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Ipsos Snap Poll: UVALDE SHOOTING / GUN CONTROL

A survey of the American adult population (ages 18+)

Interview dates: May 25, 2022

Number of interviews: 940

Number of Republicans: 278

Number of Democrats: 305

Number of Independents / Others: 357

Credibility Interval: +/- 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Reduced bases are unweighted values.

*NOTE: * = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents*

Annotated Questionnaire:

- How familiar are you, if at all, with the following?

A recent mass shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Very familiar	48%	50%	57%	37%
Somewhat familiar	28%	29%	25%	30%
Heard of, but that is about it	16%	15%	11%	21%
Never heard of	8%	6%	6%	13%
<i>Total familiar</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>67%</i>
<i>Total aware</i>	<i>92%</i>	<i>94%</i>	<i>94%</i>	<i>87%</i>

A recent mass shooting at a grocery store in Buffalo, New York

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Very familiar	38%	34%	49%	29%
Somewhat familiar	32%	40%	28%	31%
Heard of, but that is about it	19%	17%	16%	23%
Never heard of	12%	10%	7%	18%
<i>Total familiar</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>60%</i>
<i>Total aware</i>	<i>89%</i>	<i>91%</i>	<i>93%</i>	<i>82%</i>

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Congressional efforts to pass new laws limiting access to guns

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Very familiar	22%	24%	24%	17%
Somewhat familiar	36%	39%	35%	33%
Heard of, but that is about it	29%	29%	27%	32%
Never heard of	14%	9%	14%	18%
<i>Total familiar</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>63%</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>50%</i>
<i>Total aware</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>91%</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>82%</i>

The position of your elected representatives on gun rights and controls

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Very familiar	22%	25%	27%	14%
Somewhat familiar	36%	35%	33%	39%
Heard of, but that is about it	26%	25%	27%	26%
Never heard of	17%	15%	13%	21%
<i>Total familiar</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>53%</i>
<i>Total aware</i>	<i>84%</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>87%</i>	<i>79%</i>

2. When thinking about gun ownership rights and gun laws, which of the following comes closest to your personal opinion?

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Gun ownership should have strong regulations or restrictions	46%	31%	64%	43%
Gun ownership should have moderate regulations or restrictions	20%	21%	19%	20%
Gun ownership should have basic regulations or restrictions	20%	30%	12%	20%
Gun ownership should have no or very few restrictions	6%	9%	2%	8%
Unsure	7%	8%	4%	10%
<i>Total moderate-strong</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>63%</i>
<i>Total basic-none</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>27%</i>

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3. Do you support or oppose...

Laws allowing law abiding citizens to get a permit to carry a concealed weapon

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Strongly support	42%	53%	31%	41%
Somewhat support	27%	23%	29%	30%
Somewhat oppose	13%	13%	15%	10%
Strongly oppose	9%	5%	15%	7%
Unsure	9%	6%	10%	12%
<i>Total support</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>71%</i>
<i>Total oppose</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>18%</i>

Laws limiting the sale of automatic weapons (i.e. machine guns)

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Strongly support	54%	43%	69%	49%
Somewhat support	20%	25%	16%	20%
Somewhat oppose	10%	12%	7%	10%
Strongly oppose	10%	14%	5%	11%
Unsure	7%	7%	4%	10%
<i>Total support</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>69%</i>
<i>Total oppose</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>21%</i>

Laws allowing law-abiding citizens to bring a firearm into a church, workplace, or retail establishment

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Strongly support	19%	30%	11%	17%
Somewhat support	24%	29%	22%	22%
Somewhat oppose	19%	21%	18%	20%
Strongly oppose	28%	14%	41%	29%
Unsure	9%	7%	9%	12%
<i>Total support</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>39%</i>
<i>Total oppose</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>49%</i>

Laws requiring background checks before allowing the sale of a firearms

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Strongly support	65%	60%	75%	61%
Somewhat support	18%	22%	13%	20%
Somewhat oppose	7%	10%	5%	7%
Strongly oppose	4%	4%	4%	4%
Unsure	5%	4%	3%	8%
<i>Total support</i>	<i>84%</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>81%</i>
<i>Total oppose</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>11%</i>

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Red flag laws allowing police to confiscate firearms from people courts say are dangerous

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Strongly support	46%	35%	61%	41%
Somewhat support	24%	27%	21%	24%
Somewhat oppose	9%	12%	7%	8%
Strongly oppose	9%	13%	3%	11%
Unsure	12%	13%	8%	15%
<i>Total support</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>66%</i>
<i>Total oppose</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>19%</i>

Raising the legal age to buy a gun from 18 to 21

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Strongly support	53%	45%	62%	52%
Somewhat support	19%	21%	17%	19%
Somewhat oppose	12%	14%	8%	13%
Strongly oppose	9%	12%	7%	9%
Unsure	7%	8%	6%	7%
<i>Total support</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>70%</i>
<i>Total oppose</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>22%</i>

Laws allowing any adult to purchase any firearms with no background check and no waiting period

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Strongly support	5%	6%	5%	4%
Somewhat support	11%	11%	8%	12%
Somewhat oppose	14%	20%	9%	13%
Strongly oppose	64%	56%	74%	61%
Unsure	7%	7%	3%	10%
<i>Total support</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>17%</i>
<i>Total oppose</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>74%</i>

Arming elementary school teachers or staff with guns

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Strongly support	22%	32%	12%	22%
Somewhat support	24%	26%	21%	23%
Somewhat oppose	17%	17%	18%	16%
Strongly oppose	24%	15%	36%	23%
Unsure	13%	10%	13%	17%
<i>Total support</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>45%</i>
<i>Total oppose</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>38%</i>

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4. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

America has more mass shootings than any other developed country

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Strongly agree	42%	30%	58%	38%
Somewhat agree	31%	35%	27%	30%
Somewhat disagree	20%	27%	12%	21%
Strongly disagree	7%	8%	3%	10%
<i>Total agree</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>69%</i>
<i>Total disagree</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>31%</i>

America has so many mass shootings because of how easy it is to get guns

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Strongly agree	39%	24%	57%	36%
Somewhat agree	26%	28%	26%	25%
Somewhat disagree	19%	25%	13%	20%
Strongly disagree	16%	23%	4%	20%
<i>Total agree</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>60%</i>
<i>Total disagree</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>40%</i>

Any new gun control laws would eventually result in the government trying to take everyone's guns

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Strongly agree	22%	33%	12%	20%
Somewhat agree	30%	33%	25%	31%
Somewhat disagree	23%	22%	24%	23%
Strongly disagree	25%	12%	38%	26%
<i>Total agree</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>51%</i>
<i>Total disagree</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>49%</i>

The best way for Americans to protect themselves from mass shootings is to carry a firearm themselves

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Strongly agree	21%	33%	13%	17%
Somewhat agree	33%	38%	29%	33%
Somewhat disagree	24%	20%	25%	27%
Strongly disagree	22%	10%	34%	23%
<i>Total agree</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>51%</i>
<i>Total disagree</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>49%</i>

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5. How confident are you that your elected representatives will do something this year to strengthen gun laws in the U.S.?

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Very confident	11%	11%	15%	7%
Somewhat confident	24%	21%	30%	22%
Not very confident	27%	29%	20%	31%
Not at all confident	22%	20%	28%	19%
Don't know	16%	19%	7%	21%
<i>Total confident</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>29%</i>
<i>Total not confident</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>50%</i>

6. In the upcoming elections this November, are you more or less likely to support a candidate who does the following?

Supports passing background checks and red flag laws for all new gun purchases

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Much more likely	50%	41%	62%	46%
Somewhat more likely	30%	37%	23%	29%
Somewhat less likely	13%	13%	10%	16%
Much less likely	8%	10%	6%	9%
<i>Total more likely</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>76%</i>
<i>Total less likely</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>24%</i>

Takes money from or attends events by the NRA or gun makers

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Much more likely	12%	19%	10%	8%
Somewhat more likely	31%	38%	23%	32%
Somewhat less likely	26%	27%	23%	27%
Much less likely	31%	16%	44%	32%
<i>Total more likely</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>41%</i>
<i>Total less likely</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>59%</i>

Supports Americans' 2nd Amendment right to own firearms

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Much more likely	30%	48%	16%	26%
Somewhat more likely	31%	31%	28%	35%
Somewhat less likely	25%	15%	33%	27%
Much less likely	14%	7%	23%	12%
<i>Total more likely</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>61%</i>
<i>Total less likely</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>39%</i>

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Supports the right to own firearms AND supports laws to limit easy access to guns

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Much more likely	31%	33%	32%	27%
Somewhat more likely	38%	40%	35%	38%
Somewhat less likely	17%	16%	15%	21%
Much less likely	15%	11%	18%	14%
<i>Total more likely</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>65%</i>
<i>Total less likely</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>35%</i>

Takes money from gun control advocacy groups

	All respondents	Republican	Democrat	Indep/Other
Much more likely	13%	11%	20%	9%
Somewhat more likely	29%	27%	29%	32%
Somewhat less likely	28%	35%	20%	28%
Much less likely	30%	27%	32%	31%
<i>Total more likely</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>41%</i>
<i>Total less likely</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>59%</i>



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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted on May 25, 2022. For this survey, a sample of 940 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The sample includes N=278 Republicans, N=305 Democrats, and N=357 Independents / others.

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The poll also has a credibility interval of plus or minus 7.0 percentage points for Republicans, +/- 7.0 for Democrats, +/- 6.5 for independents/others.





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