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**Attitudes toward whether a gun in the home makes it safer or more dangerous**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2006

Question: "Do you think having a gun in the house makes it a safer place to be or a more dangerous place to be?"

	Safer	More dangerous	Depends <sup>a</sup>
National	47%	43%	7%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	56	36	6
Female	39	49	9
<b>Race</b>			
White	47	43	7
Nonwhite	47	42	8
Black	46	45	9
<b>Age</b>			
18 to 29 years	60	32	7
30 to 49 years	46	45	7
50 to 64 years	44	47	8
50 years and older	44	45	8
65 years and older	44	42	8
<b>Education</b>			
College post graduate	33	57	7
College graduate	40	48	8
Some college	47	45	6
High school graduate or less	57	32	9
<b>Income</b>			
\$75,000 and over	44	49	5
\$50,000 to \$74,999	51	41	8
\$30,000 to \$49,999	49	42	6
\$20,000 to \$29,999	46	43	11
Under \$20,000	60	30	8
<b>Community</b>			
Urban area	40	47	10
Suburban area	45	46	6
Rural area	63	28	8
<b>Region</b>			
East	41	49	5
Midwest	41	48	8
South	56	34	8
West	48	41	9
<b>Politics</b>			
Republican	53	35	9
Democrat	41	52	6
Independent	50	41	6
<b>Ideology</b>			
Conservative	56	34	7
Moderate	47	44	8
Liberal	33	60	7

Note: See Note, table 2.13.2006. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 5.

<sup>a</sup>Response volunteered.

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