

HuffPost: Legislation on Silencers

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1. Silencer regulations

People who want to buy a gun silencer are currently required to pay a \$200 fee and undergo a federal background check and fingerprinting process that can take up to a year. Do you think these regulations are:

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Too strict	11%	17%	6%	9%	13%	12%	11%	12%	7%	11%	17%
Not strict enough	39%	35%	44%	41%	25%	44%	45%	40%	41%	38%	33%
About right	36%	35%	37%	31%	43%	35%	37%	39%	40%	30%	21%
Not sure	13%	13%	13%	19%	19%	9%	6%	10%	12%	20%	29%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	1,000	428	572	184	263	354	199	744	95	80	81

	Party ID				Family Income (3 category)				Census Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Too strict	11%	4%	13%	18%	9%	14%	11%	15%	6%	8%	15%	12%
Not strict enough	39%	60%	34%	20%	36%	39%	54%	40%	43%	44%	35%	38%
About right	36%	28%	36%	50%	39%	40%	31%	25%	33%	35%	38%	36%
Not sure	13%	8%	17%	12%	16%	6%	5%	20%	17%	14%	11%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	1,000	337	436	227	451	277	121	151	203	203	352	242

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2. Heard about effort to loosen

How much have you heard about an effort to loosen restrictions on buying gun silencers?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Heard a lot	11%	12%	10%	9%	11%	11%	14%	11%	11%	13%	6%
Heard a little	34%	41%	27%	35%	33%	34%	34%	33%	35%	32%	44%
Heard nothing at all	55%	46%	63%	56%	56%	55%	53%	56%	53%	55%	50%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	995	426	569	184	260	352	199	740	95	79	81

	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Heard a lot	11%	16%	11%	5%	9%	13%	20%	9%	10%	15%	10%	11%
Heard a little	34%	37%	33%	31%	30%	36%	46%	35%	32%	37%	36%	31%
Heard nothing at all	55%	47%	56%	65%	61%	51%	35%	55%	58%	48%	54%	59%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	995	337	431	227	446	277	121	151	202	201	351	241

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3. Support effort to loosen

Would you support or oppose changing the law to allow people to buy gun silencers more quickly and without paying a fee?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly support	9%	14%	5%	7%	11%	10%	8%	8%	5%	14%	18%
Somewhat support	8%	12%	4%	11%	10%	5%	9%	9%	3%	12%	9%
Somewhat oppose	11%	10%	12%	10%	10%	12%	13%	12%	12%	3%	10%
Strongly oppose	56%	50%	62%	53%	50%	59%	63%	57%	62%	58%	36%
Not sure	15%	13%	17%	18%	19%	14%	8%	13%	18%	13%	27%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	998	427	571	183	262	354	199	743	95	79	81

	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly support	9%	4%	11%	14%	8%	12%	12%	7%	6%	5%	11%	12%
Somewhat support	8%	3%	8%	15%	7%	11%	6%	9%	14%	6%	8%	6%
Somewhat oppose	11%	9%	9%	19%	11%	13%	7%	10%	8%	15%	13%	7%
Strongly oppose	56%	74%	53%	38%	57%	56%	63%	51%	56%	60%	52%	61%
Not sure	15%	10%	19%	13%	17%	8%	11%	22%	16%	13%	16%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	998	337	434	227	449	277	121	151	203	201	352	242

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4. Effect on crime

If the law were changed to loosen restrictions on buying gun silencers, do you think this would:

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Increase crime	45%	40%	51%	47%	34%	50%	49%	44%	61%	48%	27%
Reduce crime	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	2%	3%	6%	9%	1%
Not have much of an impact on crime	33%	41%	24%	24%	38%	31%	38%	38%	11%	17%	44%
Not sure	18%	15%	21%	25%	24%	14%	10%	15%	22%	25%	28%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	997	427	570	182	262	354	199	743	95	79	80

	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Increase crime	45%	71%	37%	26%	45%	46%	47%	44%	46%	48%	40%	52%
Reduce crime	4%	3%	3%	6%	4%	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%	5%	3%
Not have much of an impact on crime	33%	12%	37%	52%	28%	38%	41%	32%	31%	28%	38%	28%
Not sure	18%	14%	23%	15%	22%	12%	8%	23%	19%	21%	17%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	997	336	434	227	448	277	121	151	202	201	352	242

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5. Gun owner

Do you or does anyone in your household own a gun?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
I personally own a gun	22%	31%	14%	12%	19%	26%	30%	26%	14%	14%	15%
I don't personally own a gun, but someone in my household owns a gun	12%	7%	17%	14%	12%	10%	14%	13%	10%	16%	6%
No one in my household owns a gun	57%	53%	61%	62%	57%	58%	53%	55%	68%	59%	62%
Not sure	8%	8%	8%	12%	11%	6%	3%	7%	8%	11%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	982	419	563	179	260	348	195	732	95	77	78

	Total	Party ID			Family Income (3 category)				Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
I personally own a gun	22%	16%	21%	35%	17%	31%	35%	17%	11%	24%	26%	23%
I don't personally own a gun, but someone in my household owns a gun	12%	14%	11%	13%	12%	12%	10%	15%	8%	11%	15%	12%
No one in my household owns a gun	57%	65%	57%	47%	63%	53%	51%	53%	73%	58%	51%	55%
Not sure	8%	5%	11%	6%	8%	5%	4%	15%	8%	7%	8%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	982	333	425	224	441	275	119	147	201	197	348	236

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6. More strict gun laws

Do you think gun control laws should be made more or less strict than they are now?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
More strict	54%	49%	59%	56%	49%	56%	56%	50%	75%	62%	45%
No change	25%	27%	22%	20%	26%	24%	29%	29%	12%	17%	19%
Less strict	11%	17%	5%	8%	10%	12%	12%	12%	1%	4%	24%
Not sure	11%	7%	14%	16%	16%	8%	3%	9%	11%	17%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	992	424	568	180	262	352	198	740	95	78	79

	Party ID				Family Income (3 category)				Census Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
More strict	54%	81%	50%	24%	55%	53%	63%	48%	52%	56%	51%	60%
No change	25%	13%	24%	42%	22%	30%	25%	24%	23%	24%	29%	21%
Less strict	11%	1%	11%	23%	8%	13%	10%	16%	13%	8%	10%	12%
Not sure	11%	5%	15%	10%	15%	4%	2%	12%	13%	12%	10%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	992	334	433	225	447	274	121	150	202	200	351	239

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7. Favorability of NRA

Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the NRA?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very favorable	18%	20%	16%	9%	14%	21%	28%	22%	6%	6%	21%
Somewhat favorable	18%	22%	15%	12%	21%	19%	20%	21%	5%	18%	17%
Somewhat unfavorable	10%	11%	9%	13%	8%	10%	9%	9%	14%	13%	8%
Very unfavorable	31%	35%	27%	31%	29%	30%	36%	31%	36%	28%	32%
Not sure	22%	12%	32%	35%	28%	21%	7%	17%	39%	35%	22%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	992	425	567	180	261	353	198	741	95	77	79

	Party ID				Family Income (3 category)				Census Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Prefer not to say	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very favorable	18%	4%	15%	44%	16%	21%	19%	19%	17%	15%	19%	20%
Somewhat favorable	18%	9%	18%	31%	17%	23%	15%	15%	15%	17%	20%	18%
Somewhat unfavorable	10%	15%	8%	7%	9%	15%	11%	7%	10%	15%	9%	8%
Very unfavorable	31%	50%	30%	6%	27%	29%	50%	35%	34%	34%	25%	36%
Not sure	22%	22%	29%	11%	31%	12%	6%	25%	24%	19%	26%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	992	333	432	227	445	276	121	150	201	200	351	240

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Interviewing Dates	October 3 - 4, 2017
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2014 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2014 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, 2012 and 2016 Presidential votes. The weights range from 0.114 to 6.009, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.708.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.8% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	47 questions not reported.