Table 2.63
Attitudes toward laws covering the sale of firearms
United States, selected years 1990-2003

Question: "In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of firearms should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?"

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>More strict</th>
<th>Less strict</th>
<th>Kept as they are now</th>
<th>Don't know/refused</th>
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<td>1991</td>
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Note: See Note, table 2.13. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 5.

aAsked of a half sample.

Less than 0.5%.