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As gun violence remains a major concern, Americans favor stricter regulations

August FiveThirtyEight/Ipsos survey finds younger Americans far more likely to have experienced active shooter drills in school

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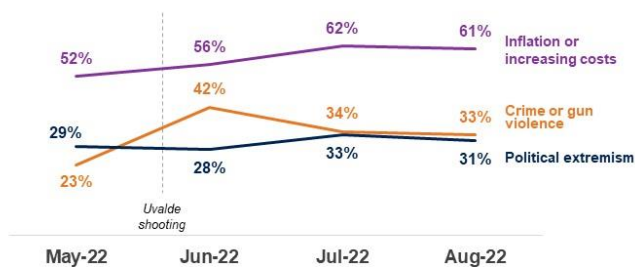
Washington, DC, August 10, 2022 -- The latest FiveThirtyEight/Ipsos Election Tracking poll finds crime or gun violence remains among Americans' top concerns, albeit distantly behind inflation for most, and that a majority believe gun violence is a larger issue than crime. At the same time, just over six in 10 Americans believe it is more important to control gun violence than protect gun rights, and that the U.S. should have stricter restrictions on gun ownership. In fact, a number of possible restrictions garner bipartisan support.

Two and a half months after the mass shooting at Robb Elementary in Uvalde, TX, the poll also explores perceptions of what could make schools safer and the share of Americans that have experienced lock down drills to prepare for an active shooter during their K-12 education.

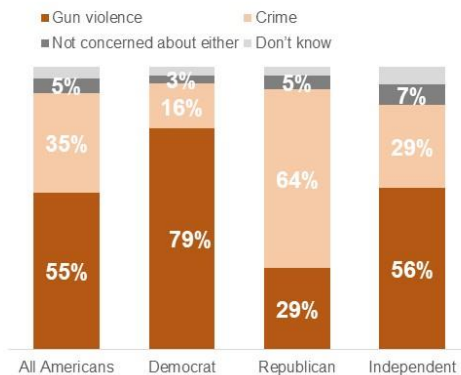
Crime or gun violence remains a top concern for Americans

When forced to choose, a majority say gun violence is a bigger issue than crime

Which of the following topics do you find are the most important issues facing the country? (Top three)



Which of the following do you feel is currently a bigger issue across the country?



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Base: August (N=1,538), July (N=1,549), June (N=1,691), May (N=2,006)
All Americans (N=1,538) Democrats (N=436), Republicans (N=446), independents (N=656)



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Detailed Findings

1. Crime or gun violence continues to rank among Americans' top concerns. When forced to choose, more are concerned about gun violence than crime, though this differs based on party affiliation.
 - Inflation remains the top concern facing the country (61%), followed by crime or gun violence (33%) and political extremism or polarization (31%).
 - Among Democrats, inflation (50%) and crime or gun violence (44%) are nearly equally important, whereas Republicans are far more likely to cite inflation (79%) as more important to address than crime or gun violence (26%).
 - When forced to choose, 55% of Americans say gun violence is a larger issue, compared to just 35% that say crime.
 - This varies drastically along party lines; 79% of Democrats indicate gun violence is a larger issue while 64% of Republicans believe crime is a larger issue. Independents are more likely to believe gun violence (56%) is a larger issue than crime (29%).
 - Roughly one in six Americans (16%) report that they or someone in their immediate family have been the victim of gun violence in the past.
2. Across a series of true or false statements, Americans demonstrate relatively low knowledge of crime and gun violence statistics.
 - A narrow majority of Americans (51%), including Republicans (56%) and Democrats (51%) alike, *correctly* recognize that the rate of violent crime increased in 2020. However, a similar share of Americans (49%) *incorrectly* believes 2020 had a higher rate of violent crimes than 1991.
 - Just over four in 10 (45%) *correctly* indicate that crime rates are higher in urban than rural areas after controlling for population size. However, a similar share (42%) *incorrectly* believe gun death rates are higher in urban areas than in rural areas after controlling for population size.
 - Nearly seven in 10 (69%) correctly indicate that gun death rates are increasing and 60% correctly say the U.S. has the highest gun deaths per capita among all developed countries. Just 19%, however, correctly identify that most deaths from guns are suicides.
3. In general, Republicans do not favor stricter gun laws. However, many potential initiatives garner majority support across both sides of the aisle (and among independents).
 - Americans believe controlling gun violence (63%) is more important than protecting gun rights. This breaks down by party identification, with far more Republicans (63%) believing it is more important to protect gun rights than Democrats (7%).
 - Roughly six in 10 (61%) Americans believe the U.S. should pass gun laws that are stricter than they are today. Just 9% believe the U.S. should have less strict gun laws. Democrats overwhelmingly prefer stricter laws (87%) than Republicans (35%).
 - A majority of Americans—including Republicans—support a number of restrictions to gun ownership, including universal background checks (83%), mandatory safety training (83%), mental health evaluations (78%), higher minimum age (74%), and proof of proper storage (68%).
 - Fewer than half (41%) believe stricter gun restrictions would lead to fewer mass shootings.

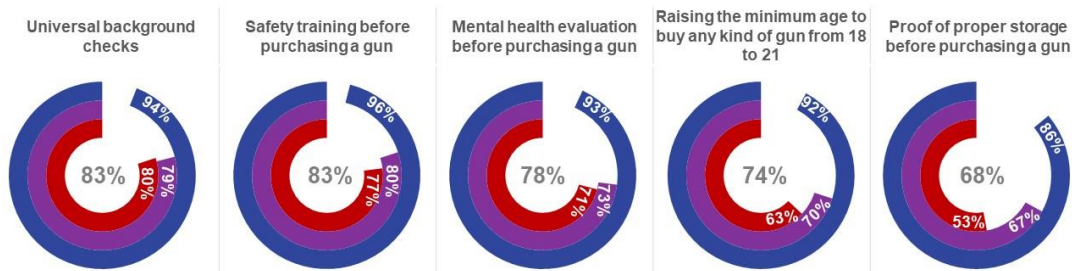
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Large majority of Americans support gun reforms

There is bi-partisan support for the types of restrictions asked about

Percentage of Americans who strongly or somewhat support...

■ All Americans ■ Republicans ■ Independents ■ Democrats



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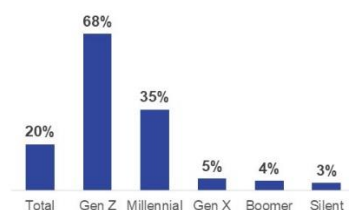
4. A narrow majority of Americans believe an increased police presence at schools would make them safer. However, few believe arming teachers would make schools safer.
 - A majority of Americans (55%) believe that schools would be safer if there were more police stationed there, including 72% of Republicans, 49% of independents, and 47% of Democrats.
 - By comparison, far fewer (25%) believe schools would be safer if teachers had guns, including 44% of Republicans, 23% of independents, and 9% of Democrats.
 - One-fifth of Americans report having gone through a lockdown drill during their K-12 education, with large differences by generation.
 - Roughly half (51%) of parents of children under 18 report that their child has gone through lockdown drills to prepare for an active shooter at their school.

Active shooter drills drastically higher for younger generations

Gen Z most likely to oppose arming teachers than any other generation

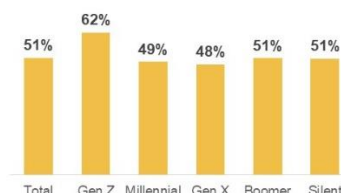
At any time during your education (up to grade 12) did you go through lockdown drills to prepare for an active shooter at your school?

(% Selecting Yes)



Would schools be safer if teachers had guns?

(% Selecting No)



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Base: All Respondents (N=1,538); Gen Z (N=74), Millennial (N=296), Gen X (N=391), Boomer (N=662), Silent (N=153)





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FiveThirtyEight/Ipsos 2022 Election Tracking Survey

Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®
A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)

Interview dates: July 21 – August 1, 2022

Number of interviews: 1,538

Number of Democrat interviews: 436

Number of Republican interviews: 446

Number of Independent interviews: 656

Margin of error: +/- 3.1 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:

1. What do you think is the main issue facing America at this moment?

Open-ended responses provided separately.

2. Which of the following topics do you find the most worrying to you personally? (Select up to three)

	Total August 2022 (N=1,538)	Democrat (N=436)	Republican (N=446)	Independent (N=656)
Inflation or increasing costs	60	46	81	56
Crime or gun violence	30	40	24	28
Political extremism or polarization	26	34	22	24
Climate change	21	35	7	20
Immigration	14	4	25	13
Healthcare	14	15	9	16
Race and racism	12	22	4	12
COVID-19/coronavirus	12	17	5	12
Abortion	11	17	8	10
Government budget and debt	11	3	19	11
Taxes	9	4	14	10
Economic inequality	9	13	3	10
Election security or fraud	8	4	15	6
Education	5	4	4	7
Foreign conflicts or terrorism	5	5	5	5
Opioid or drug addiction	3	4	4	3
Natural disasters	3	3	2	3
Unemployment	3	4	2	2
Other	3	2	2	4
None of these	2	1	1	3

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2. Which of the following topics do you find the most worrying to you personally? (Select up to three)
(Continued)

	Total May 2022 (N=2,006)	Total June 2022 (N=1,691)	Total July 2022 (N=1,549)	Total August 2022 (N=1,538)
Inflation or increasing costs	51	55	60	60
Crime or gun violence	20	38	27	30
Political extremism or polarization	27	26	30	26
Climate change	17	15	14	21
Immigration	14	13	13	14
Healthcare	16	13	14	14
Race and racism	14	15	12	12
COVID-19/coronavirus	11	9	9	12
Abortion	5	10	13	11
Government budget and debt	13	12	13	11
Taxes	10	7	8	9
Economic inequality	12	9	8	9
Election security or fraud	9	7	9	8
Education	7	6	6	5
Foreign conflicts or terrorism	12	7	7	5
Opioid or drug addiction	4	4	4	3
Natural disasters	3	2	2	3
Unemployment	3	3	3	3
Other	2	3	3	3
None of these	3	2	2	2

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3. Which of the following topics are the most important issues facing the country? (Select up to three)

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Inflation or increasing costs	61	50	79	57
Crime or gun violence	33	44	26	31
Political extremism or polarization	31	40	28	29
Climate change	18	28	6	19
Immigration	17	5	34	15
Government budget and debt	15	7	25	13
Abortion	14	21	10	12
Race and racism	13	22	4	13
COVID-19/coronavirus	12	15	4	15
Healthcare	12	13	8	14
Economic inequality	12	18	5	12
Election security or fraud	8	2	16	6
Taxes	7	5	9	6
Foreign conflicts or terrorism	5	4	7	5
Education	5	2	4	7
Opioid or drug addiction	4	2	5	5
Unemployment	3	2	3	3
Natural disasters	2	2	2	3
Other	3	1	2	4
None of these	1	*	1	2

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022
Inflation or increasing costs	52	56	62	61
Crime or gun violence	23	42	34	33
Political extremism or polarization	29	28	33	31
Climate change	16	14	13	18
Immigration	20	17	17	17
Government budget and debt	18	17	15	15
Abortion	4	9	19	14
Race and racism	16	18	14	13
COVID-19/coronavirus	15	10	7	12
Healthcare	13	12	12	12
Economic inequality	13	12	10	12
Election security or fraud	9	8	8	8
Taxes	7	5	6	7
Foreign conflicts or terrorism	15	9	8	5
Education	7	5	4	5
Opioid or drug addiction	6	5	5	4
Unemployment	4	4	2	3
Natural disasters	2	1	1	2
Other	2	3	3	3
None of these	1	1	1	1

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4. In the past month, which of these topics have you seen a lot of in the news? (Select all that apply)

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Inflation or increasing costs	68	73	71	63
Crime or gun violence	67	74	64	65
Abortion	63	70	61	60
COVID-19/coronavirus	45	53	42	42
Climate change	39	45	35	38
Political extremism or polarization	37	41	36	34
Foreign conflicts or terrorism	36	36	36	36
Race and racism	31	35	28	31
Immigration	26	19	39	23
Election security or fraud	21	21	23	19
Natural disasters	18	23	15	17
Government budget and debt	15	12	19	14
Opioid or drug addiction	14	11	18	14
Economic inequality	13	18	10	13
Healthcare	12	13	11	13
Unemployment	9	9	8	9
Education	9	7	9	9
Taxes	8	6	8	8
Other	1	1	1	2
None of these	6	3	7	6

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022
Inflation or increasing costs	65	66	71	68
Crime or gun violence	50	76	71	67
Abortion	23	53	69	63
COVID-19/coronavirus	54	44	35	45
Climate change	30	25	23	39
Political extremism or polarization	37	35	39	37
Foreign conflicts or terrorism	54	44	36	36
Race and racism	40	42	35	31
Immigration	36	29	32	26
Election security or fraud	18	18	22	21
Natural disasters	16	13	14	18
Government budget and debt	22	19	17	15
Opioid or drug addiction	19	18	15	14
Economic inequality	17	14	13	13
Healthcare	16	15	13	12
Unemployment	13	10	7	9
Education	14	11	9	9
Taxes	14	9	9	8
Other	2	2	2	1
None of these	5	4	4	6

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5. How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the 2022 midterm elections?

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Certain or almost certain	45	48	56	37
Very likely	18	21	20	16
Somewhat likely	8	9	8	8
Not very likely	10	6	9	13
Not applicable/not registered voter	10	11	5	13
Don't know	8	6	2	12
Skipped	1	-	-	2

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022
Certain or almost certain	42	42	43	45
Very likely	20	19	18	18
Somewhat likely	9	9	9	8
Not very likely	11	12	12	10
Not applicable/not registered voter	9	9	8	10
Don't know	8	8	8	8
Skipped	1	1	1	1

6. If you do vote in the 2022 midterm congressional elections, how would you vote?

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Democratic candidate	30	83	1	15
Republican candidate	30	2	87	15
Independent / other candidate	13	1	1	25
Would not vote	9	5	1	16
Don't know	18	9	10	26
Skipped	1	*	-	3

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022
Democratic candidate	27	27	29	30
Republican candidate	29	29	29	30
Independent / other candidate	12	12	13	13
Would not vote	8	9	9	9
Don't know	23	21	19	18
Skipped	1	1	1	1

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6. If you do vote in the 2022 midterm congressional elections, how would you vote? *(Continued)*

Base: Certain or almost certain to vote in the 2022 midterm elections

	Total August 2022 (N=884)	Democrat (N=272)	Republican (N=283)	Independent (N=329)
Republican candidate	40	2	91	26
Democratic candidate	38	94	2	28
Independent / other candidate	11	1	2	26
Would not vote	-	-	-	-
Don't know	11	4	6	19
Skipped	1	-	-	1

	Total May 2022 (N=1,065)	Total June 2022 (N=711)	Total July 2022 (N=887)	Total August 2022 (N=884)
Republican candidate	40	42	38	40
Democratic candidate	38	35	39	38
Independent / other candidate	9	10	11	11
Would not vote	-	-	-	-
Don't know	12	13	11	11
Skipped	1	1	1	1

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7. How favorable or unfavorable is your opinion of the following?

Total Favorable Summary

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
The police	68	60	90	60
The Supreme Court	40	20	73	34
The Republican Party	38	9	86	29
The National Rifle Association (NRA)	35	9	69	31
The Democratic Party	35	80	4	26
Republicans in Congress	34	9	80	24
Joe Biden	34	76	4	27
Democrats in Congress	33	80	4	23
Donald Trump	33	7	74	25

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022
The police	NA***	NA***	NA***	68
The Supreme Court	NA**	NA**	39	40
The Republican Party	NA*	36	36	38
The National Rifle Association (NRA)	NA***	NA***	NA***	35
The Democratic Party	NA*	38	35	35
Republicans in Congress	34	NA	NA	34
Joe Biden	37	36	33	34
Democrats in Congress	34	NA	NA	33
Donald Trump	33	35	32	33

*These responses were first asked in the June 2022 wave.

**This response was first asked in the July 2022 wave.

***These responses were first asked in the August 2022 wave.

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7. How favorable or unfavorable is your opinion of the following? (*Continued*)

a. Joe Biden

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	8	23	*	4
Somewhat favorable	13	30	1	9
Lean favorable	13	22	2	15
Lean unfavorable	11	9	8	14
Somewhat unfavorable	9	5	13	8
Very unfavorable	37	6	74	35
Don't know	7	4	1	12
Skipped	2	1	1	4
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>57</i>

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022
Very favorable	11	9	9	8
Somewhat favorable	15	15	11	13
Lean favorable	11	12	13	13
Lean unfavorable	8	7	11	11
Somewhat unfavorable	8	10	9	9
Very unfavorable	39	39	40	37
Don't know	8	7	7	7
Skipped	2	2	2	2
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>34</i>
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>57</i>

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7. How favorable or unfavorable is your opinion of the following? (*Continued*)

b. Donald Trump

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	12	*	32	8
Somewhat favorable	11	3	22	9
Lean favorable	10	4	20	8
Lean unfavorable	7	4	7	9
Somewhat unfavorable	6	6	4	7
Very unfavorable	47	81	11	48
Don't know	5	1	3	8
Skipped	2	1	1	3
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	33	7	74	25
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	60	91	22	64

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022
Very favorable	14	14	12	12
Somewhat favorable	10	12	10	11
Lean favorable	8	9	10	10
Lean unfavorable	6	5	6	7
Somewhat unfavorable	7	6	8	6
Very unfavorable	47	46	47	47
Don't know	6	6	5	5
Skipped	2	2	2	2
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	33	35	32	33
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	59	58	61	60

c. Democrats in Congress

	Total May 2022	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	9	7	22	1	1
Somewhat favorable	14	13	34	1	8
Lean favorable	11	14	25	2	14
Lean unfavorable	9	14	9	12	17
Somewhat unfavorable	13	12	5	16	13
Very unfavorable	30	29	2	63	25
Don't know	13	11	3	4	19
Skipped	2	2	1	1	4
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	34	33	80	4	23
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	52	54	16	91	54

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7. How favorable or unfavorable is your opinion of the following? (Continued)

d. Republicans in Congress

	Total May 2022	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	8	6	1	17	2
Somewhat favorable	13	14	3	34	9
Lean favorable	14	15	6	28	13
Lean unfavorable	11	11	9	9	13
Somewhat unfavorable	12	11	19	3	11
Very unfavorable	28	31	58	4	32
Don't know	13	10	4	4	17
Skipped	2	2	1	*	4
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>56</i>

e. The Democratic Party

	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	8	7	8	24	1	2
Somewhat favorable	15	14	12	31	1	8
Lean favorable	14	14	15	25	2	16
Lean unfavorable	9	11	13	10	13	14
Somewhat unfavorable	11	12	10	3	14	13
Very unfavorable	30	32	31	4	66	27
Don't know	10	9	9	2	3	17
Skipped	2	2	2	1	*	4
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>93</i>	<i>54</i>

f. The Republican Party

	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	9	8	8	1	24	2
Somewhat favorable	14	13	15	3	37	9
Lean favorable	14	15	16	5	25	17
Lean unfavorable	10	9	10	14	7	11
Somewhat unfavorable	12	12	11	16	4	12
Very unfavorable	30	32	29	57	1	29
Don't know	9	8	10	4	2	16
Skipped	2	2	2	1	*	4
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>51</i>

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7. How favorable or unfavorable is your opinion of the following? (*Continued*)

g. The Supreme Court

	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	10	10	5	21	8
Somewhat favorable	15	16	9	29	12
Lean favorable	13	14	6	23	15
Lean unfavorable	10	13	15	10	14
Somewhat unfavorable	11	12	19	6	11
Very unfavorable	28	21	38	4	21
Don't know	11	11	8	6	16
Skipped	2	2	1	1	4
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	39	40	20	73	34
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	49	46	72	20	46

h. The National Rifle Association (NRA)

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	11	1	27	8
Somewhat favorable	11	3	22	10
Lean favorable	12	5	19	13
Lean unfavorable	8	6	8	9
Somewhat unfavorable	8	10	4	8
Very unfavorable	33	61	9	31
Don't know	14	14	10	17
Skipped	2	1	1	4
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	35	9	69	31
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	49	76	21	49

i. The police

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	26	13	49	21
Somewhat favorable	25	25	30	22
Lean favorable	17	22	11	17
Lean unfavorable	10	14	4	11
Somewhat unfavorable	7	10	3	7
Very unfavorable	7	11	2	8
Don't know	7	5	2	10
Skipped	2	*	*	4
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	68	60	90	60
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	24	35	8	26

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8. **[Selected “Crime or Gun Violence” in Q3]** You said before that “crime or gun violence” is one of the most important issues facing the country. Why do you say that?

Open-ended responses provided separately.

9. Which of the following do you feel is currently a bigger issue across the country?

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Gun violence	55	79	29	56
Crime	35	16	64	29
Not concerned about either	5	3	5	7
Don't know	4	3	3	6
Skipped	1	-	*	3

10. **[Selected “Crime” in Q9]** Why do you feel crime is a bigger issue than gun violence across the country?

Open-ended responses provided separately.

11. **[Selected “Gun Violence” in Q9]** Why do you feel gun violence is a bigger issue than crime across the country?

Open-ended responses provided separately.

12. When you hear the word crime, what comes to mind first? Please rank the following words in order, where 1 is what comes to mind first and 12 is what comes to mind last.

Rank 1-3 Summary

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Robbery	48	52	48	45
Murder	45	45	49	44
Burglary	38	41	38	36
Shooting	37	42	35	35
Assault	35	32	39	35
Firearm	17	22	12	16
Police	16	21	12	15
Terrorism	11	7	17	9
Mental health	9	6	11	10
Arson	6	7	5	5
Suicide	4	2	5	5
Lockdown	4	4	3	3

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13. When you hear the phrase gun violence, what comes to mind first? Please rank the following words in order, where 1 is what comes to mind first and 12 is what comes to mind last.

Rank 1-3 Summary

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Shooting	70	76	67	69
Murder	53	55	56	49
Firearm	40	48	35	39
Assault	22	19	23	22
Mental health	18	14	19	19
Robbery	16	15	24	13
Terrorism	15	14	14	16
Police	13	11	7	16
Burglary	9	8	12	9
Lockdown	8	10	5	8
Suicide	7	9	8	7
Arson	2	2	3	1

14. Are the following statements about crime in the U.S. true, false, or don't you know?

a. The rate of violent crime, including things like murder and rape, increased in 2020
[TRUE]

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	51	51	56	48
False	9	13	9	8
Don't know	38	35	35	42
Skipped	2	1	*	3

b. The rate of violent crime, including things like murder and rape, was higher in 2020 than in 1991 [FALSE]

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	49	50	58	43
False	11	16	8	10
Don't know	39	34	34	44
Skipped	1	*	*	3

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14. Are the following statements about crime in the U.S. true, false, or don't you know? (Continued)

- c. The rate of property crimes like burglary, larceny-theft, and car theft has been declining since 2010 **[TRUE]**

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	14	17	9	14
False	41	36	54	37
Don't know	44	46	36	47
Skipped	2	*	1	3

- d. The most common hate crimes are committed against LGBTQ people **[FALSE]**

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	18	27	9	19
False	34	25	47	33
Don't know	46	48	44	46
Skipped	2	*	*	3

- e. In 2020, the homicide mortality per 100,000 people was higher in New York than in Louisiana **[FALSE]**

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	23	21	35	19
False	12	17	8	11
Don't know	63	62	58	67
Skipped	2	*	*	3

- f. Crime rates are higher in urban than rural areas after controlling for population size **[TRUE]**

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	45	37	58	44
False	8	12	5	7
Don't know	46	51	37	47
Skipped	2	*	*	3

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15. Are the following statements about gun violence in the U.S. true, false, or don't you know?

- a. Gun death rates (including murders and suicides) are higher in urban areas than rural areas after controlling for population size **[FALSE]**

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	42	42	50	37
False	9	12	7	9
Don't know	48	46	43	51
Skipped	2	*	-	3

- b. Gun death rates (including murders and suicides) are increasing **[TRUE]**

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	69	79	65	65
False	5	4	7	5
Don't know	25	18	28	27
Skipped	2	*	*	3

- c. Most deaths from guns are suicides **[TRUE]**

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	19	20	17	20
False	41	48	39	38
Don't know	39	32	45	40
Skipped	1	*	*	3

- d. The U.S. has the highest gun deaths per capita among all developed countries **[TRUE]**

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	60	80	47	57
False	9	3	15	8
Don't know	29	17	38	32
Skipped	2	*	*	3

- e. The number of active shooter incidents has remained about the same over the last 20 years **[FALSE]**

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	11	9	14	10
False	60	73	53	58
Don't know	28	19	33	29
Skipped	1	*	-	3

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15. Are the following statements about gun violence in the U.S. true, false, or don't you know?
(Continued)

f. More U.S. children and young adults died of gun violence than car accidents in 2020
[TRUE]

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	38	57	25	33
False	21	11	35	19
Don't know	40	32	40	46
Skipped	1	*	-	3

16. Do you support or oppose the following?

Total Support Summary

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Universal background checks for all gun sales, including those at private sales and at gun shows	83	94	80	79
Requiring individuals to go through safety training before purchasing a gun	83	96	77	80
Requiring individuals to go through a mental health evaluation before purchasing a gun	78	93	71	73
Raising the minimum age to buy any kind of gun from 18 to 21	74	92	63	70
Requiring individuals to prove they will properly store a gun before purchasing one	68	86	53	67

a. Raising the minimum age to buy any kind of gun from 18 to 21

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly support	56	80	40	52
Somewhat support	18	12	23	18
Somewhat oppose	9	2	17	9
Strongly oppose	10	2	17	10
Not familiar with this	6	2	3	8
Skipped	2	1	-	3
<i>Support (net)</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>70</i>
<i>Oppose (net)</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>19</i>

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16. Do you support or oppose the following? (*Continued*)

b. Universal background checks for all gun sales, including those at private sales and at gun shows

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly support	68	86	55	65
Somewhat support	15	8	25	14
Somewhat oppose	6	2	7	7
Strongly oppose	5	*	9	5
Not familiar with this	5	3	3	7
Skipped	2	1	*	3
<i>Support (net)</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>79</i>
<i>Oppose (net)</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>12</i>

c. Requiring individuals to go through safety training before purchasing a gun

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly support	64	82	51	60
Somewhat support	19	13	25	19
Somewhat oppose	6	1	13	5
Strongly oppose	4	1	7	4
Not familiar with this	5	2	3	8
Skipped	2	1	1	3
<i>Support (net)</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>80</i>
<i>Oppose (net)</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>9</i>

d. Requiring individuals to go through a mental health evaluation before purchasing a gun

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly support	57	74	44	55
Somewhat support	20	19	27	17
Somewhat oppose	8	3	13	8
Strongly oppose	7	1	12	8
Not familiar with this	6	3	3	9
Skipped	2	1	1	3
<i>Support (net)</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>93</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>73</i>
<i>Oppose (net)</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>16</i>

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16. Do you support or oppose the following? (*Continued*)

e. Requiring individuals to prove they will properly store a gun before purchasing one

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly support	48	68	33	45
Somewhat support	20	18	21	22
Somewhat oppose	10	6	19	8
Strongly oppose	11	1	20	11
Not familiar with this	9	6	8	11
Skipped	2	1	*	3
<i>Support (net)</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>67</i>
<i>Oppose (net)</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>19</i>

17. Do you think it is more important to:

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Control gun violence	63	92	35	62
Protect gun rights	34	7	63	32
Skipped	4	1	2	5

18. Do you believe that the United States should pass gun laws that are...?

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
More strict than they are today	61	87	35	60
About as strict as they are today	19	6	37	16
Less strict than they are today	9	3	16	9
Don't know	9	5	9	12
Skipped	2	*	2	3

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19. Please answer the following questions...

Total Yes Summary

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Would schools be safer if there were more police stationed there?	55	47	72	49
Are guns necessary to defend yourself and your property?	51	31	70	50
Should all Americans have the right to own a gun?	47	32	63	46
Would more restrictions on gun ownership reduce the number of mass shootings?	41	64	24	38
Should Americans be able to own AR-15-style semi-automatic rifles?	27	7	47	27
Would schools be safer if teachers had guns?	25	9	44	23

a. Would more restrictions on gun ownership reduce the number of mass shootings?

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	41	64	24	38
No	35	14	58	35
Don't know	22	22	18	25
Skipped	1	*	-	3

b. Are guns necessary to defend yourself and your property?

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	51	31	70	50
No	32	52	17	28
Don't know	16	16	13	18
Skipped	2	*	*	3

c. Should Americans be able to own AR-15-style semi-automatic rifles?

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	27	7	47	27
No	57	83	38	54
Don't know	14	9	15	16
Skipped	2	1	*	3

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19. Please answer the following questions... (Continued)

d. Should all Americans have the right to own a gun?

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	47	32	63	46
No	39	57	27	36
Don't know	13	11	10	15
Skipped	2	*	*	3

e. Would schools be safer if teachers had guns?

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	25	9	44	23
No	51	72	34	49
Don't know	23	19	22	26
Skipped	1	*	*	3

f. Would schools be safer if there were more police stationed there?

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	55	47	72	49
No	23	32	11	24
Don't know	21	21	17	24
Skipped	2	*	*	3

20. Which of the following do you think would reduce crime rates in the United States more?

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Increasing the budget for police funding	57	36	83	55
Redirecting a portion of the police budget to social services	38	61	16	38
Skipped	4	3	1	7

21. Which of the following do you think would have a more positive effect on United States?

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Increasing the budget for police funding	55	35	83	52
Redirecting a portion of the police budget to social services	41	63	16	42
Skipped	4	3	1	7

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22. At any time in your life, have you, or someone in your immediate family been the victim of a violent crime like assault or robbery?

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	27	28	25	28
No	65	67	70	61
Don't know	7	5	6	9
Skipped	1	-	*	3

23. At any time in your life, have you, or someone in your immediate family been the victim of gun violence?

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	16	17	10	18
No	78	79	87	73
Don't know	5	4	3	7
Skipped	1	-	-	3

24. At any time during your education (up to grade 12) did you go through lockdown drills to prepare for an active shooter at your school?

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	20	23	16	21
No	75	72	83	71
Don't know	4	5	1	6
Skipped	1	*	*	2

25. At any time during your child's education (up to grade 12), did they go through lockdown drills to prepare for an active shooter at their school?

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	51	53	54	48
No	35	30	40	36
Don't know	13	14	4	16
Skipped	1	3	1	*

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26. In the last month, have you...

Total Yes Summary

	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Seen an ad for an individual political candidate	65	68	69	62
Seen an ad for an issue or organization	59	63	61	56
Received an email from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	37	44	39	33
Received a text message from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	34	44	35	28
Received a phone call from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	24	27	28	19
Had someone visit your home from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	7	9	9	6

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022
Seen an ad for an individual political candidate	60	67	63	65
Seen an ad for an issue or organization	58	60	56	59
Received an email from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	39	39	35	37
Received a text message from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	34	33	29	34
Received a phone call from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	21	24	19	24
Had someone visit your home from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	6	7	6	7

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26. In the last month, have you... (Continued)

a. Seen an ad for an individual political candidate

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	60	67	63	65	68	69	62
No	33	27	29	27	29	26	27
Don't know	7	5	8	6	3	4	9
Skipped	1	1	1	2	1	1	3

b. Seen an ad for an issue or organization

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	58	60	56	59	63	61	56
No	31	29	34	30	29	32	30
Don't know	11	9	9	9	7	7	11
Skipped	1	2	1	2	1	1	3

c. Received a phone call from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	21	24	19	24	27	28	19
No	71	69	74	69	69	67	69
Don't know	8	6	6	6	4	4	9
Skipped	1	2	1	2	1	*	3

d. Received a text message from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	34	33	29	34	44	35	28
No	61	61	66	60	54	62	63
Don't know	5	5	5	4	2	2	6
Skipped	1	1	1	2	*	1	3

e. Received an email from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	39	39	35	37	44	39	33
No	55	54	60	56	53	57	57
Don't know	6	5	5	5	3	3	7
Skipped	1	2	1	2	*	*	3

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26. In the last month, have you... *(Continued)*

f. Had someone visit your home from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	6	7	6	7	9	9	6
No	89	88	89	87	89	88	85
Don't know	5	4	4	4	2	3	6
Skipped	1	1	1	2	*	*	3



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About the Study

This Ipsos poll was conducted July 21 – August 1, 2022, by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,538 adults age 18 or older. The sample includes 436 Democrats, 446 Republicans, and 656 Independents.

The survey was conducted using KnowledgePanel, the largest and most well-established online probability-based panel that is representative of the adult US population. Our recruitment process employs a scientifically developed addressed-based sampling methodology using the latest Delivery Sequence File of the USPS – a database with full coverage of all delivery points in the US. Households invited to join the panel are randomly selected from all available households in the U.S. Persons in the sampled households are invited to join and participate in the panel. Those selected who do not already have internet access are provided a tablet and internet connection at no cost to the panel member. Those who join the panel and who are selected to participate in a survey are sent a unique password-protected log-in used to complete surveys online. As a result of our recruitment and sampling methodologies, samples from KnowledgePanel cover all households regardless of their phone or internet status and findings can be reported with a margin of sampling error and projected to the general population.

This survey was conducted in English and Spanish. The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, Census region, metropolitan status, household income, and 2020 vote. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2021 March Supplement of the Current Population Survey (CPS). The 2020 vote benchmark comes from the Federal Election Commission's Official 2020 Presidential General Election Results.

- Gender (Male, Female) by Age (18–29, 30–44, 45–59, 60+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Other Non-Hispanic, Hispanic)
- Education (Less than High School, High School, Some College, Bachelor or higher)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)
- Metropolitan status (Metro, non-Metro)
- Household Income (Under \$25,000, \$25,000–\$49,999, \$50,000–\$74,999, \$75,000–\$99,999, \$100,000–\$149,999, \$150,000+)
- 2020 Vote (Biden, Trump, Did not vote)

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.52. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on other sub-samples. Sampling error is only one potential source of error. There may be other unmeasured non-sampling error in this or any poll. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total substantially more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.





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