAME/DON'T KNOW

Percent Responding
17.20% BETTER
39.60% WORSE
34.00% SAME
9.00% DON'T KNOW

Number of Valid Cases: 559
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q19J

19NJ.
Survey Source: NNSP: NEW JERSEY / EAGLETON POLL / EAGLETON INSTITUTE / RUTGERS UNIVERSITY / POLL 98
<YEAR> 1994-06 </YEAR>
NNSP-NJ-098
Survey Date: 06/1994
Sample: NEW JERSEY Residents 18 or older
Question: 19.
I'm going to read some proposals that have been made for reducing crime in New Jersey. For each, please tell me whether you favor or oppose it. First, do you favor or oppose (READ ITEM). PROBE: Strongly or mildly? BANNING THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS
Responses:
STRONGLY FAVOR/MILDLY FAVOR/MILDLY OPPOSE/STRONGLY OPPOSE/DON'T KNOW

Percent Responding
49.00% Strongly favor
4.70% Mildly favor
11.60% Mildly oppose
31.10% Strongly oppose
3.60% Do not know

Number of Valid Cases: 781
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: QC19

20NJ.
Survey Source: NNSP: NEW JERSEY / EAGLETON POLL / EAGLETON INSTITUTE / RUTGERS UNIVERSITY / POLL 99
<YEAR> 1994-08 </YEAR>
NNSP-NJ-099
Survey Date: 08/1994
Sample: NEW JERSEY Residents 18 or older
Question: 29.
Which candidate would be more likely to do what you want done about gun control--Lautenberg or Haytaian?
Responses:
LAUTENBERG/HAYTAIAN/NO DIFFERENCE/DON'T KNOW

Percent Responding
36.30% Lautenberg
15.80% Haytaian
4.90% No difference
43.00% Do not know

Number of Valid Cases: 595
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: QC29
Let's start with some questions about politics. Do you favor or oppose a federal law requiring that all handguns people own be registered by federal authorities?

Responses: favor/oppose/don't know

Percent Responding
59.20% SUPPORT
32.10% OPPOSE
8.70% OK

Number of Valid Cases: 782
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNS
NORTH CAROLINA, continued

4NC.
Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / SPRING 1983
<YEAR> 1983-04 </YEAR>
NNSP-NC-014

Survey Date: 04/1983
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 20.
Would you favor or oppose a law which require a person to obtain a police permit before he or she could buy a handgun?
Responses:
Favor/Oppose/OK
Percent Responding
78.90% FAVOR
18.40% OPPOSE
2.70% DONT KNOW

Number of Valid Cases: 598
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNS

5NC.
Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1985
<YEAR> 1985-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-NC-019

Survey Date: 10/1985
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 15.
The next few questions are about your experience with guns. When answering, please keep in mind that the questions refer to you personally and not to any other member of your household. Was there a gun of any kind in your home while you were growing up?
Responses:
Yes/No/Not sure
Percent Responding
73.40% YES
24.00% NO
2.60% NOT SURE

Number of Valid Cases: 604
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNHOME

6NC.
Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1985
<YEAR> 1985-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-NC-019

Survey Date: 10/1985
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 16.
Have you ever fired a gun?
Responses:
Yes/No/Not sure
Percent Responding
76.80% YES
23.20% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 604
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNFIRE
Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1985

Survey Date: 10/1985
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 17.
At what age did you first fire a gun?
Responses:
7 or younger/8 to 12/13 to 15/16 to 18/19 to 20/21 or older/Not sure/Not asked
Filter:
"(IF "YES" IN Q16. GOTO 17; ELSE GOTO 18)"

Percent Responding
8.90% 7 OR YOUNGER
36.40% 8 TO 12
20.60% 13 TO 15
12.90% 16 TO 18
4.20% 19 TO 20
16.00% 21 OR OLDER
1.10% NOT SURE

Number of Valid Cases: 451
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNAGE

Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1985

Survey Date: 10/1985
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 18.
Do you now personally own or possess a gun of any kind?
Responses:
Yes/No/Not sure
Percent Responding
49.00% YES
49.90% NO
1.10% NOT SURE

Number of Valid Cases: 604
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNOWN

Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1985

Survey Date: 10/1985
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 19.
I am going to read a list of reasons why people may possess guns. For each, tell me if it is a reason why you now own, or have ever personally possessed a gun. Answer 'yes' if it is a reason for you; 'no' if it is not. -- Inherited a gun
Responses:
Yes/No/Not Asked
Filter:
"(IF "YES" IN Q18. GOTO 19; IF "NO" GOTO 23; IF "OK" GOTO 24)"
Percent Responding
43.70% YES
56.30% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 296
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: INHERIT

Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1985
<YEAR> 1985-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-NC-019

Survey Date: 10/1985
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 19.
I am going to read a list of reasons why people may possess guns. For each, tell me if it is a reason why you now own, or have ever personally possessed a gun. Answer 'yes' if it is a reason for you; 'no' if it is not. -- Self-defense at home or work
Responses:
Yes/No/Not Asked
Filter:
"(IF "YES" IN Q18. GOTO 19; IF "NO" GOTO 23; IF "OK" GOTO 24)"
Percent Responding
63.60% YES
36.40% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 296
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: DEFENSE

Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1985
<YEAR> 1985-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-NC-019

Survey Date: 10/1985
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 19.
I am going to read a list of reasons why people may possess guns. For each, tell me if it is a reason why you now own, or have ever personally possessed a gun. Answer 'yes' if it is a reason for you; 'no' if it is not. -- Law enforcement or security job
Responses:
Yes/No/Not Asked
Filter:
"(IF "YES" IN Q18. GOTO 19; IF "NO" GOTO 23; IF "OK" GOTO 24)"
Percent Responding
11.70% YES
88.30% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 296
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: LAW
Question: 19.
I am going to read a list of reasons why people may possess guns. For each, tell me if it is a reason why you now own, or have ever personally possessed a gun. Answer 'yes' if it is a reason for you; 'no' if it is not. -- Target shooting

Responses: Yes/No/Not Asked
Filter: "(IF ""YES,"" IN Q18. GOTO 19; IF ""NO"" GOTO 23; IF ""DK"" GOTO 24)"
Percent Responding
53.30% YES
46.70% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 296
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: TARGET

Question: 19.
I am going to read a list of reasons why people may possess guns. For each, tell me if it is a reason why you now own, or have ever personally possessed a gun. Answer 'yes' if it is a reason for you; 'no' if it is not. -- Part of a gun collection

Responses: Yes/No/Not Asked
Filter: "(IF ""YES,"" IN Q18. GOTO 19; IF ""NO"" GOTO 23; IF ""DK"" GOTO 24)"
Percent Responding
26.70% YES
73.30% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 296
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: COLLECT

Question: 19.
I am going to read a list of reasons why people may possess guns. For each, tell me if it is a reason why you now own, or have ever personally possessed a gun. Answer 'yes' if it is a reason for you; 'no' if it is not. -- Hunting

Responses: Yes/No/Not Asked
Filter: "(IF ""YES,"" IN Q18. GOTO 19; IF ""NO"" GOTO 23; IF ""DK"" GOTO 24)"
Percent Responding
58.00% YES
42.00% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 296
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: HUNTING
Responses:
Yes/No/Not Asked
Filter:
"(IF ""YES,"" IN Q18. GOTO 19; IF ""NO"" GOTO 23; IF ""OK"" GOTO 24)"
Percent Responding
62.10% YES
37.90% NO
Number of Valid Cases: 296
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: HUNTING

Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1985
<YEAR> 1985-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-NC-019

Survey Date: 10/1985
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 19.
I am going to read a list of reasons why people may possess guns. For each, tell me if it is a reason why you now own, or have ever personally possessed a gun. Answer ‘yes’ if it is a reason for you; ‘no’ if it is not. -- Obligation of citizenship
Responses:
Yes/No/Not Asked
Filter:
"(IF ""YES,"" IN Q18. GOTO 19; IF ""NO"" GOTO 23; IF ""OK"" GOTO 24)"
Percent Responding
19.10% YES
80.90% NO
Number of Valid Cases: 296
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: CITIZEN

Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1985
<YEAR> 1985-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-NC-019

Survey Date: 10/1985
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 20.
About how many firearms, all together, have you ever owned or possessed in your life?
Responses:
Just one/2-3/4-5/6-10/11-20/20-100/>100/Not sure
Percent Responding
25.20% 1 GUN
27.80% 2-3
14.90% 4-5
14.50% 6-10
5.90% 11-20
8.20% 20-100
0.50% >100
3.00% NOT SURE
Number of Valid Cases: 296
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: MANYGUN
Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1985

Question: 21.
Do you currently own or possess a handgun?
Responses:
Yes/No/Not sure/Not asked
Percent Responding
51.60% YES
47.70% NO
0.70% NOT SURE

Number of Valid Cases: 296
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: HANDGUN

Question: 23.
I am going to read a list of reasons why people do not own or possess guns. For each, tell me if it is a reason why you do not now it is not. -- I am afraid of an accident
Responses:
Yes/No/Not asked
Filter:
"(IF "YES," IN Q18. GOTO 19; IF "NO" GOTO 23; IF "OK" GOTO 24)
Percent Responding
58.10% YES
41.90% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 301
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: ACCIDENT
Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1985

**19NC.**
Survey Date: 10/1985
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 23.
I am going to read a list of reasons why people do not own or possess guns. For each, tell me if it is a reason why you do not now own or possess a gun. Answer 'yes' if it is a reason for you; 'no' if it is not. -- Someone in my household disapproves of guns
Responses:
Yes/No/Not Asked

Filter:
"(IF "YES" IN Q18. GOTO 19; IF "NO" GOTO 23; IF "OK" GOTO 24)"

Percent Responding
27.50% YES
72.50% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 301
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: NOLIKE

**20NC.**
Survey Date: 10/1985
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 23.
I am going to read a list of reasons why people do not own or possess guns. For each, tell me if it is a reason why you do not now own or possess a gun. Answer 'yes' if it is a reason for you; 'no' if it is not. -- Someone else in my household already has a gun
Responses:
Yes/No/Not Asked

Filter:
"(IF "YES" IN Q18. GOTO 19; IF "NO" GOTO 23; IF "OK" GOTO 24)"

Percent Responding
37.10% YES
62.90% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 301
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: HAVEGUN

**21NC.**
Survey Date: 10/1985
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 23.
I am going to read a list of reasons why people do not own or possess guns. For each, tell me if it is a reason why you do not now own or possess a gun. Answer 'yes' if it is a reason for you; 'no' if it is not. -- I feel possessing a gun increases the chance of violence
22NC.
Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1985
<YEAR> 1985-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-NC-019

Survey Date: 10/1985
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 23.
I am going to read a list of reasons why people do not own or possess guns. For each, tell me if it is a reason why you do not now own or possess a gun. Answer 'yes' if it is a reason for you; 'no' if it is not. -- I believe guns are immoral
Responses:
Yes/No/Not Asked
Filter:
"(IF "YES," IN Q18. GOTO 19; IF "NO" GOTO 23; IF "OK" GOTO 24)"
Percent Responding
50.30% YES
49.70% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 301
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: VIOLENCE

23NC.
Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1985
<YEAR> 1985-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-NC-019

Survey Date: 10/1985
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 23.
I am going to read a list of reasons why people do not own or possess guns. For each, tell me if it is a reason why you do not now own or possess a gun. Answer 'yes' if it is a reason for you; 'no' if it is not. -- I cannot afford a gun
Responses:
Yes/No/Not Asked
Filter:
"(IF "YES," IN Q18. GOTO 19; IF "NO" GOTO 23; IF "OK" GOTO 24)"
Percent Responding
22.90% YES
77.10% NO

Number of Valid Cases: 301
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: AFFORD
NORTH CAROLINA, continued

Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA / CAROLINAS POLL / KPC RESEARCH IN CHARLOTTE/ RESEARCH AND PLANNING SERVICES / 1989

<YEAR> 1989-06 </YEAR>

NNSP-NC-SC-001

Survey Date: 06/1989
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 44. I'm going to read a list of issues. For each one, please tell me if the issue is a major problem in the community where you live, a minor problem or not much of a problem at all in your community?

VIOLENCE RELATED TO HANDGUNS

Responses:
MAJOR/MINOR/NO PROB/DK

Percent Responding
27.60% MAJOR
35.50% MINOR
32.90% NO PROBLEM
4.00% DK

Number of Valid Cases: 954
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q4411

Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1989

<YEAR> 1989-10 </YEAR>

NNSP-NC-027

Survey Date: 10/1989
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 35. Do you favor or oppose a law which would require a person to obtain a police permit before he or she could buy a gun?

Responses:
FAVOR/OPPOSE/DON'T KNOW/NO ANSWER

Percent Responding
79.90% FAVOR
17.10% OPPOSE
2.40% DON'T KNOW
0.60% NO ANSWER

Number of Valid Cases: 634
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNLAW

Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1989

<YEAR> 1989-10 </YEAR>

NNSP-NC-027

Survey Date: 16/1989
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 36. Do you happen to have in your home (or garage) any guns or revolvers?

Responses:
YES/NO/DON'T KNOW/NO ANSWER

Percent Responding
56.60% YES
42.60% NO
0.50% DON'T KNOW
0.30% NO ANSWER

Number of Valid Cases: 634
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: OWNGUN
Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1990

Survey Date: 10/1990
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 38.
Do you favor or oppose a law which would require a person to obtain a police permit before he or she could buy a gun?
Responses:
FAVOR/OPPOSE/DON'T KNOW/NO ANSWER
Percent Responding
80.20% FAVOR
15.70% OPPOSE
3.40% DON'T KNOW
0.70% NO ANSWER
Number of Valid Cases: 822
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNLAW

Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1992

Survey Date: 10/1992
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 50.
Do you favor or oppose a law which would require a person to obtain a police permit before he or she could buy a gun?
Responses:
FAVOR/OPPOSE/DON'T KNOW/NO ANSWER
Percent Responding
79.80% FAVOR
16.00% OPPOSE
3.60% DON'T KNOW
0.70% NO ANSWER
Number of Valid Cases: 841
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNLAW

Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1993

Survey Date: 10/1993
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 38.
I'm going to mention three issues that have been in the news recently. Would you say you are very worried, somewhat worried, not very worried, or not at all worried about these issues? What about too many people having guns?
Responses:
VERY WORRIED/SOMewhat WORRIED/NOT VERY WORRIED/NOT WORRIED AT ALL/DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER
Percent Responding
50.30% Very worried
25.50% Somewhat worried
13.40% Not very worried
9.70% Not worried at all
0.70% Don't know/no answer
Number of Valid Cases: 604
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNWORRY
NORTH CAROLINA, continued

30NC.
Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / NEWS AND OBSERVER STATEWIDE POLL / FGI / MAY 1994
<YEAR> 1994-05 </YEAR>
NNSP-NC-N&O-001

Survey Date: 05/1994
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 28.
Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose... a ban on assault weapons?
Responses: Strongly favor/Somewhat favor/Somewhat oppose/Strongly oppose/Don't know, No answer
Percent Responding
39.60% Strongly favor
10.30% Somewhat favor
14.20% Somewhat oppose
29.70% Strongly oppose
6.10% Don't know, No answer
Number of Valid Cases: 608
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q168

31NC.
Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / NEWS AND OBSERVER STATEWIDE POLL / FGI / MAY 1994
<YEAR> 1994-05 </YEAR>
NNSP-NC-N&O-001

Survey Date: 05/1994
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 28.
Now I have just a couple of questions about crime. I am going to read you some things that might be done to reduce violent crime. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it would reduce the amount of violent crime a lot, a little or not at all. First, would... stricter gun control laws reduce the amount of violent crime a lot, a little or not at all?
Responses: A lot/A little/Not at all/Don't know, Refused
Percent Responding
44.20% A lot
29.80% A little
24.20% Not at all
1.90% Don't know, Refused
Number of Valid Cases: 608
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q28A

32NC.
Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / NEWS AND OBSERVER STATEWIDE POLL / FGI / OCTOBER 1994
<YEAR> 1994-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-NC-N&O-002

Survey Date: 10/1994
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 15.
Do you favor or oppose... making it harder for people to buy guns.
Responses: Favor/Oppose/Don't know, no answer
Percent Responding
67.90% Favor
29.00% Oppose
3.20% Don't know/no answer
Number of Valid Cases: 604
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q15G
The next few questions are about your experience with guns. When answering, please keep in mind that the questions refer to you personally, and not to any other member of your household. Was there a gun of any kind in your home while you were growing up?

Responses:
YES/NO/DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER

Percent Responding
65.90% Yes
33.20% No
1.00% Don't Know/No Answer

Number of Valid Cases: 673
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNKID

Have you personally ever fired a gun?

Responses:
YES/NO/DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER

Percent Responding
69.50% Favor
30.40% Oppose
0.10% Don't Know/No Answer

Number of Valid Cases: 673
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNFIRE

Do you now personally own or possess a gun of any kind?

Responses:
YES/NO/DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER

Percent Responding
42.70% Yes
55.40% No
1.90% Don't Know/No Answer

Number of Valid Cases: 673
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: OWNGUN
Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1994

Question 17:
Is the gun that you personally own or possess:
Responses:
a handgun/a rifle or shotgun?/OTHER/DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER
Filter:
Asked of those who answered 'One' to Question #16.
Percent Responding
49.50% Handgun
48.50% Rifle or shotgun
1.00% Other
1.00% Don't know/No answer

Number of Valid Cases: 98
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: TYPEGUN1

Question 18:
Are the guns that you personally own or possess
handguns/rifles or shotguns/or do you own both handguns and
long guns?/OTHER/DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER
Filter:
Asked of those who answered 'More' to Question #16.
Percent Responding
1.60% Handguns
27.10% Rifles or shotguns
70.60% Both
0.80% Don't know/No answer

Number of Valid Cases: 189
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: TYPEGUN2

Question 21:
Last year, the North Carolina General Assembly considered
many proposals involving guns. I'm going to ask your opinion about some
of those proposals. Please tell me if you favor or oppose each proposal.
One proposal would make it a felony to sell a handgun to a minor under
the age of 21. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?
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Responses:
FAVOR/OPPOSE/DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER

Percent Responding
79.10% Favor
19.80% Oppose
1.10% Don't Know/No Answer

Number of Valid Cases: 673
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNMINOR

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\(<YEAR> 1994-11</YEAR>\)
NNSP-NC-037

Survey Date: 11/1994
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older

Question: 22.
Another proposal would require sheriffs to conduct background checks to prevent the sale of handguns to criminals and to persons with a history of insanity or violent behavior. [DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL?]

Responses:
FAVOR/OPPOSE/DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER

Percent Responding
91.60% Favor
7.80% Oppose
0.60% Don't Know/No Answer

Number of Valid Cases: 673
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNCHECK

Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1994
\(<YEAR> 1994-11</YEAR>\)
NNSP-NC-037

Survey Date: 11/1994
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older

Question: 23.
What about -- requiring handgun owners to have a license. [DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL?]

Responses:
FAVOR/OPPOSE/DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER

Percent Responding
80.60% Favor
15.70% Oppose
3.70% Don't Know/No Answer

Number of Valid Cases: 673
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNLIC

Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1994
\(<YEAR> 1994-11</YEAR>\)
NNSP-NC-037

Survey Date: 11/1994
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 24.  
What about -- requiring that all handguns be registered with law enforcement officials. [DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL?] 
Responses:  
FAVOR/OPPOSE/DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER

Percent Responding
79.90% Favor
17.10% Oppose
2.90% Don't Know/No Answer

Number of Valid Cases: 673
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNREGI

Question: 25.  
What about -- requiring that households where there are children under 16 keep handguns and ammunition in a safe and secure place. [DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL?] 
Responses:  
FAVOR/OPPOSE/DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER
Percent Responding
90.80% Favor
8.10% Oppose
1.20% Don't Know/No Answer

Number of Valid Cases: 673
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNSAFE

Question: 26.  
What about -- allowing the sale of handguns only by licensed dealers from conventional store-front locations. This would make it illegal for a person to sell guns on the street, from a home or car, and by mail. [DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL?] 
Responses:  
FAVOR/OPPOSE/DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER
Percent Responding
81.10% Favor
16.00% Oppose
2.90% Don't Know/No Answer

Number of Valid Cases: 673
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNDEAL
NORTH CAROLINA, continued

44NC.
Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA /
INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1994
<YEAR> 1994-11 </YEAR>
NNSP-NC-037

Survey Date: 11/1994
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 27.
What about -- preventing individuals from buying more than
one handgun a month. [DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL?]
Responses:
FAVOR/OPOSE/DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER
Percent Responding
68.70% Favor
26.80% Oppose
4.50% Don't Know/No Answer

Number of Valid Cases: 673
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNONEMN

45NC.
Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / NEWS AND OBSERVER STATEWIDE POLL / FGI RESEARCH /
APRIL 1995
<YEAR> 1995-00 </YEAR>
NNSP-NC-NAO-004

Survey Date: 1995
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 9C.
On another subject, here are some issues being debated in
the state legislature this year. We'd like to know what you think. Do
you favor or oppose allowing state residents to carry concealed weapons
after taking a gun·safety course?
Responses:
Favor/Oppose/DK,NA
Percent Responding
47.30% FAVOR
49.20% OPPOSE
3.50% DK/NA

Number of Valid Cases: 608
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q9C

46NC.
Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA /
INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1995
<YEAR> 1995-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-NC-039

Survey Date: 10/1995
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 19.
Do you support or oppose the new state law that allows
people to carry concealed handguns?
Responses:
SUPPORT/OPOSE/DON'T KNOW
Percent Responding
34.20% Support
56.20% Oppose
9.60% Don't know/no Answer

Number of Valid Cases: 673
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: CONGUN
NORTH CAROLINA, continued

47NC.
Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1995
<YEAR> 1995-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-NC-039

Survey Date: 10/1995
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 20.
Do you yourself have a handgun?
Responses: YES/NO/DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER
Percent Responding
31.40% Yes
67.20% No
1.30% Don’t Know/No Answer

Number of Valid Cases: 620
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: HAVEGUN

48NC.
Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1995
<YEAR> 1995-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-NC-039

Survey Date: 10/1995
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 22.
Do you intend to buy a handgun in the near future?
Responses: YES/NO/DON'T KNOW, NO ANSWER
Percent Responding
12.60% Yes
80.00% No
7.40% Don’t Know/No Answer

Number of Valid Cases: 425
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: BUYGUN

49NC.
Survey Source: NNSP: NORTH CAROLINA / CAROLINA POLL / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE / SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM / FALL 1996
<YEAR> 1996-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-NC-041

Survey Date: 10/1996
Sample: NORTH CAROLINA Residents 18 or older
Question: 25.
Here are some campaign statements Dole and Clinton have made. If you remember, tell me who made each statement. - Removing the ban on assault weapons.
Responses: DOLE/CLINTON/BOTH/DON'T KNOW
Percent Responding
43.30% Dole
18.40% Clinton
1.10% Both
37.20% Don’t Know

Number of Valid Cases: 868
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: WHOBAN
Survey Source: NNSP: RHODE ISLAND / RHODE ISLAND SURVEY / PUBLIC OPINION LABORATORY / BROWN UNIVERSITY / MARCH 1989  
YEAR 1989-03 </YEAR>  
NNSP-RI-011

Survey Date: 03/1989  
Sample: RHODE ISLAND Residents 18 or older  

Question: C11.  

There are also proposals to prohibit the sale of certain  
types of guns or to require that they be licensed. Let me ask you first  
about hand-guns. Do you think their sale should be prohibited, or that a  
license should be required before purchase, or that hand-guns should be  
sold without requiring a license?  

Responses:  

Prohibit sale/License/No restriction/No opinion  
Percent Responding  
1.30% 0  
20.70% Prohibit sale  
74.80% License  
1.90% No restriction  
1.10% No opinion  
0.30% 290  

Number of Valid Cases: 377  
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: C11

Question: C12.  

Now let me ask you about assault weapons, such as  
sub-machine guns. Do you think their sale should be prohibited, or that  
a license should be required before purchase, or that these weapons  
should be sold without requiring a license?  

Responses:  

Prohibit sale/License/No restriction/No opinion  
Percent Responding  
0.50% 0  
79.00% Prohibit sale  
17.50% License  
1.60% No restriction  
1.30% No opinion  

Number of Valid Cases: 377  
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: C12
Would you favor or oppose a ban on the sale of all handguns except those issued to law enforcement officers?

Responses:
- Favor/Oppose/Don't know/No answer
- Percent Responding:
  - 69.90% FAVOR
  - 24.00% OPPOSE
  - 4.30% DON'T KNOW
  - 0.80% NO ANSWER

Number of Valid Cases: 489
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: Q23
Question: 26.
How about passing stricter gun control laws?

Responses:
INCREASE CRIME/DECREASE CRIME/NO EFFECT ON CRIME/DON'T KNOW/MISSING

Percent Responding
4.80% Inc Crime
45.00% Dec Crime
45.30% No Effect
4.80% NS

Number of Valid Cases: 806
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GUNCNTRL
Congress is considering a proposal to ban real guns made of plastic because they cannot be detected by security systems. Do you agree or disagree with not allowing plastic guns?

Responses:
Agree/Disagree/Don’t know/Refused
Percent Responding
78.30% Agree
14.90% Disagree
6.10% Don’t know
0.70% Refused

Number of Valid Cases: 1006
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GN1

What about limits on other guns? Do you think that restrictions on the sales of guns should be increased, decreased, or kept the same?

Responses:
Increased/Decreased/Same/Don’t know/Refused
Percent Responding
41.60% Increased
16.50% Decreased
37.00% Same
4.60% Don’t know
0.40% Refused

Number of Valid Cases: 1006
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GN2

Do you or anyone else living in your household own a gun?

Responses:
Yes/No/Don’t know/Refused
Percent Responding
54.40% Yes
45.00% No
0.10% Don’t know
0.50% Refused

Number of Valid Cases: 1006
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GN4
TEXAS, continued

4TX.
<YEAR> 1988-10 </YEAR>
NNSP-TX-013
Survey Date: 10/1988
Sample: TEXAS Residents 18 or older
Question: QEL6B.
Have you heard about.... Dukakis support of gun control?
Responses:
Heard about/Not heard/Don't know/Refused, NA
Percent Responding
83.60% Heard about
15.40% Not heard
0.90% Don't know
0.10% Refused/NA
Number of Valid Cases: 794
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: EL6B

5TX.
<YEAR> 1989-01 </YEAR>
NNSP-TX-014
Survey Date: 01/1989
Sample: TEXAS Residents 18 or older
Question: 11-
Would you agree or disagree with a law that would allow
individuals in addition to police and security personnel to obtain a
license to carry a concealed gun?
Responses:
Agree/Disagree/Don't know/Refused, NA
Percent Responding
46.10% Agree
48.70% Disagree
5.10% Don't know
0.10% Refused, NA
Number of Valid Cases: 1006
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: L2

6TX.
<YEAR> 1989-04 </YEAR>
NNSP-TX-015
Survey Date: 04/1989
Sample: TEXAS Residents 18 or older
Question: QGN2.
Do you happen to have any guns or revolvers in your home?
Responses:
Yes/No/Don't know/Refused, NA
Percent Responding
54.60% Yes
44.30% No
0.20% Don't know
0.90% Refused, NA
Number of Valid Cases: 1005
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: GN2
1WI.
Survey Source: NNSP: WISCONSIN / WISCONSIN OPINIONS / SURVEY RESEARCH LAB / UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN / 1993
<YEAR> 1993-00 </YEAR>
NNSP-WI-002

Survey Date: 1993
Sample: WISCONSIN Residents 18 or older
Question: HANDGUNS.

Some cities have considered a law banning the possession of handguns. Would you favor or oppose a ban on the possession of handguns in your community?
Responses:
FAVOR/OPPOSE/DON'T KNOW, NOT SURE/REFUSED/INAP
Percent Responding
53.30% FAVOR
42.20% OPPOSE
4.40% DON'T KNOW

Number of Valid Cases: 2045
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: HANDGUNS

2WI.
Survey Source: NNSP: WISCONSIN / WISCONSIN OPINIONS / SURVEY RESEARCH LAB / UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN / 1993
<YEAR> 1993-00 </YEAR>
NNSP-WI-002

Survey Date: 1993
Sample: WISCONSIN Residents 18 or older
Question: DAYWAIT.

Would you favor or oppose a state law requiring a seven day waiting period before the purchase of a handgun?
Responses:
FAVOR/OPPOSE/DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/INAP
Percent Responding
93.00% FAVOR
6.30% OPPOSE
0.70% DON'T KNOW

Number of Valid Cases: 427
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: DAYWAIT

3WI.
Survey Source: NNSP: WISCONSIN / WISCONSIN OPINIONS / SURVEY RESEARCH LAB / UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN / 1993
<YEAR> 1993-00 </YEAR>
NNSP-WI-002

Survey Date: 1993
Sample: WISCONSIN Residents 18 or older
Question: BANHDGUN.

Would you favor or oppose a state law that would ban the sale of handguns commonly called SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIALS, that is, short barreled handguns which are inexpensive and easily concealable?
Responses:
FAVOR/OPPOSE/DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/INAP
Percent Responding
76.30% FAVOR
20.40% OPPOSE
3.30% DON'T KNOW

Number of Valid Cases: 426
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: BANHDGUN
<YEAR> 1994-00 </YEAR>
NNSP-WI-003

Survey Date: 1994
Sample: WISCONSIN Residents 18 or older
Question: HANDGUNS.
Some cities have considered a law banning the possession of handguns. Would you favor or oppose a ban on the possession of handguns in your community?
Responses:
FAVOR/OPPOSE/DON'T KNOW, NOT SURE/REFUSED/INAP
Percent Responding
51.40% FAVOR
43.30% OPPOSE
5.30% DON'T KNOW

Number of Valid Cases: 1974
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: HANDGUNS

<YEAR> 1995-01 </YEAR>
NNSP-WI-004

Survey Date: 01/1995
Sample: WISCONSIN Residents 18 or older
Question: HANDGUNS.
Now I have some questions on some different topics. Some cities have considered a law banning the possession of handguns. Would you favor or oppose a ban on the possession of handguns in your community?
Responses:
FAVOR/OPPOSE/DON'T KNOW, NOT SURE/REFUSED
Percent Responding
47.00% FAVOR
47.30% OPPOSE
5.80% DON'T KNOW

Number of Valid Cases: 2349
SAS/SPSS Variable Name: HANDGUNS