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

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2010<sup>a</sup>

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
National	46%	50%	4%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	57	40	3
Female	37	58	5
<b>Race, ethnicity</b>			
White, non-Hispanic	54	42	4
Black, non-Hispanic	30	66	4
Hispanic	21	75	3
<b>Age</b>			
18-29 years	41	56	3
30-49 years	46	50	4
50-64 years	50	45	4
65 years and older	49	46	5
<b>Income</b>			
\$100,000 and over	45	52	4
\$75,000 to \$99,999	54	43	3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	52	45	2
\$30,000 to \$49,999	50	45	5
Under \$30,000	40	56	3
<b>Community</b>			
Urban area	38	57	4
Suburban area	46	50	4
Rural area	63	33	4
<b>Region</b>			
East	36	60	3
Midwest	52	44	4
South	49	48	3
West	44	50	6
<b>Politics</b>			
Republican	70	26	4
Democrat	30	67	3
Independent	46	50	4

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 3,509 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Aug. 25-Sept. 6, 2010. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

<sup>a</sup>Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

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