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JANUARY 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
January 9-13, 2013
N=1,502

QUESTIONS 1-2, 9-12, 16 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
NO QUESTIONS 3-8, 14-15

ASK ALL:

Q.17 And is your overall opinion of **[INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT NAME]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [NAME] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

QUESTIONS 17a-17f.F1 AND 17h.F2-17j.F2 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=775]:								
g.F2 Joe Biden								
Jan 9-13, 2013	42	14	28	42	20	21	8	8
Oct 24-28, 2012	44	17	27	42	26	16	5	10
Oct 4-7, 2012	38	13	24	46	26	21	5	11
Sep 12-16, 2012	41	15	26	43	22	21	4	11
Jun 7-17, 2012	40	10	30	37	18	19	6	17
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	10	28	41	18	22	9	12
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	50	13	36	29	13	16	8	13
Mid-Apr 2009	51	14	37	28	10	18	8	13
Jan 2009	63	22	41	20	7	13	6	11
Mid-October, 2008	55	20	34	35	10	19	6	10
Early Oct, 2008 (callback)	61	20	41	30	10	20	1	8
Late September, 2008	49	15	34	30	10	20	8	13
Mid-September, 2008	48	14	34	30	11	19	8	14
April, 2006	28	7	21	20	5	15	38	14
Late October, 2005	21	4	17	20	6	14	43	16
September, 1987	22	4	18	15	4	11	25	38

QUESTIONS 18, 20-25, 30, 31-32 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
NO QUESTIONS 19, 26-29, 33

Thinking about some issues...

ASK ALL:

Q.34 Which party could do a better job of **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Which party could do a better job of ITEM?]**

QUESTIONS 34aF1-34jF2 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

	Republican	Democratic	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Party	Party	Both equally	Neither	DK/Ref
ASK ALL:					
i. Reflecting your views about gun control					
Jan 9-13, 2013	38	40	5	6	11
Dec 17-19, 2012 ¹	27	28	12	15	18
July, 2004	34	36	3	6	21

¹ In December 2012 and earlier, asked as a stand alone question.

Q.34 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 1999	34	42	4	8	12
December, 1993	32	42	0	8	18

**QUESTIONS 35-36 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
NO QUESTIONS 37-39****ASK ALL:**

On a different subject ...

Q.40 What do you think is more important – to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership?

IF OPINION GIVEN (Q.40=1,2) ASK:

Q.41 Do you feel strongly about that, or not?

	Protect the right of Americans to own guns				Control gun ownership				
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 9-13, 2013	45	39	5	*	51	41	9	*	5
Dec 17-19, 2012	42	37	4	*	49	42	6	2	9
July 26-29, 2012	46	--	--	--	47	--	--	--	6
Apr 4-15, 2012	49	--	--	--	45	--	--	--	6
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	47	--	--	--	49	--	--	--	5
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	--	--	--	47	--	--	--	6
Jan 13-16, 2011	49	--	--	--	46	--	--	--	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	46	--	--	--	50	--	--	--	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	46	--	--	--	46	--	--	--	7
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	45	--	--	--	49	--	--	--	6
April, 2008	37	--	--	--	58	--	--	--	5
November, 2007	42	--	--	--	55	--	--	--	3
April, 2007	32	--	--	--	60	--	--	--	8
February, 2004	37	31	6	*	58	46	11	1	5
June, 2003	42	--	--	--	54	--	--	--	4
May, 2000	38	--	--	--	57	--	--	--	5
April, 2000	37	--	--	--	55	--	--	--	8
March, 2000	29	--	--	--	66	--	--	--	5
June, 1999	33	--	--	--	62	--	--	--	5
May, 1999	30	--	--	--	65	--	--	--	5
December, 1993	34	--	--	--	57	--	--	--	9

ASK ALL:Q.42 Please tell me if you would favor or oppose the following proposals about gun policy. First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Would you favor or oppose [ITEM]?**

		(VOL.)		
		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=727]:				
a.F1	A ban on semi-automatic weapons Jan 9-13, 2013	58	39	3
b.F1	A ban on the sale of ammunition online Jan 9-13, 2013	53	44	3
c.F1	Putting armed security guards or police in more schools Jan 9-13, 2013	64	32	4

Q.42 CONTINUED...

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
d.F1	Laws to prevent people with mental illness from purchasing guns Jan 9-13, 2013	80	16	4
e.F1	Making private gun sales and sales at gun shows subject to background checks Jan 9-13, 2013	85	12	3
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=775]:				
f.F2	A ban on assault style weapons Jan 9-13, 2013	55	40	5
g.F2	A ban on high-capacity ammunition clips that hold more than 10 bullets Jan 9-13, 2013 Dec 17-19, 2012	54 53	42 42	4 5
h.F2	More teachers and school officials having guns in schools Jan 9-13, 2013	40	57	3
i.F2	Creating a federal government database to track all gun sales Jan 9-13, 2013	67	30	3

ASK ALL:

Q.43 Have you ever **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**, or not? And, have you ever **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**, or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Contacted a public official to express your opinion on gun policy Jan 9-13, 2013	11	89	*
b.	Contributed money to an organization that takes a position on gun policy Jan 9-13, 2013	13	86	1
c.	Expressed your opinion on gun policy using Facebook, Twitter, or another social network Jan 9-13, 2013	17	83	1
d.	Signed a petition about gun policy Jan 9-13, 2013	11	88	1

NO QUESTIONS 44-49

ASK ALL:Q.50 Do you happen to have any guns, rifles or pistols in your home?²

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	61	6
Dec 17-19, 2012	35	61	4
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	37	60	4
Mar 11-21, 2010	33	62	5
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	33	63	4
April, 2007	37	61	2
January, 2007	33	64	3
December, 2004	37	60	3
Mid-October, 2004	39	59	2
Mid-July, 2003	34	63	3
August, 2002	35	62	3
April, 2000	35	62	3
June, 1997	40	57	3
December, 1993	45	53	2

**QUESTIONS 51-54 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
NO QUESTION 52****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) <u>No preference</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Rep</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Dem</u>
Jan 9-13, 2013	25	32	38	2	*	2	15	16
Dec 17-19, 2012	21	32	38	4	*	4	15	14
Dec 5-9, 2012	23	33	38	3	1	2	14	19
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	26	34	34	3	1	3	13	16
Oct 24-28, 2012	28	33	33	4	*	2	12	16
Oct 4-7, 2012	27	31	36	3	1	3	15	15
Sep 12-16, 2012	24	35	36	2	*	2	14	16
Jul 16-26, 2012	22	33	38	4	*	3	14	15
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	17
Jun 7-17, 2012	24	33	39	2	*	2	17	17
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	24	32	36	4	*	4	13	14
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	31	39	3	*	2	15	15
Mar 7-11, 2012	24	34	36	3	1	2	16	17
Feb 8-12, 2012	26	32	36	4	1	2	13	17
Jan 11-16, 2012	22	31	42	3	*	2	17	16
Jan 4-8, 2012	26	31	35	4	*	4	14	14
Yearly Totals								
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6

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The question was part of a list in March 2011, April 2009, January 2007, December 2004, Mid-October 2004, Mid-July 2003 and August 2002. From 1997 to 2003, the question asked about "guns or revolvers in your home." In 1993, the question asked, "Do you have any guns in this household?"

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	No	Other	DK/Ref	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
				preference	party			
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 <i>Post-Sept 11</i>	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 <i>Pre-Sept 11</i>	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--