

Table 2.88

**Attitudes toward a ban on assault rifles**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1995

Question: "Please tell me whether you would favor or oppose the following proposal which some people have made to reduce crime: a ban on the manufacture, sale and possession of certain semi-automatic guns known as assault rifles."

	Favor a ban	Oppose a ban
National	68%	29%
<u>Sex</u>		
Male	61	36
Female	74	23
<u>Race</u>		
White	68	29
Black	68	27
Nonwhite <sup>a</sup>	73	24
<u>Age</u>		
18 to 29 years	61	34
30 to 49 years	67	30
50 to 64 years	76	21
50 years and older	73	24
65 years and older	70	27
<u>Education</u>		
College post graduate	77	23
College graduate	77	21
Some college	66	32
No college	64	32
<u>Income</u>		
\$50,000 and over	76	22
\$30,000 to \$49,999	63	37
\$20,000 to \$29,999	70	26
Under \$20,000	64	32
<u>Community</u>		
Urban area	69	27
Suburban area	71	28
Rural area	61	37
<u>Region</u>		
East	68	26
Midwest	73	26
South	67	30
West	64	34
<u>Politics</u>		
Republican	65	33
Democrat	76	23
Independent	64	30

Note: 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 6.

<sup>a</sup>Includes black respondents.

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