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**1** Are you following news stories about President Obama's plans to change some of the nation's gun laws?

500 Adults Margin of Sampling Error: +/-3.3%	All	Gender		Age			Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Parent	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Moder	Liberal	Yes	No
Yes	84%	86%	83%	90%	81%	83%	87%	89%	82%	77%	76%	86%	90%	73%	91%	86%	86%	85%
No	11%	12%	10%	8%	15%	9%	9%	11%	15%	13%	15%	13%	6%	23%	7%	13%	13%	11%
Not Sure	5%	2%	7%	3%	4%	8%	4%	0%	3%	10%	10%	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	1%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	29%	43%	28%	53%	7%	17%	22%	17%	52%	30%	21%	50%	24%	28%	72%

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Yes	84%	84%	91%	89%	77%	82%	90%	87%	93%	82%
No	11%	11%	7%	10%	19%	13%	6%	9%	2%	15%
Not Sure	5%	5%	2%	0%	3%	4%	3%	4%	5%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	66%	14%	20%	12%	34%	54%	25%	23%	53%

**2** Next week, President Obama will ask Congress to pass a number of new laws. One proposal calls for a federal ban on assault weapons. Should Congress pass this proposal into law? Or not?

500 Adults Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.1%	All	Gender		Age			Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Parent	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Moder	Liberal	Yes	No
Should Pass	71%	70%	72%	69%	65%	82%	70%	91%	85%	55%	49%	89%	53%	54%	72%	82%	65%	73%
Should NOT Pass	24%	28%	21%	28%	29%	12%	25%	7%	14%	36%	41%	10%	39%	36%	23%	17%	33%	21%
Not Sure	5%	2%	7%	3%	5%	6%	5%	1%	2%	9%	11%	1%	8%	10%	4%	1%	3%	6%
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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.1%										
Should Pass	71%	80%	73%	45%	67%	75%	71%	61%	77%	73%
Should NOT Pass	24%	16%	26%	46%	29%	24%	23%	28%	18%	26%
Not Sure	5%	3%	2%	9%	4%	2%	6%	11%	5%	1%
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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-3.8%																		
Should Pass	76%	79%	73%	72%	73%	85%	72%	92%	88%	70%	58%	85%	71%	62%	79%	82%	80%	76%
Should NOT Pass	20%	20%	21%	28%	21%	11%	25%	7%	7%	23%	31%	14%	28%	33%	18%	17%	14%	23%
Not Sure	4%	2%	6%	0%	7%	3%	3%	0%	5%	6%	11%	1%	1%	5%	3%	1%	6%	1%
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Should Pass	67%	68%	65%	57%	64%	81%	68%	89%	80%	47%	52%	80%	57%	57%	69%	72%	63%	69%
Should NOT Pass	27%	28%	26%	38%	28%	13%	25%	7%	16%	45%	36%	17%	39%	38%	23%	26%	32%	25%
Not Sure	6%	4%	9%	5%	7%	6%	7%	4%	4%	7%	12%	3%	5%	5%	7%	2%	5%	5%
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**Statement of Methodology:** About the Poll: This poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. The pollster's report includes the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted, the number of respondents who answered each question and the theoretical margin of sampling error for each question. Where necessary, respondents were weighted using the most recent US Census estimates for age, gender, ethnic origin and region, to align the sample to the population. In theory, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents with home telephones been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than sampling error. These include: the difficulty of interviewing respondents who do not have a home telephone; the refusal by some with home telephones to be interviewed; the order in which questions are asked; the wording of questions; the way and extent to which data are weighted; and the manner in which specialized populations, such as likely voters, are determined. It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these and other factors. Research methodology, questionnaire design and fieldwork for this survey were completed by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ. This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.