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Table 2.0004.2004

Attitudes toward a law prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or possession of semi-automatic guns known as assault rifles

United States, 1995, 1996, 2000, and 2004

Question: "Now, I am going to read several propositions that would prohibit and make illegal certain activities. First, would you vote. . .For or against a law which would make it illegal to manufacture, sell, or possess semi-automatic guns known as assault rifles?"

	For	Against	No opinion
1995 ^a	68%	29%	3%
1996	57	42	1
2000	59	39	2
2004	50	46	4

Note: See Note, [table 2.13.2005](#). For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^aFor the 1995 survey, the question was: "Please tell me whether you would favor or oppose the following proposal which some people have made to reduce crime: a ban on the manufacture, sale and possession of certain semi-automatic guns known as assault rifles?"

Source: The Gallup Organization, Inc., [The Gallup Poll](#) [Online]. Available: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/surveys/2000/topline001025/topline001025.asp> [Mar. 27, 2001]; and <http://poll.gallup.com/> [Feb. 21, 2006]; and data provided by The Gallup Organization, Inc. Reprinted by permission.