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**NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.**

GUN CONTROL STUDY

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1. Should gun laws be made more strict, less strict, or remain as they are? (ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE. IF UNSURE, ENCOURAGE BEST GUESS.)

More strict	47
Less strict	11
Remain as they are	38
DK/NS	4

2. How serious a problem is gun violence today? (READ LIST. ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE.)

Very serious	62
Somewhat serious	25
Not too serious	8
Not at all serious	4
DK/NS	1
Summary	
Serious	87
Not serious	12

3. How often do you worry about becoming a victim of gun violence? (READ LIST. ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE.)

Frequently	12
Occasionally	23
Rarely	33
Never	32
DK/NS	0
Summary	
Frequently/ Occasionally	34
Rarely/ Never	65

4. Are you a gun owner, or not?

	<u>4/17-</u> <u>19/2007</u>	<u>10/4-</u> <u>6/2004</u>	<u>9/7-</u> <u>9/2004</u>
Yes	32	31	33
No	67	68	67
DK/NS	1	-	-

5. Do you personally know anyone who has been a victim of a crime that involved a gun in the past three years, or not?

Yes	22
No	78
DK/NS	-

**[QUESTION 6 ONLY ASKED IF "YES" TO Qu. 5.]**

6. Did this incident cause you to consider buying a gun, or not?

Yes	23
No	77
DK/NS	-

7. Would you be more or less likely to support a candidate for president who favors stricter gun control laws? **(PROBE:)** Is that much **(more/less)** likely or somewhat **(more/less)** likely? **(ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE.)**

Much more likely	31
Somewhat more likely	23
Somewhat less likely	11
Much less likely	21
(DO NOT READ) Would not make a difference	11
DK/NS	3
Summary	
More likely	55
Less likely	32

8. I'm going to read some ways that people have been feeling about the killings at Virginia Tech, and I'd like you to tell me whether the statement represents your very deepest feeling, a feeling that was somewhat deep, whether the statement crossed your mind, or whether it never occurred to you.

Felt ashamed that this could happen in this country

Very deepest feeling	35
Feeling that was somewhat deep	17
Crossed your mind	21
Never occurred to you	25
DK/NS	2
Summary	
Very deepest feeling / Feeling that was somewhat deep	52
Crossed your mind / Never occurred to you	46

Wondered if you could really be safe anywhere these days

Very deepest feeling	25
Feeling that was somewhat deep	20
Crossed your mind	30
Never occurred to you	24
DK/NS	2
Summary	
Very deepest feeling / Feeling that was somewhat deep	45
Crossed your mind / Never occurred to you	53

(Question 8 continued)

Felt the deaths could have been prevented

Very deepest feeling	32
Feeling that was somewhat deep	23
Crossed your mind	25
Never occurred to you	16
DK/NS	4
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Very deepest feeling / Feeling that was somewhat deep	55
Crossed your mind / Never occurred to you	41

Felt sorrow for the victims and their families

Very deepest feeling	77
Feeling that was somewhat deep	13
Crossed your mind	6
Never occurred to you	3
DK/NS	1
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Very deepest feeling / Feeling that was somewhat deep	90
Crossed your mind / Never occurred to you	9

Felt there may be too many guns in this country

Very deepest feeling	34
Feeling that was somewhat deep	14
Crossed your mind	20
Never occurred to you	30
DK/NS	2
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Very deepest feeling / Feeling that was somewhat deep	48
Crossed your mind / Never occurred to you	50

**PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY**

A. Are you currently registered to vote at this address, or not?

	<b>ALL ADULTS</b>
Yes	81
No	18
(DK/NS)	1

2a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?

**INITIAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION**

	<b>ALL ADULTS</b>
Republican	23
Democrat	37
Independent	20
None of these	17
(DK/NS)	3

(IF "DEMOCRAT" TO Q.2a, Q.2b ASKED. IF "REPUBLICAN" TO Q.2a, Q.2c ASKED. IF "INDEPENDENT" or "NONE OF THESE" TO Q.2a, Q.2d ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

- 2b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?  
 2c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?  
 2d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	<b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b>
Strongly Democrat	26
Moderately Democrat	12
Lean Democrat	12
Strongly Republican	12
Moderately Republican	13
Lean Republican	11
Independent	11
(DK/REF)	3
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<b>Total Republican .....</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Total Democrat .....</b>	<b>50</b>

3. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a liberal, moderate or conservative? (IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE", ASK:) Would you say you are very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

	<b>ALL ADULTS</b>
Very liberal .....	7
Somewhat liberal .....	17
Moderate .....	30
Somewhat conservative .....	24
Very conservative .....	13
Refused .....	9
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<b>Total Liberal .....</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Total Conservative .....</b>	<b>37</b>

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>
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**NOTE: Results for demographic questions represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.**

D1a. In what year were you born?

D1b. Have you already had a birthday this year?

**(IF RESPONDENT REFUSES Q.D1a OR Q.D1b, Q.D1c ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)**

D1c. Are you:

18-34	30
35-49	28
50-64	23
65+	16
(DK/NS)	3

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	59
- Full time	48
- Part time	11
Not employed	16
Retired	22
(DK/NS)	3

D3. What is the last year of school you completed?

Grade school or some high school	9
Completed high school	25
Some community college or university, did not finish	20
Completed technical school or a community college	9
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	22
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	12
(DK/NS)	3

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	60
No	38
(DK/NS)	2

D5. Including yourself and any children, how many people are currently living in your household?

1	15
2	32
3	20
4	17
5	7
6+	6
(DK/NS)	3

**(Q.D6a-c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD IN Q.D5.)**

D6a. How many children under 6 years are currently living in your household?

D6b. How many children ages 6 to 12 are currently living in your household?

D6c. How many children ages 13 to 17 are currently living in your household?

ANY CHILDREN (NET)	39
Under 6	19
6-12	18
13-17	16
NO CHILDREN	58
(DK/NS)	4
Summary	
Any children 12 or younger	29
Any children 6 to 17	28

D9a. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	40
No	55
(DK/NS)	5

D9b. What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, or don't you belong to any religious denomination? **(IF "SOME OTHER RELIGION, ASK" Is that a Christian denomination, or not? (IF YES, CODED AS "PROTESTANT".)**

Protestant	45
Catholic	21
Mormon	2
Jewish	1
Muslim	1
Some other religion	5
None	20
(DK/NS)	5

ZZ5b. How often do you attend religious services?

At least once a week (Net)	39
More than once a week	13
Once a week	26
Less than once a week (Net)	35
A few times a month	15
A few times a year	20
Never	22
(DK/NS)	4

D12a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

**(Q.D12c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D12a.)**

D12b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

**(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)**

White	67
Black	11
Hispanic	13
Asian	3
(NOT READ) American Indian	1
(NOT READ) Other	1
(DK/NS)	4

D13. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2006?

Under \$15,000	10
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	4
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	6
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	3
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	7
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	8
\$100,000 or more	15
(DK/NS)	22

**REGION:**

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	37
West	22

**METROPOLITAN STATUS:**

Urban	28
Suburban	53
Rural	19

**GENDER:**

Male	48
Female	52