

Appendix:

Simon Poll Spring 2013

Response Frequencies • Gun Control Questions

1. What do you think is more important? Protecting the right to own guns, or controlling gun ownership?

Protecting the right to own guns	31.3%
Controlling ownership	59.5%
Other/Don't know	9.2%

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

More strict	72.3%
Less strict	2.2%
Kept the same	21.3%
Other/Don't know	4.2%

3. Do you favor or oppose banning high-capacity ammunition clips that can contain more than 10 bullets?

Favor	62.8%
Oppose	33.3%
Other/Don't know	3.8%

4. Do you favor or oppose a law which would make it illegal to manufacture, sell, or possess semi-automatic guns known as assault rifles?

Favor	58.7%
Oppose	35.2%
Other/Don't know	6.2%

5. Do you favor or oppose a law that would ban the possession of handguns, except by the police and other authorized persons?

Favor	32.7%
Oppose	61.3%
Other/Don't know	6.0%

6. Do you favor or oppose a law that would require background checks before people – including gun dealers – could buy guns at a gun show?

Favor	92.5%
Oppose	5.5%
Other/Don't know	2.0%

7. Do you favor or oppose putting more armed guards or police in schools?

Favor	46.3%
Oppose	44.8%
Other/Don't know	8.8%

8. (IF YES ABOVE, $N=278$) Would you be willing to pay higher taxes to pay for more armed guards or police in schools?

Yes	63.3%
No	30.9%
Other/Don't know	5.8%

9. Do you believe the Second Amendment includes the right to carry concealed weapons in public?

Yes	39.5%
No	49.7%
Other/Don't know	10.8%

10. (IF YES ABOVE, $N=237$) Do you believe there should be exceptions to allowing concealed weapons in public places—excluding them from such places as schools, college campuses, shopping malls and movie theaters?

Yes	71.3%
No	20.7%
Other/Don't know	8.0%