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Respondents reporting whether they think gun control or the right to own a gun is more important

United States, selected years 1993-2007

Question: "What do you think is more important--to protect the right of Americans to own guns, or to control gun ownership?"

	Protect right of Americans to own guns	Control gun ownership	Don't know/ refused
December 1993	34%	57%	9%
May 1999	30	65	5
June 1999	33	62	5
March 2000	29	66	5
April 2000	37	55	8
May 2000	38	57	5
June 2003	42	54	4
February 2004	37	58	5
April 2007	32	60	8
November 2007	42	55	3

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for November 2007 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,399 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Nov. 20-26, 2007. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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