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## **SURVEY OF PENNSYLVANIANS SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

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## Key Findings

The February 2013 Franklin and Marshall College Poll of Pennsylvania registered voters finds strong opposition to the governor's plan to privatize the management of the Pennsylvania lottery, but moderate support for privatizing the state-owned liquor stores. Pennsylvania's registered voters also express strong support for increasing funding for the state's roads, bridges and transit systems, and for increased regulation of firearms. The Poll also finds that Governor Tom Corbett's job performance ratings are the lowest of his tenure.

### ***Job Performance***

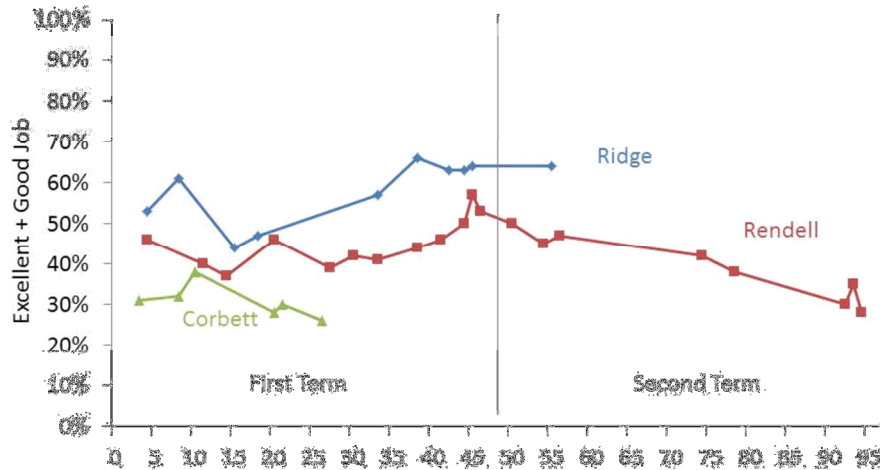
More than two in five (42%) registered voters believe that President Barack Obama is doing an "excellent" or "good" job. His job performance rating is a bit lower than it was in October (46%) when he was seeking re-election. Two in three (66%) Democrats, one in three (33%) independents, and only one in seven (15%) Republicans rate the President's job performance as "excellent" or "good."

Governor Corbett's job approval ratings are the lowest of his tenure with only one in four (26%) registered voters believing he is doing an "excellent" or "good" job. Only two in five (41%) Republicans, one in four (26%) independents, and one in six (16%) Democrats rate his performance as "excellent" or "good." Figure 1 displays the Governor's job performance ratings compared to Governors Tom Ridge and Ed Rendell. Governor Corbett's job performance ratings are the lowest for a sitting governor in the history of the Franklin and Marshall College Poll.

**Figure 1: Comparison of Pennsylvania Governors' Job Performance Ratings**

*How would you rate the way that [fill Governor] is handling his job as Governor? Would you say he is doing... an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job as Governor?*

**Comparison of PA Governors' Job Performance Ratings**  
Ridge, Rendell, Corbett



**State Issue: Lottery Privatization**

Very few (18%) registered voters favor the Governor’s plan to privatize the management of the Pennsylvania lottery. The proposal has weak support among Republicans (27%), independents (21%) and Democrats (11%) alike. There is broad agreement (84%) that the privatization of government functions should require legislative approval.

One unintended consequence of the privatization of the lottery’s management could be an initial reduction in the number of citizens who purchase lottery tickets. The survey found that one in seven (15%) registered voters “frequently” play the Pennsylvania lottery; half (52%) of these respondents say they will play the lottery less frequently if lottery management is privatized.

## ***State Issue: Liquor Store Privatization***

A majority (53%) of the state's registered voters supports selling the state-owned liquor stores to private companies. Republicans (61%) are more likely to favor privatizing the liquor stores than are Democrats (48%) or independents (51%). Past Franklin and Marshall College Polls conducted in 2010 (50%) and 2002 (55%) also showed majority support for the sale of the state-owned liquor stores.

## ***State Issue: Roads***

More than four in five (82%) registered voters in Pennsylvania believe the state should spend more on repairing and improving the state's roads, bridges, and transit systems; however, there is less support for the Governor's expected transportation funding plan. Only two in three (43%) registered voters favor a plan to increase vehicle and drivers fees and eliminate the cap on the oil franchise tax while almost half (47%) oppose it. Surprisingly, there are no differences in support for this plan by political party affiliation.

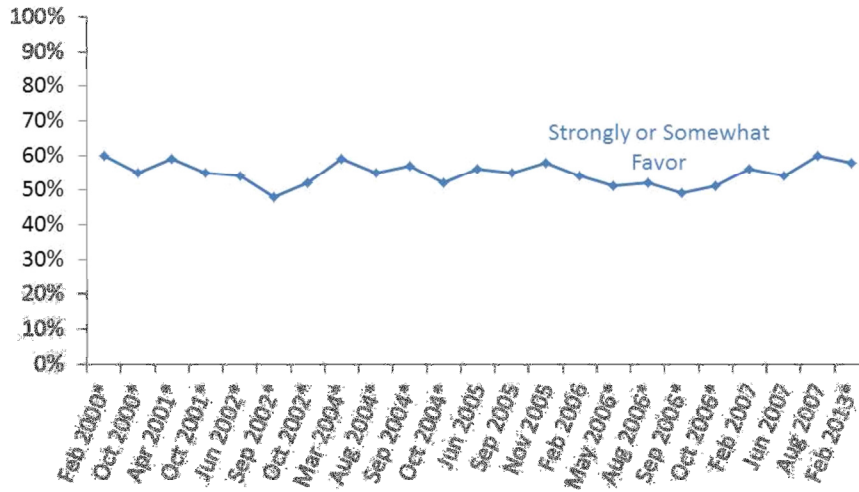
## ***State Issue: Gun Control***

Pennsylvania's registered voters are supportive of many gun control proposals currently being discussed nationally, but there is not much evidence that attitudes toward gun control in general have changed significantly over time. Majorities favor requiring background checks for all gun sales (94%), banning high-capacity magazines (61%), banning assault weapons (61%), and limiting handgun purchases to one per month (61%). The proportion of the state's registered voters who favor more gun control regulation has remained fairly consistent for a decade in Pennsylvania (see Figure 2).

**Figure 2: Favorability of Additional Gun Control Regulation**

*Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose creating more laws that regulate gun ownership?*

**Favorability of Additional Gun Control Regulation**



\* Question asked of registered voters.

## Methodology

The survey findings presented in this release are based on the results of interviews conducted January 29 – February 3, 2013. The interviews were conducted at the Center for Opinion Research at Franklin & Marshall College under the direction of the poll's Director Dr. G. Terry Madonna, Head Methodologist Berwood Yost, and Senior Project Manager Angela Knittle. The data included in this release represent the responses of 622 Pennsylvania registered voters, including 313 Democrats, 232 Republicans, and 77 registered as Independent/Other. The sample of registered voters was obtained from Voter Contact Services. Survey results were weighted (region, gender, and party) using an iterative weighting algorithm to reflect the known distribution of those characteristics as reported by the Pennsylvania Department of State.

The sample error for this survey is +/- 3.9 percentage points. In addition to sampling error, this poll is also subject to other sources of non-sampling error. Generally speaking, two sources of error concern researchers most. Non-response bias is created when selected participants either choose not to participate in the survey or are unavailable for interviewing. Response errors are the product of the question and answer process. Surveys that rely on self-reported behaviors and attitudes are susceptible to biases related to the way respondents process and respond to survey questions.

# Attachment A

## Favorability: Governor Corbett, Pennsylvania February 2013

Please let me know your opinion of some people involved in politics today. Is your opinion of Tom Corbett favorable, unfavorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Tom Corbett to have an opinion?

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Undecided	Do not know
<b>Political Party*</b>				
Republican	42%	24%	24%	10%
Democrat	14%	60%	14%	13%
Independent/Other	23%	35%	27%	15%
<b>Ideology*</b>				
Liberal	8%	68%	13%	11%
Moderate	21%	44%	23%	12%
Conservative	45%	24%	21%	10%
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	29%	43%	18%	10%
Female	22%	44%	20%	14%
<b>Age*</b>				
18-34	15%	39%	19%	27%
35-54	25%	50%	15%	10%
55 and over	27%	41%	22%	10%
<b>Education</b>				
High school or less	25%	42%	18%	16%
Some college	24%	39%	25%	13%
College degree	26%	48%	17%	9%
<b>Household Income*</b>				
Less than \$35,000	26%	31%	22%	20%
\$35-75,000	27%	49%	16%	9%
Over \$75,000	25%	50%	15%	11%
<b>Race**</b>				
White	25%	44%	20%	11%
Non-White	22%	44%	11%	23%
<b>Marital Status</b>				
Single, Never Married	19%	43%	18%	20%
Married	27%	44%	18%	11%
Not currently married	23%	41%	26%	11%
<b>Religious Affiliation</b>				
Protestant	32%	34%	21%	12%
Catholic	25%	44%	20%	11%
Other, unaffiliated	18%	53%	16%	13%
<b>Born Again Christian or Fundamentalist*</b>				
Yes	37%	27%	25%	11%
No	21%	50%	16%	12%
<b>Gun Owner</b>				
Yes	26%	40%	22%	12%
No	25%	46%	18%	12%
<b>Region</b>				
Northeast	23%	48%	20%	9%
Philadelphia	19%	51%	16%	15%
Southeast	25%	42%	20%	13%
Northwest	29%	43%	16%	12%
Central	32%	37%	21%	10%
Allegheny	11%	55%	18%	15%
Southwest	26%	41%	19%	14%
<b>Employment</b>				
Fulltime	26%	46%	18%	10%
Other	25%	43%	15%	16%
Retired	23%	42%	24%	11%

\* p<0.01

\*\* p<0.05

# Attachment B

## Favorability: President Obama, Pennsylvania February 2013

Please let me know your opinion of some people involved in politics today. Is your opinion of Barack Obama favorable, unfavorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Barack Obama to have an opinion?

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Undecided	Do not know
<b>Political Party*</b>				
Republican	14%	78%	7%	2%
Democrat	77%	18%	4%	1%
Independent/Other	40%	46%	12%	2%
<b>Ideology*</b>				
Liberal	87%	9%	2%	1%
Moderate	53%	37%	9%	2%
Conservative	15%	81%	4%	1%
<b>Gender*</b>				
Male	43%	50%	5%	2%
Female	55%	38%	6%	1%
<b>Age*</b>				
18-34	49%	38%	9%	4%
35-54	48%	42%	8%	1%
55 and over	49%	45%	4%	1%
<b>Education</b>				
High school or less	50%	46%	4%	1%
Some college	44%	44%	9%	3%
College degree	52%	42%	5%	1%
<b>Household Income</b>				
Less than \$35,000	55%	37%	5%	4%
\$35-75,000	46%	47%	7%	0%
Over \$75,000	50%	43%	6%	1%
<b>Race*</b>				
White	46%	47%	6%	1%
Non-white	81%	7%	6%	5%
<b>Marital Status*</b>				
Single, Never Married	63%	33%	1%	3%
Married	44%	48%	7%	1%
Not currently married	58%	35%	5%	2%
<b>Religious Affiliation*</b>				
Protestant	38%	54%	6%	1%
Catholic	45%	47%	6%	2%
Other, unaffiliated	65%	29%	6%	1%
<b>Born Again Christian or Fundamentalist*</b>				
Yes	37%	55%	6%	1%
No	53%	40%	6%	2%
<b>Gun Owner</b>				
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No	58%	35%	6%	1%
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Southeast	52%	42%	5%	1%
Northwest	43%	55%	2%	0%
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Allegheny	61%	35%	1%	3%
Southwest	39%	54%	5%	3%
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Fulltime	42%	48%	9%	0%
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Retired	55%	40%	3%	2%

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# Marginal Frequency Report

Responses may not total 100% due to rounding.

REG. Some people are registered to vote, and many others are not. Are you CURRENTLY REGISTERED to vote at your present address?

100% Yes  
0% No

RegPARTY. Are you currently registered as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or as something else?

37% Republican  
50% Democrat  
10% Independent  
2% Something else

IntFav. Please let me know your opinion of some people involved in politics today. Is your opinion of [FILL name] favorable, unfavorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about [FILL name] to have an opinion? (*rotated*)

	Strongly favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Strongly unfavorable	Undecided	Don't know
<b>BARACK OBAMA</b>						
<b>Feb 2013</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>1%</b>
Oct 2012	36%	14%	7%	38%	6%	0%
Sep 2012	35%	15%	6%	36%	7%	1%
Aug 2012	25%	21%	8%	37%	7%	1%
June 2012	26%	21%	11%	33%	9%	1%
Feb 2012	23%	22%	12%	35%	8%	0%
Jan 2012	25%	20%	12%	32%	9%	1%
Mar 2011	17%	24%	11%	33%	14%	2%
May 2010	26%	18%	12%	34%	10%	0%
Mar 2010	25%	17%	13%	33%	11%	1%
Feb 2010	27%	22%	10%	29%	11%	1%
Jan 2010	23%	21%	11%	33%	10%	2%
Oct 2009	29%	16%	12%	27%	13%	3%
Aug 2009	29%	26%	9%	28%	7%	1%
Jun 2009	39%	17%	6%	21%	14%	3%
Feb 2009	38%	18%	8%	15%	17%	4%
Oct 2008	38%	15%	8%	25%	12%	3%
Sep 2008	31%	18%	9%	21%	17%	3%
Aug 2008	25%	18%	7%	22%	23%	5%
<b>TOM CORBETT</b>						
<b>Feb 2013</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>12%</b>
Sep 2012	13%	17%	13%	29%	14%	14%
Aug 2012	7%	25%	15%	27%	14%	13%
June 2012	7%	25%	14%	25%	15%	14%
Jan 2012	6%	23%	15%	17%	18%	20%
Mar 2011	14%	19%	8%	15%	24%	21%
Oct 2010	17%	18%	8%	9%	17%	31%
Sep 2010	12%	15%	5%	5%	17%	45%
Aug 2010	8%	19%	7%	8%	19%	40%
May 2010	7%	17%	5%	5%	17%	49%
Mar 2010	8%	14%	4%	3%	17%	54%

	Strongly favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Strongly unfavorable	Undecided	Don't know
<b>BOB CASEY</b>						
<b>Feb 2013</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>21%</b>
Oct 2012	16%	20%	12%	19%	14%	19%
Sep 2012	14%	23%	13%	16%	13%	22%
Aug 2012	11%	25%	12%	10%	16%	27%
June 2012	14%	24%	10%	8%	14%	29%
Jan 2012	9%	20%	9%	8%	18%	35%
Mar 2011	6%	19%	11%	8%	19%	37%
May 2010	10%	23%	9%	11%	16%	31%
Mar 2010	9%	24%	10%	11%	17%	29%
Feb 2010	13%	20%	9%	9%	15%	34%
Jan 2010	9%	23%	11%	9%	17%	31%
Oct 2009	11%	21%	9%	12%	15%	32%
Aug 2009	17%	24%	10%	8%	17%	24%
Jun 2009	11%	21%	12%	5%	17%	34%
Feb 2009	11%	19%	9%	8%	21%	32%
<b>PAT TOOMEY</b>						
<b>Feb 2013</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>37%</b>
Mar 2011	6%	17%	7%	6%	22%	42%
Oct 2010	15%	15%	10%	16%	16%	28%
Sep 2010	12%	13%	7%	9%	17%	43%
Aug 2010	11%	14%	8%	12%	19%	36%
May 2010	6%	10%	4%	5%	15%	60%
Mar 2010	8%	10%	5%	5%	13%	59%
Feb 2010	6%	10%	2%	5%	15%	62%
Jan 2010	6%	9%	4%	3%	13%	65%
Oct 2009	5%	11%	5%	5%	10%	64%
Aug 2009	7%	11%	4%	6%	9%	63%

Rate\_Gov. How would you rate the way that Tom Corbett is handling his job as Governor? Would you say he is doing an...

	Excellent Job	Good Job	Only a Fair Job	Poor Job	Don't Know
<b>Feb 2013</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>6%</b>
Sep 2012	4%	26%	36%	28%	6%
Aug 2012	3%	25%	40%	26%	6%
Oct 2011	5%	33%	43%	11%	8%
Aug 2011	6%	26%	46%	14%	9%
Mar 2011	5%	26%	39%	13%	18%

RatePres. How would you rate the way that Barack Obama is handling his job as president?  
 Would you say he is doing... an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job as President?

	Excellent job	Good job	Only a fair job	Poor job	Don't know
<b>Feb 2013</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1%</b>
Oct 2012	17%	29%	20%	33%	1%
Sep 2012	18%	29%	19%	33%	0%
Aug 2012	12%	31%	23%	33%	1%
June 2012	13%	29%	30%	28%	1%
Feb 2012	11%	26%	29%	35%	0%
Jan 2012	9%	31%	29%	30%	0%
Oct 2011	9%	28%	31%	32%	1%
Aug 2011	9%	25%	33%	33%	1%
Mar 2011	7%	28%	30%	34%	1%
Oct 2010	8%	24%	31%	36%	1%
Sep 2010	10%	26%	33%	30%	0%
Aug 2010	9%	28%	28%	35%	1%
May 2010	14%	24%	32%	29%	1%
Mar 2010	12%	28%	27%	32%	1%
Feb 2010	12%	29%	32%	27%	0%
Jan 2010	11%	27%	32%	29%	1%
Oct 2009	17%	23%	31%	28%	1%
Aug 2009	14%	33%	29%	24%	0%
Jun 2009	20%	35%	25%	19%	1%
Mar 2009	23%	37%	22%	14%	4%
Feb 2009	25%	30%	23%	13%	9%

IntISS Now I'd like to ask you about some issues currently being discussed in the state...

Lottery1. Governor Corbett has announced plans to turn over management of the Pennsylvania Lottery to a private company. Do you favor or oppose the state of Pennsylvania turning over the management of the state lottery to a private company?

- 7% Strongly favor
- 11% Somewhat favor
- 17% Somewhat oppose
- 47% Strongly oppose
- 18% Do not know

Lottery2. The plan to privatize the lottery's operation was developed and implemented by the Governor's office without any action by the state house or senate. What role do you think the state legislature should have in privatizing government functions? Should proposals to privatize state government functions be required to pass the state legislature or should the governor be able to privatize government functions without approval by the state legislature?

- 84% Required to pass the state legislature
- 10% Without approval by state legislature
- 7% Do not know

Lottery3. How often do you play the Pennsylvania lottery? Would you say you purchase Pennsylvania lottery tickets frequently, sometimes, seldom or never?

- 15% Frequently
- 23% Sometimes
- 32% Seldom
- 30% Never

Lottery4. If a private company begins managing the lottery, do you think you will play the lottery more frequently, less frequently, or about the same amount?

- 1% More frequently
- 19% Less frequently
- 75% About the same amount
- 5% Do not know

Q21. Some people believe Pennsylvania should get out of the business of selling wine and spirits and are talking about selling the state's liquor stores to private companies. Do you support or oppose the state of Pennsylvania selling the state-owned liquor stores to private companies?

	<b>Strongly support</b>	<b>Somewhat support</b>	<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>Do not know</b>
<b>Feb 2013*</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>12%</b>
May 2010	35%	15%	8%	29%	13%
June 2002	42%	13%	6%	24%	15%

*\*Question asked of registered respondents only*

Roads1. Now, I'd like to ask you about Pennsylvania's road and transit system. Generally speaking, do you think the state should be spending more or spending less on repairing and improving the state's roads, bridges, and transit systems? Is that [much or somewhat more/less]?

- 35% Much more
- 47% Somewhat more
- 8% Somewhat less
- 2% Much less
- 8% Do not know

Roads2. The Governor is expected to announce a plan to increase funding for the state's roads, bridges, and transit systems. The Governor's transportation funding plan is expected to increase vehicle and drivers' fees and lift the cap on the oil company franchise tax, which is a tax paid by gas stations on the average wholesale price of gas and diesel fuel. Do you favor or oppose this plan to increase state funding for roads, bridges and transit systems?

- 14% Strongly favor
- 29% Somewhat favor
- 17% Somewhat oppose
- 30% Strongly oppose
- 11% Do not know

IntGuns. I'm going to ask you about some gun control ideas that are currently being talked about. For each, please tell me if you FAVOR or OPPOSE the proposal. First, do you favor or oppose...

	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Do Not Know
Limiting the number of handguns that state residents can purchase to no more than one handgun per month unless the person is a police officer or licensed gun dealer or collector					
<b>Feb 2013</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>4%</b>
Mar 2009	52%	14%	6%	25%	3%
Allowing cities, townships, and boroughs to create their own regulations for the use and purchase of firearms					
<b>Feb 2013</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>7%</b>
Mar 2009	17%	17%	12%	46%	8%
Requiring background checks for all gun sales					
<b>Feb 2013</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>0%</b>
Banning high-capacity ammunition magazines					
<b>Feb 2013</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>3%</b>
Banning the sale of assault weapons					
<b>Feb 2013</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>3%</b>

Legal\_MJ. Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal, or not?

	Yes	No	Do not know
<b>Feb 2013</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>9%</b>
May 2010	33%	60%	7%
May 2006	22%	72%	6%

FO\_MJ. Generally speaking...do you favor or oppose allowing adults to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if a doctor recommends it?

	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Do not know
<b>Feb 2013</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>2%</b>
May 2010	53%	27%	4%	13%	3%
May 2006	44%	32%	7%	13%	4%

FO\_Gay. Generally speaking...do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Do not know
<b>Feb 2013</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>8%</b>
May 2006	17%	16%	10%	50%	7%

DEMO I now have a final few questions for statistical purposes only.

CNTY. Region of state (What is the name of the county you live in?)

9%	Philadelphia
12%	Northeast
11%	Allegheny
10%	Southwest
9%	Northwest
26%	Central
24%	Southeast

AGE. What was your age on your last birthday?

3%	18-24
8%	25-34
10%	35-44
21%	45-54
23%	55-64
36%	65 and older

EDUC. What was the highest grade level of schooling you have completed?

4%	Non high school graduate
28%	High school graduate or GED
15%	Some college
12%	Two-year or tech degree
22%	Four year college degree
20%	Post graduate degree

MAR. What is your CURRENT marital status...are you single, married, separated, divorced, or a widower?

16%	Single, Never Married
69%	Married
1%	Separated
6%	Divorced
9%	Widow or widower

IDEO. Politically speaking, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Don't know
<b>Feb 2013</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>3%</b>
Oct 2012	22%	39%	35%	5%
Sep 2012	26%	34%	35%	5%
Aug 2012	21%	40%	36%	4%
June 2012	25%	34%	36%	5%
Feb 2012	17%	39%	40%	4%
Jan 2011	21%	39%	36%	4%
Oct 2011	20%	39%	33%	8%
Aug 2011	24%	32%	37%	7%
Mar 2011	16%	33%	41%	10%
Oct 2010	16%	37%	39%	8%
Sep 2010	15%	34%	40%	10%
Aug 2010	19%	32%	40%	9%
May 2010	19%	32%	40%	9%
Mar 2010	17%	35%	40%	8%
Feb 2010	21%	33%	37%	9%
Jan 2010	19%	30%	42%	9%

GUN. Are you a gun owner?

34% Yes  
66% No

GUN2. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose creating more laws that regulate gun ownership?

	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
<b>Feb 2013*</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>4%</b>
Aug 2007	40%	20%	14%	23%	3%
Jun 2007	39%	15%	12%	31%	3%
Feb 2007	39%	17%	15%	26%	3%
Oct 2006*	35%	16%	15%	26%	8%
Sep 2006*	34%	15%	17%	28%	6%
Aug 2006*	37%	15%	14%	27%	7%
May 2006*	37%	14%	16%	27%	6%
Feb 2006	35%	19%	17%	22%	7%
Nov 2005	38%	20%	14%	20%	8%
Sep 2005	39%	16%	13%	25%	8%
Jun 2005	39%	17%	16%	23%	6%
Oct 2004*	33%	19%	19%	23%	7%
Sep 2004*	38%	19%	15%	20%	8%
Aug 2004*	35%	20%	15%	23%	7%
Mar 2004*	42%	17%	14%	21%	7%
Oct 2002*	34%	18%	15%	26%	7%
Sep 2002*	28%	20%	14%	29%	9%
Jun 2002*	40%	14%	11%	28%	7%
Oct 2001*	33%	22%	15%	24%	6%
Apr 2001*	41%	18%	14%	22%	6%
Oct 2000*	37%	18%	15%	22%	9%
Feb 2000*	41%	19%	11%	24%	5%

\*Question asked of registered respondents only

Hisp. Are you Hispanic or Latino, or not?

2% Yes  
98% No

RACE. Which of the following categories best describes your racial background?

92% White  
8% Non-white

REL. Do you consider yourself to be Protestant, Catholic, some other religion, or not affiliated with any religion?

33% Protestant  
36% Catholic  
16% Some other religion  
14% Not affiliated with any religion

BAC. Do you consider yourself to be a born-again Christian or fundamentalist, or not?

28% Yes  
71% No  
2% Don't know

WORK. Are you currently working fulltime, part-time, going to school, keeping house or something else?

42% Fulltime  
11% Part-time  
2% Going to school  
7% Keeping house  
4% Unemployed  
2% Disabled  
31% Retired

INC1. And, just for statistical purposes, we need to know if your total family income is above or below \$50,000 per year?

12% Under \$25,000  
10% \$25-\$35,000  
15% \$35-50,000  
22% \$50-75,000  
15% \$75-100,000  
23% Over \$100,000  
4% Don't know

DONE. Sex of respondent:

48% Male  
52% Female