# ᏆᏆ DATA FOR *PROGRESS*

From May 25 to 30, 2022, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,152 likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is ±3 percentage points.

N=1,152 unless otherwise specified. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

**[1]** In general, do you feel that laws covering the sale and carrying of firearms should be made more strict, or less strict?

|  |  | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| More strict | **60%** | 82% | 59% | 36% |
| Kept the same | **26** | 11 | 23 | 46 |
| Less strict | **9** | 3 | 10 | 15 |
| Don't know | **4** | 3 | 7 | 3 |

**[2]** Do you think **Congress** has done too much or not enough to address gun violence in America, or do you think it has done the right amount?

|  |  | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Too much | **12%** | 4% | 12% | 20% |
| Not enough | **66** | 85 | 68 | 43 |
| The right amount | **16** | 7 | 12 | 29 |
| Don't know | **7** | 4 | 8 | 8 |

**[3]** Do you think your **state** has done too much or not enough to address gun violence in America, or do you think it has done the right amount?

|  |  | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Too much | **8%** | 5% | 9% | 11% |
| Not enough | **61** | 79 | 62 | 39 |
| The right amount | **25** | 11 | 21 | 43 |
| Don't know | **6** | 5 | 8 | 7 |

**[4]** From your own perspective, how safe or unsafe do you feel about current gun laws that impact your community?

|  |  | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Very safe | **15%** | 5% | 12% | 29% |
| Somewhat safe | **27** | 16 | 31 | 37 |
| Somewhat unsafe | **27** | 35 | 29 | 17 |
| Very unsafe | **25** | 39 | 23 | 13 |
| Don't know | **5** | 5 | 7 | 4 |

**[5]** Lawmakers in Congress are considering each of the following gun policies.

Please indicate whether you would support or oppose each:

— Starting a federal buyback program for the government to purchase assault weapons from gun owners

|  |  | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly support | 43% | 60% | 37% | 28% |
| Somewhat support | 19 | 17 | 23 | 17 |
| Somewhat oppose | 9 | 6 | 6 | 16 |
| Strongly oppose | 18 | 4 | 21 | 29 |
| Don't know | 12 | 12 | 13 | 10 |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL) | 62% | 77% | 60% | 45% |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL) | 27 | 10 | 27 | 45 |
| SUPPORT (NET) | **+35** | +67 | +33 | 0 |

**[6]** Lawmakers in Congress are considering each of the following gun policies.

Please indicate whether you would support or oppose each:

— Banning the sale of military-grade assault weapons to civilians, such as AR-15 rifles

|  |  | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly support | 55% | 78% | 51% | 33% |
| Somewhat support | 13 | 8 | 14 | 18 |
| Somewhat oppose | 9 | 5 | 8 | 14 |
| Strongly oppose | 16 | 4 | 18 | 28 |
| Don't know | 7 | 6 | 9 | 7 |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL) | 68% | 86% | 65% | 51% |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL) | 25 | 9 | 26 | 42 |
| SUPPORT (NET) | **+43** | +77 | +39 | +9 |

**[7]** Lawmakers in Congress are considering each of the following gun policies.

Please indicate whether you would support or oppose each:

— Requiring background checks for all gun purchases

|  |  | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly support | 79% | 84% | 82% | 70% |
| Somewhat support | 10 | 7 | 8 | 16 |
| Somewhat oppose | 4 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Strongly oppose | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Don't know | 4 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL) | 89% | 91% | 90% | 86% |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL) | 7 | 5 | 6 | 11 |
| SUPPORT (NET) | **+82** | +86 | +84 | +75 |

**[8]** Lawmakers in Congress are considering each of the following gun policies.

Please indicate whether you would support or oppose each:

— Banning the sale of guns to those under 21 years old

|  |  | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly support | 65% | 82% | 61% | 50% |
| Somewhat support | 16 | 9 | 17 | 23 |
| Somewhat oppose | 8 | 5 | 7 | 14 |
| Strongly oppose | 6 | 1 | 8 | 9 |
| Don't know | 5 | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL) | 81% | 91% | 78% | 73% |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL) | 14 | 6 | 15 | 23 |
| SUPPORT (NET) | **+67** | +85 | +63 | +50 |

**[9]** Lawmakers in Congress are considering each of the following gun policies.

Please indicate whether you would support or oppose each:

— Banning the sale of guns to those who have criminal histories of domestic abuse

|  |  | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly support | 76% | 82% | 74% | 71% |
| Somewhat support | 13 | 9 | 14 | 17 |
| Somewhat oppose | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Strongly oppose | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Don't know | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL) | 89% | 91% | 88% | 88% |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL) | 7 | 4 | 7 | 9 |
| SUPPORT (NET) | **+82** | +87 | +81 | +79 |

**[10]** From your own perspective, how safe or unsafe would you feel if **stricter gun laws** were implemented in your community? *(N=580)*

|  | | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Very safe | **21%** | 32% | 20% | 9% |
| Somewhat safe | **50** | 56 | 52 | 42 |
| Somewhat unsafe | **13** | 5 | 14 | 22 |
| Very unsafe | **10** | 3 | 10 | 17 |
| Don't know | **6** | 4 | 4 | 10 |

**[11]** From your own perspective, how safe or unsafe would you feel if **looser gun laws** were implemented in your community? *(N=569)*

|  | | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Very safe | **9%** | 6% | 7% | 15% |
| Somewhat safe | **17** | 9 | 15 | 26 |
| Somewhat unsafe | **21** | 13 | 25 | 26 |
| Very unsafe | **45** | 67 | 42 | 24 |
| Don't know | **8** | 5 | 10 | 9 |

**[12]** How much faith do you have in the federal government to handle the issue of gun policy? *(N=588)*

|  | | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lots of faith | **3%** | 5% | 1% | 3% |
| Some faith | **10** | 11 | 8 | 11 |
| A little faith | **30** | 29 | 35 | 27 |
| No faith at all | **52** | 50 | 51 | 56 |
| Don't know | **4** | 5 | 5 | 2 |

**[13]** Since the Sandy Hook school shooting in 2012, many people have felt that the government should have done more to handle the issue of gun policy.

How much faith do you have in the federal government to handle the issue of gun policy? *(N=560)*

|  | | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lots of faith | **3%** | 5% | 2% | 2% |
| Some faith | **14** | 14 | 13 | 16 |
| A little faith | **25** | 27 | 21 | 25 |
| No faith at all | **53** | 49 | 60 | 52 |
| Don't know | **5** | 5 | 4 | 6 |

**[14]** Which political party do you trust more to handle the issue of gun policy?

|  | | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Democrats | **41%** | 81% | 30% | 5% |
| Republicans | **32** | 3 | 22 | 73 |
| Neither | **23** | 13 | 41 | 21 |
| Don't know | **4** | 3 | 7 | 1 |

# ᴪ DATA FOR *PROGRESS*

From May 27 to June 1, 2022, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,207 likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is ±3 percentage points.

N=1,207 unless otherwise specified. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

**[1]**  Do you own one or more guns?

|  |  | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Yes | **31%** | 21% | 28% | 42% |
| No | **63** | 77 | 65 | 48 |
| Do not wish to say | **7** | 3 | 7 | 11 |

**[2]**  Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the National Rifle Association (NRA)?

|  |  | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Very favorable | 19% | 5% | 12% | 37% |
| Somewhat favorable | 23 | 11 | 24 | 33 |
| Somewhat unfavorable | 17 | 18 | 20 | 14 |
| Very unfavorable | 29 | 53 | 30 | 5 |
| Haven't heard enough to say | 13 | 13 | 14 | 12 |
| | | | | |
| FAVORABLE (TOTAL) | 42% | 16% | 36% | 70% |
| UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL) | 46 | 71 | 50 | 19 |
| FAVORABLE (NET) | **−4** | −55 | −14 | +51 |

**[3]**  Some members of Congress are considering passing a "red flag" law that would allow law enforcement officers to temporarily take guns away from people considered to be a threat to themselves or others.

Would you support or oppose Congress passing this "red flag" law?

|  |  | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly support | 43% | 63% | 43% | 24% |
| Somewhat support | 29 | 23 | 33 | 33 |
| Somewhat oppose | 10 | 5 | 6 | 18 |
| Strongly oppose | 12 | 4 | 15 | 18 |
| Don't know | 6 | 5 | 4 | 7 |
| | | | | |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL) | 72% | 86% | 76% | 57% |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL) | 22 | 9 | 21 | 36 |
| SUPPORT (NET) | **+50** | +77 | +55 | +21 |

**[4]**  Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

|  |  | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Background checks should be required for all gun purchases. We cannot allow people who display patterns of violent behavior to access or purchase deadly weapons. | **88%** | 93% | 92% | 81% |
| Background checks should not be required for gun purchases. We cannot let the government interfere in citizens' personal lives and control their private purchases. | **8** | 4 | 5 | 14 |
| Don't know | **4** | 3 | 3 | 5 |

**[5]** When thinking about gun ownership in America, which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

|  | | D | I | R |
|---|---:|---:|---:|---:|
| We need common-sense gun laws to combat violent crime, but that still allow for responsible gun owners to purchase firearms. | **69%** | 87% | 75% | 47% |
| It's our constitutional right to purchase guns, and any new laws won't help to stop violence in our streets and mass shootings. | **27** | 8 | 22 | 49 |
| Don't know | **4** | 4 | 3 | 4 |

**[6]** Do you support or oppose **mandatory gun buyback programs**, through which the federal government pays gun owners to turn in deadly semi-automatic and fully-automatic firearms, including AR-15s?

|  | | D | I | R |
|---|---:|---:|---:|---:|
| Strongly support | 36% | 59% | 38% | 13% |
| Somewhat support | 21 | 22 | 18 | 21 |
| Somewhat oppose | 11 | 6 | 12 | 14 |
| Strongly oppose | 25 | 5 | 24 | 45 |
| Don't know | 8 | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL) | 57% | 81% | 56% | 34% |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL) | 36 | 11 | 36 | 59 |
| SUPPORT (NET) | **+21** | +70 | +20 | −25 |

**[7]** To what extent do you think each of the following policies would **reduce gun violence** in the United States?

— Requiring background checks on more gun sales

  *(N=598)*

|  | | D | I | R |
|---|---:|---:|---:|---:|
| Would reduce gun violence significantly | **50%** | 69% | 47% | 34% |
| Would only reduce gun violence a little | **30** | 23 | 36 | 33 |
| Would not make a difference | **19** | 8 | 16 | 33 |

**[8]** To what extent do you think each of the following policies would **reduce gun violence** in the United States?

— A "Red Flag" law allowing for law enforcement to temporarily remove guns from people who are deemed dangerous to either themselves or others

  *(N=598)*

|  | | D | I | R |
|---|---:|---:|---:|---:|
| Would reduce gun violence significantly | **45%** | 61% | 45% | 29% |
| Would only reduce gun violence a little | **34** | 28 | 38 | 37 |
| Would not make a difference | **21** | 11 | 17 | 34 |

**[9]** To what extent do you think each of the following policies would **reduce gun violence** in the United States?

— Investing in violence interrupters to work with high-risk youth to minimize potential conflicts

  *(N=598)*

|  | | D | I | R |
|---|---:|---:|---:|---:|
| Would reduce gun violence significantly | **40%** | 49% | 39% | 31% |
| Would only reduce gun violence a little | **40** | 37 | 43 | 41 |
| Would not make a difference | **20** | 14 | 18 | 29 |

**[10]** To what extent do you think each of the following policies would **reduce gun violence** in the United States?

— Adding more armed security guards at all schools

 (N=598)

| | | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Would reduce gun violence significantly | **46%** | 32% | 46% | 61% |
| Would only reduce gun violence a little | **36** | 43 | 40 | 27 |
| Would not make a difference | **17** | 26 | 14 | 11 |

**[11]** To what extent do you think each of the following policies would **reduce gun violence** in the United States?

— Banning all assault weapons, including AR-15 rifles

 (N=598)

| | | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Would reduce gun violence significantly | **49%** | 70% | 54% | 24% |
| Would only reduce gun violence a little | **21** | 23 | 15 | 23 |
| Would not make a difference | **30** | 7 | 31 | 53 |

**[12]** To what extent do you think each of the following policies would **reduce gun violence** in the United States?

— Allowing the government to buy guns back from people who no longer need or want them

 (N=598)

| | | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Would reduce gun violence significantly | **29%** | 44% | 28% | 13% |
| Would only reduce gun violence a little | **34** | 38 | 36 | 28 |
| Would not make a difference | **37** | 17 | 35 | 59 |

**[13]** For each of the following policies, please indicate if you think it is an **acceptable limitation on gun ownership** or if it is an **unacceptable violation of the right to bear arms** as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution:

— Requiring background checks on more gun sales

 (N=602)

| | | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Is an acceptable limitation on gun ownership | **80%** | 85% | 88% | 69% |
| Is an unacceptable violation of the right to bear arms | **10** | 5 | 4 | 19 |
| Don't know | **10** | 10 | 8 | 12 |

**[14]** For each of the following policies, please indicate if you think it is an **acceptable limitation on gun ownership** or if it is an **unacceptable violation of the right to bear arms** as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution:

— A "Red Flag" law allowing for law enforcement to temporarily remove guns from people who are deemed dangerous to either themselves or others

 (N=604)

| | | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Is an acceptable limitation on gun ownership | **68%** | 81% | 70% | 54% |
| Is an unacceptable violation of the right to bear arms | **19** | 9 | 19 | 29 |
| Don't know | **13** | 10 | 12 | 17 |

**[15]** For each of the following policies, please indicate if you think it is an **acceptable limitation on gun ownership** or if it is an **unacceptable violation of the right to bear arms** as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution:

— Investing in violence interrupters to work with high-risk youth to minimize potential conflicts

 (N=603)

| | | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Is an acceptable limitation on gun ownership | **66%** | 72% | 72% | 58% |
| Is an unacceptable violation of the right to bear arms | **8** | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| Don't know | **25** | 22 | 22 | 30 |

|  | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|

**[16]** For each of the following policies, please indicate if you think it is an **acceptable limitation on gun ownership** or if it is an **unacceptable violation of the right to bear arms** as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution:

— Banning high-capacity magazines, which allow shooters to take dozens of shots without needing to reload

 *(N=602)*

| | Total | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Is an acceptable limitation on gun ownership | **63%** | 80% | 67% | 46% |
| Is an unacceptable violation of the right to bear arms | **23** | 8 | 23 | 37 |
| Don't know | **13** | 11 | 10 | 17 |

**[17]** For each of the following policies, please indicate if you think it is an **acceptable limitation on gun ownership** or if it is an **unacceptable violation of the right to bear arms** as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution:

— Banning all assault weapons, including AR-15 rifles

 *(N=606)*

| | Total | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Is an acceptable limitation on gun ownership | **56%** | 81% | 62% | 30% |
| Is an unacceptable violation of the right to bear arms | **30** | 8 | 27 | 53 |
| Don't know | **14** | 12 | 11 | 17 |

**[18]** For each of the following policies, please indicate if you think it is an **acceptable limitation on gun ownership** or if it is an **unacceptable violation of the right to bear arms** as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution:

— Allowing the government to buy guns back from people who no longer need or want them

 *(N=606)*

| | Total | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Is an acceptable limitation on gun ownership | **76%** | 85% | 79% | 65% |
| Is an unacceptable violation of the right to bear arms | **12** | 5 | 8 | 20 |
| Don't know | **13** | 10 | 14 | 15 |

**[1]** How much have you heard about the police response to the Uvalde school shooting in Texas?

| | | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| A lot | **59%** | 67% | 55% | 53% |
| A little | **36** | 29 | 38 | 42 |
| Nothing at all | **5** | 4 | 7 | 5 |

**[2]** Based on what you know, how would you rate the response of police officers to the Uvalde, TX school shooting? *(N=1,109)*

| | | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Very good | **3%** | 4% | 2% | 4% |
| Somewhat good | **9** | 5 | 10 | 12 |
| Somewhat bad | **25** | 22 | 23 | 30 |
| Very bad | **58** | 65 | 62 | 48 |
| Don't know | **5** | 5 | 4 | 7 |

**[3]** When major crimes occur, do you think city and state governments should or should not be allowed to investigate how a police department responds to the crime?

| | | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Governments should be allowed to investigate police actions during a crime | **85%** | 89% | 86% | 79% |
| Governments should not be allowed to investigate police actions during a crime | **8** | 4 | 6 | 15 |
| Don't know | **7** | 7 | 8 | 6 |

**[4]** When major crimes occur, do you think police departments should or should not be required to hold press conferences and speak with the media on their actions during the crime?

| | | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Police departments should be required to speak publicly with the press | **73%** | 79% | 71% | 67% |
| Police departments should not be required to speak publicly with the press | **19** | 11 | 18 | 28 |
| Don't know | **8** | 10 | 10 | 5 |

**[5]** When major crimes occur, how much do you trust police departments to **accurately and objectively** report on their actions during the crime?

| | | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Completely trust police | **12%** | 8% | 7% | 18% |
| Somewhat trust police | **42** | 31 | 42 | 53 |
| Trust police a little | **26** | 33 | 27 | 18 |
| Don't trust police at all | **16** | 21 | 18 | 8 |
| Don't know | **5** | 7 | 5 | 3 |

**[6]** Of the following approaches to dealing with the risk of mass shootings, which do you prefer most?

|  | | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Passing gun reform laws to limit the number of assault weapons and heavy weaponry sales . . . . . . . . | **52%** | 77% | 50% | 27% |
| Increasing funding and training to police officers so they can stop shooters with heavy weaponry . . . . | **41** | 19 | 39 | 67 |
| Don't know . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | **7** | 5 | 11 | 6 |

**[7]** Research shows that a majority of mass shootings perpetrators are young men. Many, including the recent perpetrators of the mass shootings in Uvalde, TX and Buffalo, NY are men who just turned 18 and were able to legally purchase a semi-automatic firearm.

Knowing this, would you support or oppose raising the national age limit for purchasing semi-automatic firearms from 18 to 21 years old?

|  | | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly support . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 61% | 76% | 59% | 45% |
| Somewhat support . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 18 | 10 | 18 | 26 |
| Somewhat oppose . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 7 | 4 | 8 | 11 |
| Strongly oppose . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 9 | 5 | 10 | 13 |
| Don't know . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 5 | 4 | 6 | 5 |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 79% | 86% | 77% | 71% |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 16 | 9 | 18 | 24 |
| SUPPORT (NET) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | **+63** | +77 | +59 | +47 |

**[8]** Research shows that a majority of mass shooting perpetrators are actively or have recently experienced episodes of mental health crises, including feelings of committing suicide. This includes the recent perpetrators of the mass shootings in Uvalde, TX and Buffalo, NY.

Knowing this, would you support or oppose red flag laws which allow law enforcement to prevent individuals who pose a risk to themselves and others from owning guns?

|  | | D | I | R |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly support . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 58% | 73% | 55% | 44% |
| Somewhat support . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 23 | 13 | 24 | 32 |
| Somewhat oppose . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 6 | 2 | 8 | 8 |
| Strongly oppose . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 7 | 5 | 7 | 9 |
| Don't know . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 7 | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 81% | 86% | 79% | 76% |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 13 | 7 | 15 | 17 |
| SUPPORT (NET) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | **+68** | +79 | +64 | +59 |