

**Five-State Survey  
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Hello. Can I talk to \_\_\_\_\_ [INSERT NAME FROM LIST.]? [IF PERSON IS NOT HOME, SCHEDULE CALLBACK. DO NOT COMPLETE INTERVIEW WITH ANYONE ELSE AT HOME UNLESS THEY ARE ON THE LIST.]

My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling to conduct a public opinion survey and I would like to ask you some questions about issues affecting your family and community. I am not selling anything, and at no time will I ask you for a contribution or a donation. You will not be added to any mailing list as a result of your participation.

**CODE, BUT DO NOT ASK:**

Male .....1  
Female.....2

1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Yes .....1  
No.....**TERMINATE**  
DK/ref .....**TERMINATE**

I'm going to read you a series of names of people and groups. After each, please tell me your impression of them. Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression of [INSERT NAME]? If you have never heard of the person or group (5), or if you don't know enough about the person or group to have an impression (6), just say so and we'll move on.

	Very fav	smwht fav	smwht unfav	very unfav	nvr hrd	DK
<b>SHUFFLE</b>						
2. Barack Obama.....1		2	3	4	5	6
3. Democrats in Congress.....1		2	3	4	5	6
4. Republicans in Congress.....1		2	3	4	5	6
<b>ASK IN VA ONLY:</b>						
5. Senator Jim Webb.....1		2	3	4	5	6
6. Senator Mark Warner.....1		2	3	4	5	6
<b>ASK IN INDIANA ONLY:</b>						
7. Senator Dan Coats.....1		2	3	4	5	6
8. Senator Dick Lugar.....1		2	3	4	5	6
<b>ASK IN CO ONLY:</b>						
9. Senator Mark Udall.....1		2	3	4	5	6
10. Senator Michael Bennett.....1		2	3	4	5	6
<b>ASK IN OH ONLY:</b>						
11. Senator Sherrod Brown.....1		2	3	4	5	6
12. Senator Rob Portman.....1		2	3	4	5	6

**ASK IN AZ ONLY:**

- 13. Senator John McCain.....1      2      3      4      5      6
- 14. Senator Jon Kyl.....1      2      3      4      5      6

**RESUME ASKING EVERYONE:**

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

- More strict.....1
- Less strict .....2
- Kept as they are now.....3
- DK/ref [VOL] .....4

16. Just your opinion, what do you think are the one or two most important things that could be done to prevent mass shootings from occurring in the United States? **[RECORD VERBATIM**

**RESPONSE. CODE RESPONSE IN LIST BELOW - DO NOT READ LIST]**

- Stricter gun control laws .....1
- More extensive background checks for those buying guns .....2
- Ban handguns/bullets .....3
- Allow people to carry guns for their own protection .....4
- Restrict the sale of semi-automatic/automatic handguns.....5
- Better enforcement of existing gun laws .....6
  
- Better mental health screening/better mental health support .....7
- Stricter security measures for public gatherings .....8
- Tougher criminal justice/sentencing .....9
- Americans need to be more aware/speak up about potential dangers  
.....10
  
- Better parenting/hold parents more accountable.....11
- Bring God/morality back into people’s lives .....12
- Less media coverage of shootings/Don’t sensationalize events .....13
- More education/Teach children about gun violence and/or the proper use of guns  
.....14
  
- Better cooperation/communication between the political parties  
.....15
- Improve the economy/more jobs .....16
- Crack down on illegal immigration .....17
  
- Other .....18
- Nothing .....19
- DK/ref .....20

**ASK IN VA ONLY:**

17. When it comes to tightening gun laws in the wake of the April 2007 Virginia Tech shooting, do you think Virginia’s state government has done...? **[ROTATE ORDER RESPONSE**

**CATEGORIES ARE READ, 1-3 OR 3-1]**

- Too much .....1
- The right amount.....2
- Too little.....3
- DK/ref **[VOL]** .....4

**ASK IN AZ ONLY:**

18. When it comes to tightening gun laws in the wake of the January 2011 Tucson shooting, do you think Arizona’s state government has done...? **[ROTATE ORDER RESPONSE**

**CATEGORIES ARE READ, 1-3 OR 3-1]**

- Too much .....1
- The right amount .....2
- Too little.....3
- DK/ref **[VOL]** .....4

**RESUME ASKING EVERYONE**

Now I'm going to read you a list of proposals. After each, please tell me whether you favor or oppose this proposal. If you're not sure, just say so and we'll move on. **[AFTER EACH FAV/OPPOSE:]** Do you (favor/oppose) this strongly, or not so strongly?

<b>SHUFFLE</b>	<b>Fav Strng</b>	<b>Fav Smwt</b>	<b>Opp Swmt</b>	<b>Opp Strng</b>	<b>DK/ref</b>
19. Require federal agencies to share information with each other about suspected dangerous persons or terrorists, in order to prevent them from buying guns .....	1	2	3	4	5
20. Require those selling guns to notify state and local police when someone fails a background check for a gun.....	1	2	3	4	5
21. Fully fund the enforcement of the law Congress passed after the Virginia Tech shooting to prevent people with a history of mental illness from buying guns .....	1	2	3	4	5
22. Ban the sale of all handguns .....	1	2	3	4	5
23. Prohibit people on the terrorist watch lists from purchasing guns .....	1	2	3	4	5
24. Track bulk purchases of semi-automatic assault rifles, which have become the weapon of choice of Mexican drug cartels.....	1	2	3	4	5
25. Require gun owners to alert police if their guns are lost or stolen .....	1	2	3	4	5
26. Ban the sale of high-capacity ammunition magazines.....	1	2	3	4	5
27. Require every gun owner to register each gun he or she owns as part of a national gun registry .....	1	2	3	4	5
28. Require all gun sellers at gun shows to conduct criminal background checks on all gun buyers.....	1	2	3	4	5
29. Require all gun buyers to pass a criminal background check, no matter where they buy the gun and no matter who they buy it from.....	1	2	3	4	5
30. Fully enforce gun laws currently on the books.....	1	2	3	4	5

**ASK IN AZ ONLY:**

31. Allow carrying of concealed guns on college campuses  
.....1 2 3 4 5
32. Allow carrying of concealed guns in government buildings, including courthouses and the state legislature.....1 2 3 4 5

**ASK IN OH ONLY:**

33. Change current law to allow people convicted of certain drug crimes to own or carry guns  
.....1 2 3 4 5
34. Allow carrying of guns in bars, clubs and other establishments that serve alcohol  
.....1 2 3 4 5

**ASK IN CO ONLY:**

35. Allow carrying of concealed guns on college campuses  
.....1 2 3 4 5

**ASK IN INDIANA ONLY:**

36. Prevent companies from asking employees if they are keeping guns in their cars while at work .....1 2 3 4 5

**RESUME ASKING EVERYONE:**

Thank you. The remaining questions are demographic questions for classification purposes only. Remember, we will not sell your information to anyone.

37. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else? **[IF REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT, ASK:]** Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not so strong (Republican/Democrat)? **[IF INDEPENDENT, ASK:]** Would you say you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

- Strong Republican.....1
- Not so strong Republican.....2
- Independent, lean Republican.....3
- Independent.....4
- Independent, lean Democrat .....5
- Not so strong Democrat .....6
- Strong Democrat .....7
- Something else .....8
- DK **[VOL]** .....9

38. What is your current age? **[CODE VERBATIM RESPONSE. DK/REF=999]** \_ \_ \_

39. What is the highest level of education you have had the opportunity to complete?

- Less than HS .....1
- HS graduate.....2
- Some college/vocational/2-year college .....3
- College graduate .....4
- Post graduate.....5
- DK/ref **[VOL]** .....6

40. What is your race? Would you say you are white, black, Hispanic, Asian, or something else?

- White.....1
- Black .....2
- Hispanic .....3
- Asian .....4
- Multi racial **[VOL]**.....5
- Something else **[please specify: \_\_\_\_\_]**.....6
- DK/ref **[VOL]** .....7

41. Do you, or does anyone in your household, currently own any guns or rifles?

- Yes, self.....1
- Yes, other .....2
- Yes, both .....3
- No.....4
- DK/ref **[VOL]** .....5

Thank you for your cooperation. That completes our survey!