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

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2011

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
National	43%	53%
Sex		
Male	37	60
Female	49	46
Race		
White	43	52
Nonwhite	44	52
Black	49	47
Age		
18 to 29 years	37	57
30 to 49 years	44	54
50 to 64 years	47	49
50 years and older	45	49
65 years and older	43	49
Education		
College post graduate	50	48
College graduate	44	52
Some college	47	47
High school graduate or less	37	58
Income		
\$75,000 and over	45	53
\$50,000 to \$74,999	47	52
\$30,000 to \$49,999	44	54
\$20,000 to \$29,999	36	61
Under \$20,000	43	50
Region		
East	50	44
Midwest	37	57
South	40	57
West	46	50
Politics		
Republican	35	58
Independent	42	55
Democrat	52	45
Ideology		
Conservative	34	60
Moderate	51	47
Liberal	51	45

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,005 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Oct. 6-9, 2011. The "don't know/refused" category has been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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