**2017 PEW RESEARCH CENTER’S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**

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**ASK ALL:**

SATISF All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

1 Satisfied

2 Dissatisfied

**ASK ALL:**

SATISFY All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in your local community today?

1 Satisfied

2 Dissatisfied

**ASK ALL:**

POL1DT Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

1 Approve

2 Disapprove

**ASK IF ANSWERED POL1DT (POL1DT=1,2):**

POL1DTSTR Do you **[IF POL1DT=1:** approve**; IF POL1DT=2:** disapprove**]** of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President very strongly, or not so strongly?

1 Very strongly

2 Not so strongly

**ASK ALL:**

SAFECRIME How safe, if at all, would you say YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY is from crime?Would you say it is…

1 Very safe

2 Somewhat safe

3 Not too safe

4 Not at all safe

**ASK ALL:**

WORLDDANGER Compared to 50 years ago, do you think … **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1 AND 2; KEEP 3 LAST]**

1 We live in a safer world

2 We live in a more dangerous world

3 The world we live in is neither safer nor more dangerous

**ASK ALL:**

WORRY How much, if at all, do you worry about the following things happening to you? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

**ASK ALL FORM 1:**

a. Having your home broken into

b. Being the victim of a terrorist attack

c. **[IF EMPLOYED FULL TIME OR PART TIME (F\_E3\_FINAL=1,2)]** Losing your job

**ASK ALL FORM 2:**

d. Not being able to pay your bills

e. Being the victim of a violent crime

f. Being the victim of a mass shooting

**ASK ALL:**

g. Having a personal health crisis

1 Worry a lot

2 Worry a little

3 Do not worry at all

**ASK ALL:**

DESCRIBE How well, if at all, do each of the following phrases describe you? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

1. A religious person

b. A patriotic person

c. A supporter of the environment

d. A supporter of women’s rights

1 Extremely well

2 Very well

3 Somewhat well

4 Not too well

5 Not at all well

**ASK ALL:**

GUN Do you personally own any guns (NOT including air guns, such as paintball, BB or pellet guns)?

1 Yes, I own a gun

2 No, I don’t own any guns

**ASK ALL:**

GUN1 Does anyone else in your household own any guns (NOT including air guns, such as paintball, BB or pellet guns)?

1 Yes, someone else in my household owns a gun

2 No, no oneelse in my household owns a gun

**ASK GUN OWNERS (GUN=1):**

SELFGUN How many guns do you personally own (NOT including air guns, such as paintball, BB or pellet guns)?

1 1

2 2

3 3

4 4

5 5 or more

**ASK NON-GUN OWNERS WITH GUNS IN HOUSEHOLD ((GUN=2 OR GUN=REFUSED) AND GUN1=1):**

GUNHOUSE Do you ever use the gun or gunsin your household, or not?

1 Yes, use them

2 No, do not use them

**ASK NON-GUN OWNERS OR REFUSED GUN (GUN=2 OR GUN=REFUSED)**:

EVEROWN Have you ever owned a gun at any point in your life, or have you never owned a gun?

1 Yes, have owned a gun

2 No, have never owned a gun

**ASK NON-GUN OWNERS (GUN=2):**  
COULDOWN Which best describes you? [**RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

1 I could see myself owning a gun **[IF EVEROWN=2, REFUSED:** at some point; **IF EVEROWN=1:** again**]**

2 I could never see myself owning a gun **[IF EVEROWN=1:** again**]**

**ASK GUN OWNERS (GUN=1):**  
NEVEROWN Which best describes you? [**RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

1 I could never see myself NOT owning a gun

2 I could see myself not owning a gun at some point in the future

**ASK CURRENT OR PAST OWNERS (GUN=1 OR EVEROWN=1):**

GUNTYPEOWN Do you currently or have you ever owned any of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. A rifle

b. A handgun or pistol

c. A shotgun

1 Yes, I currently own

2 Yes, I have owned in the past but do not currently own

3 No, I have never owned

**ASK ALL:**

For the rest of this survey, “guns” refers to firearms and not to air guns, such as paintball, BB or pellet guns.

**ASK ALL:**

EVERSHOT Regardless of whether or not you own a gun, have you ever fired a gun?

1 Yes, I have fired a gun

2 No, I have never fired a gun

**ASK IF EVER SHOT (EVERSHOT=1):**

SHOOTAGE Just your best guess, at what age did you FIRST fire a gun, whether you owned it or not?

**[TEXT BOX]**

**PROGRAMMING NOTE: Acceptable range 1-100**

**SOFT PROMPT TEXT IF LEFT BLANK: “***We’d like your best guess.”*

**HARD PROMPT TEXT IF INVALID RANGE**: “Please enter a round number with no characters.”

**ASK GUN OWNERS (GUN=1):**

REASONGUN Below are some of the reasons that some people say they own guns. For each, please indicate whether it is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you own a gun. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. For protection

b. For hunting

c. For sport shooting, including target shooting and trap and skeet

d. As part of a gun collection

e. For my job

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Major reason

2 Minor reason

3 Not a reason

**ASK IF MORE THAN 1 MAJOR REASON (MORE THAN ONE REASONGUNa-e=1):**

IMPREASONGUN Which of the following is the MOST IMPORTANT reason why you own a gun?  **[NOTE: ONLY DISPLAY OPTIONS SELECTED AS MAJOR REASON]**

1 For protection

2 For hunting

3 For sport shooting, including target shooting and trap and skeet

4 As part of a gun collection

5 For my job

**ASK GUN OWNERS (GUN=1):**

NOREASONGUN Are there any other reasons that you own a gun that haven’t already been mentioned?

**[TEXT BOX]**

**ASK GUN OWNERS (GUN=1):**

GUNIDENTITY How important, if at all, is being a gun owner to your overall identity?

1 Very important

2 Somewhat important

3 Not too important

4 Not at all important

**ASK ALL:**

GUNFRIEND As far as you know, how many of your friends, if any, own guns?

1 All or most

2 Some

3 Only a few

4 None

**ASK ALL:**

GUNSOCIETYDo you feel that society in general tends to look at most gun owners in a positive way or a negative way?

1 Positive way

2 Negative way

**ASK ALL:**

GUNCOMMUNITYDo you feel that people in your community tend to look at most gun owners in a positive way or a negative way?

1 Positive way

2 Negative way

**ASK GUN OWNERS (GUN=1):**

KNOWGUN Which of the following best describes you? **[REVERSE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS FOR RANDOM ½ OF RESPONDENTS]**

1 I’d rather other people not know that I own **[IF SELFGUN=1:** a gun**; IF SELFGUN=2-5,REFUSED:** guns**]**

2 I don’t mind if other people know I own **[IF SELFGUN=1:** a gun**; IF SELFGUN=2-5,REFUSED:** guns**]**, but I don’t go out of my way to tell them

3 I want other people to know I own **[IF SELFGUN=1:** a gun**; IF SELFGUN=2-5,REFUSED:** guns**]**

**ASK GUN OWNERS OR EVER SHOT (GUN=1 OR EVERSHOT=1):**

HUNTFREQ How often, if ever, do you go hunting?

1 Often

2 Sometimes

3 Rarely

4 Never

**ASK GUN OWNERS OR EVER SHOT (GUN=1 OR EVERSHOT=1):**

SHOOTFREQ How often, if ever, do you go shooting or to a gun range?

1 Often

2 Sometimes

3 Rarely

4 Never

**ASK ALL FORM 1:**

TRUSTFEDGOV Generally speaking, how much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government to do what is right?

1 Just about always

2 Most of the time

3 Only some of the time

4 Never

**ASK ALL FORM 2:**

SOCTRUST Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can’t be too careful in dealing with people?

1 Most people can be trusted

2 Can’t be too careful

**ASK GUN OWNERS AND NON-GUN OWNERS WITH GUNS IN THE HOUSEHOLD (GUN=1 OR (GUN=2 OR GUN=REFUSED AND GUN1=1)):**

GUNSAFEDoes having a gun in your household make you feel…

[**RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

1 Safer than you would feel without a gun in your household

2 Less safe than you would feel without a gun in your household

3 No more or less safe

**ASK NON-GUN OWNERS WITH NO GUNS IN THE HOUSEHOLD (GUN=2 AND GUN1=2):**

GUNSAFE2Would having a gun in your household make you feel…

[**RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

1 Safer than you feel without a gun in your household

2 Less safe than you feel without a gun in your household

3 No more or less safe

**ASK ALL:**

GUNCOURSES Have you ever taken any gun safety courses such as weapons training, hunter safety or firearm safety?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK GUN OWNERS (GUN=1):**

GUNACCESS Thinking about when you’re at home, would you say there is a gun that is both loaded AND easily accessible to you…

1 All of the time

2 Most of the time

3 Only some of the time

4 Never

**ASK IF OTHER GUN OWNER IN HOUSEHOLD (GUN1=1) OR ASK IF GUN OWNER WITH MORE THAN ONE GUN/REFUSES HOW MANY GUNS (SELFGUN=2-5,99)**

GUNLOCKED1 In general, **[IF GUN1=1:** as far as you know,**]** how many of the guns in your home would you say are kept in a locked place?

1 All are kept in a locked place

2 Some are kept in a locked place and some are not

3 None are kept in a locked place

**ASK IF OTHER GUN OWNER IN HOUSEHOLD (GUN1=1) OR ASK IF GUN OWNER WITH MORE THAN ONE GUN/REFUSES HOW MANY GUNS (SELFGUN=2-5,99)**

GUNLOADED1 In general, **[IF GUN1=1:** as far as you know,**]**  how many of the guns in your home would you say are kept loaded?

1 All are kept loaded

2 Some are kept loaded and some are not

3 None are kept loaded

**ASK GUN OWNERS WITH ONE GUN AND NO OTHER OWNER/REFUSED IF OTHER OWNER IN HH (SELFGUN=1 AND GUN1=2,99):**GUNLOCKED2 In general, is the gun in your home kept in a locked place, or not?

1 Yes, kept in a locked place

2 No, not kept in a locked place

**ASK GUN OWNERS WITH ONE GUN AND NO OTHER OWNER/REFUSED IF OTHER OWNER IN HH (SELFGUN=1 AND GUN1=2,99):**GUNLOADED2 In general, is the gun in your home kept loaded, or not?

1 Yes, kept loaded

2 No, not kept loaded

**ASK ALL:**

GUNCONTRIB Here is a list of things some people say contribute to gun violence. How much, if at all, do you think each of the following contributes to gun violence in the country today? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

**ASK ALL**

a. The ease with which people can LEGALLY obtain guns

b. The ease with which people can ILLEGALLY obtain guns

**FORM 1**

c.F1 The amount of gun violence in movies and television

d.F1 Lack of economic opportunities

**FORM 2**

e.F2 The amount of gun violence in video games

f.F2 Family instability

1 A great deal

2 A fair amount

3 Not too much

4 Not at all

**ASK ALL:**

GROWUPCOM How would you describe the community where you spent the majority of time when you were growing up?**[REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]**

1 A city

2 A suburb

3 A small town

4 A rural area

**ASK ALL:**

GROWUPVIOL How much of a problem was gun violence in the community where you spent the majority of time when you were growing up?

1 A very big problem

2 A moderately big problem

3 A small problem

4 Not a problem at all

**ASK ALL:**

GROWUPGUN1 Thinking about when you were growing up, as far as you know, were there ever any guns in your household or not?

1 Yes, there were guns in my household

2 No, there were no guns in my household

3 I am not sure if there were guns in my household

**ASK IF YES IN GROWUPGUN1 (GROWUPGUN1=1):**

GROWUPGUN2 Would you say each of the following was a reason or was not a reason why there were guns in your household when you were growing up?

a. For protection

b. For hunting

c. For sport shooting, including target shooting and trap and skeet

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Yes, was a reason

2 No, was not a reason

**ASK IF YES IN GROWUPGUN1 (GROWUPGUN1=1):**

GROWUPGUN3 Are there any other reasons that there were guns in your household when you were growing up that haven’t already been mentioned?

**[TEXT BOX]**

**ASK ALL:**

GROWUPGUN4 Thinking about the people in the community where you spent the majority of time when you were growing up…

As far as you know, how many people owned guns?

1 All or most

2 Some

3 Only a few

4 None

**ASK ALL:**

GROWUPGUN5 How often, if ever, did you go hunting when you were growing up?

1 Often

2 Sometimes

3 Hardly ever

4 Never

**ASK IF EVER SHOT (EVERSHOT=1):**

GROWUPGUN6 How often, if ever, did you go shooting or to a gun range when you were growing up?

1 Often

2 Sometimes

3 Hardly ever

4 Never

**ASK ALL:**

GROWUPGUN7 How often, if ever, did you use air guns, such as paintball, BB or pellet guns when you were growing up?

1 Often

2 Sometimes

3 Hardly ever

4 Never

**ASK OF ALL WHO HAVE OWNED A GUN AT SOME POINT (GUN=1 OR EVEROWN=1)**:  
OWNAGE At what age did you first get your OWN gun?

**[TEXT BOX]**

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**ASK ALL FORM 1:**

GUNRESPNOKIDS Thinking about gun owners who do not have children in their home…

How important do you think it is for them to: **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a.F1 Keep all of their guns in a locked place

b.F1 Keep all of their guns unloaded

c.F1 Take gun safety courses

d.F1 **[ASK RANDOM HALF OF FORM 1 ITEM D]** Advise visitors that there are guns in the house

e.F1 **[ASK FORM 1 WHO DO NOT GET ITEM D]** Advise visitors with children that there are guns in the house

f.F1 Store guns and ammunition separately

g.F1 Keep their shooting skills up-to-date

1 Essential

2 Important but not essential

3 Not important

4 Should not be done

**ASK ALL FORM 2:**

GUNRESPKIDS Thinking about gun owners who have children in their home…

How important do you think it is for them to: **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a.F2 Keep all of their guns in a locked place

b.F2 Keep all of their guns unloaded

c.F2 Take gun safety courses

d.F2 **[ASK RANDOM HALF OF FORM 2 ITEM D]** Advise visitors that there are guns in the house

e.F2 **[ASK FORM 2 WHO DO NOT GET ITEM D]** Advise visitors with children that there are guns in the house

f.F2 Store guns and ammunition separately

g.F2 Keep their shooting skills up-to-date

h.F2 Talk to their children about gun safety

1 Essential

2 Important but not essential

3 Not important

4 Should not be done

**ASK PARENTS/GUARDIAN OF CHILD UNDER 18 (ASK IF F\_KIDS1\_FINAL=1):**

GUNSAFETYKIDSFor this question, please think about your child or children who are under 18. Have you ever talked with your child or children about gun safety?

1 Yes

2 No

3 I do not have children under 18

*Soft prompt: If you do not have any children under 18, select answer choice “I do not have children under 18.” If you want to skip, click Next.*

**[PROGRAMMING NOTE: ONLY DISPLAY PUNCH 3 IF THE SOFT PROMPT IS DISPLAYED AFTER INITIALLY LEAVING THE QUESTION BLANK]**

**ASK GUN OWNERS WHO OWN A HANDGUN (GUNTYPEOWNb=1):**

CARRYGUN How often, if ever, do you carry a handgun or pistol outside your home, not including times when you are transporting it?

1 All of the time

2 Most of the time

3 Only some of the time

4 Never

**ASK IF NEVER CARRY (CARRYGUN=4):**

NOCARRYGUN And would you say you never carry a handgun or pistol because you don’t want to or for some other reason?

1 Don’t want to carry

2 Some other reason

**ASK ALL FORM 1:**

GUNKILLF1 Which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 People who want to kill or harm others will find a way to do it whether they have a gun or not

2 People who want to kill or harm others are less likely to do it if they don’t have a gun

**ASK ALL FORM 2:**

GUNKILLF2 Thinking about people who commit suicide using a gun, which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 They would find a way to do it whether they had access to a gun or not

2 They would be less likely to do it if they didn’t have access to a gun

**ASK ALL:**

DEFENDGUN Not including in military combat or as part of your job, have you ever used a gun to defend yourself, your family or possessions, either by firing it or threatening to fire it?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK ALL:**

GUNTHREAT Has anyone ever used a gun to threaten or intimidate you or someone in your family?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK ALL:**

INJUREDA Not counting yourself, has someone you PERSONALLY KNOW ever been shot, either accidentally or intentionally, or not?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK ALL:**

INJUREDB Have you PERSONALLY ever been shot, either accidentally or intentionally, or not?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK ALL:**

CRIMEVICTIM Have you ever been a victim of a violent crime, whether a gun was used or not?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK IF MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER AND A GUN IN THE HOUSE (F\_MARITAL\_FINAL=1,2 AND GUN1=1):**

MARGUN Now thinking about your spouse or partner. Does your spouse or partner own any guns?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK GUN OWNERS (GUN=1):**

GUNASSOCIATION Are you currently a member of…

a. A gun or shooting club or gun range

b. A hunting club

c. The NRA, the National Rifle Association

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK ALL:**

GUNACTIVITY How often, if ever, do you… **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. Visit websites about guns, hunting or other shooting sports

b. Watch TV programs about guns or watch gun-oriented videos

c. Listen to gun-oriented podcasts or radio shows

d. Participate in online discussion forums about guns

e. Attend gun shows

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Often

2 Sometimes

3 Hardly ever

4 Never

**ASK ALL:**

VIDEOGAME1 How often, if ever, do you play video games on a computer, TV, game console, or portable device like a cellphone?

1 Often

2 Sometimes

3 Hardly ever

4 Never

**ASK IF OFTEN/SOMETIMES IN VIDEOGAME1 (VIDEOGAME1=1,2):**

GAMETYPE And do you typically play any of the following types of video games? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]**

*[Check all that apply]*

1. Role-playing games

b. Simulation games

c. Shooter games

d. Team sport or racing games

e. Puzzle games

f. Strategy games

g. Adventure games

h. None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]**

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