

Demographics

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

What is your age?

- Under 25
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 or older

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Grade school
- High school
- Some college
- College degree
- Advanced degree

What racial or ethnic group do best describes you?

- White
- African-American
- Hispanic
- Asian
- Other

Which of the following best describes where you currently live?

- Urban/city center
- Suburban
- Rural or small town

What region of the country are you from originally?

- South
- Northeast
- Midwest
- West
- Not from the U.S.

Ideology

When it comes to politics do you usually think of yourself as extremely liberal, liberal, slightly liberal, moderate or middle of the road, slightly conservative, conservative, extremely conservative, or haven't you thought much about this?

- Extremely Liberal
- Liberal
- Slightly Liberal
- Moderate
- Slightly Conservative
- Conservative
- Extremely Conservative
- Don't Know

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or another party?

- Democrat
- Republican
- Independent/Other
- Don't Know

Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?

- Strong Democrat
- Weak Democrat

Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?

- Strong Republican
- Weak Republican

Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic party?

- Democrat
- Republican
- Neither

Knowledge

How much of a majority is required for the U.S. Senate and House to override a Presidential veto?

- A veto cannot be overridden
- 1/3
- 1/2
- 2/3
- 3/4
- Don't Know

Do you happen to know which party currently has the most members in the House of Representatives in Washington D.C.?

- Democrats
- Republicans
- Tie
- Don't Know

Whose responsibility is it to determine if a law is constitutional?

- President
- Congress
- Supreme Court
- Don't Know

Who is the current Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?

Media

During a typical week, how many days do you watch national news on TV, not including sports?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- Don't Know

When you watch national news on TV, what network do you most often watch?

- Local TV station
- CNN
- FOX News
- MSNBC
- Other
- Don't Know

During a typical week, how many days do you read, watch, or listen to news on the Internet, not including sports?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
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- 6
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- Don't Know

Policy

Do you think that government spending on the following programs should be increased, decreased or kept about the same?

	Spend More	Spend Less	About the Same
National Defense	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Welfare Programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Law Enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you think the federal government should make it more difficult for people to buy a gun than it is now, make it easier for people to buy a gun, or keep these rules about the same as they are now?

- More difficult
- Easier
- About the same

Which of these three statements comes closest to your view?

- Gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to legally marry.
- Gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry.
- There should be no legal recognition of a gay or lesbian couple's relations.

Do you favor or oppose affirmative action programs designed to increase the number of black and minority students on college campuses.

- Favor
- Oppose
- Neither favor nor oppose

Treatment (Respondents with be randomly assigned one of the following)

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Post-Treatment

To what extent to you agree or disagree with the following statement: The shooter's actions seem to be reasonable given the situation.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

To what extent to you agree or disagree with the following statement: The police should immediately arrest the shooter.

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Do you happen to know if your state has a law that allows an individual to use deadly force to defend themselves in any place they are allowed to be if they feel that they are in danger?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

In general, do you feel that there should be a law in your state that allows an individual to use deadly force to defend themselves in any place they are allowed to be if they feel that they are in danger?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know