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**JANUARY WAVE 2**

**-- FINAL TOPLINE --**

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**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted January 14-16, 2011 with a random sample of -1,032—adults, aged 18+, living in the continental U.S., selected using random-digit dial sampling.**

**For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.**

**For results based on the sample of -516—national adults in Form A and -516—1 ad**

18. Just your opinion, what do you think are the one or two most important things that could be done to prevent mass shootings from occurring in the United States? *[OPEN-ENDED]*

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Stricter gun control laws	24
Better mental health screening/Better mental health support	15
More education/Teach children about violence/proper use of guns	9

Q.19/20 SPLIT SAMPLED

19. *(Asked of a half sample)* Thinking about the recent shooting in Arizona that killed six people and seriously injured others including a member of Congress, from what you know or have read, how much do you think

20. *(Asked of a half sample)* Thinking about mass shootings that have occurred in the United States in recent years, from what you know or have read, how much do you think each of the following factors is to blame for the shootings – a great deal, a fair amount, not much, or not at all? How about – [RANDOM ORDER]?

**BASED ON -- 516—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B**

**A. Easy access to guns**

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jan 14-16	46	19	16	18	1

**B. Violence in movies, video games, and music lyrics**

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jan 14-16	31	27	26	15	2

**C. The spread of extremist viewpoints on the Internet**

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jan 14-16	32	31	19	12	6

**D. Failure of the mental health system to identify individuals who are a danger to others**

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jan 14-16	48	30	11	8	3

**E. Inflammatory language from prominent political commentators**

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jan 14-16	19	25	29	25	3

**F. Drug use**

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Jan 14-16	42	35	16	6	2

**SUMMARY TABLE (Q.19/20): FACTORS IN MASS SHOOTINGS**

<i>2011 Jan 14-16</i> <i>(sorted by "Tucson")</i>	<b>Tucson</b> <b>(% great deal)</b>	<b>Recent shootings</b> <b>(% great deal)</b>
Failure of the mental health system to identify individuals who are a danger to others	55	48
Easy access to guns	43	46
Drug use	37	42
The spread of extremist viewpoints on the Internet	34	32
Violence in movies, video games and music lyrics	31	31
Inflammatory language from prominent political commentators	22	19