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- Next, as you may know, this past weekend six people were killed and others including a member of Congress were wounded in a shooting in Tucson, Arizona. From what you know about the shootings, do you think— [ROTATED: this tragedy would have been prevented if the state of Arizona had stricter gun laws (or) this tragedy would have occurred even if the state of Arizona had stricter gun laws]?

	Would have been prevented if gun laws were <u>stricter</u>	Would have occurred even if gun laws were <u>stricter</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
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- Just your best guess, do you think the heated language used in politics today was or was not a factor influencing the Arizona shooter to commit the attack?
If “yes,” probe Do you think it was a major factor or a minor factor?

	<u>Major factor</u>	<u>Minor factor</u>	<u>Not a factor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jan 11	20	22	42	15

3. As you may know, some commentators have said that well-known conservatives use language that is too inflammatory and is partly responsible for the Arizona shooting. Which comes closer to your view— [ROTATED: it is a legitimate point about how dangerous the language used by conservatives can be (or) it is not a legitimate point but mostly an attempt to use the tragedy to make conservatives look bad]?

	Legitimate point about how dangerous <u>language can be</u>	Mostly an attempt to use the tragedy to make <u>conservatives look bad</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2011 Jan 11	35	53	12

4. Thinking more generally about the way political issues are discussed and debated in this United States today, do you think each of the following groups has or ha