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**Attitudes toward laws requiring background checks at gun shows and banning high-capacity ammunition clips**

United States, 1999 and 2012

Question: "Please say whether you favor or oppose each of the following:  
A law which would..."

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
Require background checks before people—including gun dealers—could buy guns at gun shows			
1999	83%	16%	1%
2012	92	7	(a)
Ban the sale and possession of high-capacity ammunition clips that can contain more than 10 bullets			
2012	62	35	3

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2012 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,038 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Dec. 19-22, 2012. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

<sup>a</sup> Less than 0.5%.

Source: Gallup, Inc., *The Gallup Poll* [Online]. Available: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/1645/Guns.aspx> [Feb.13, 2013]. Reprinted by permission.