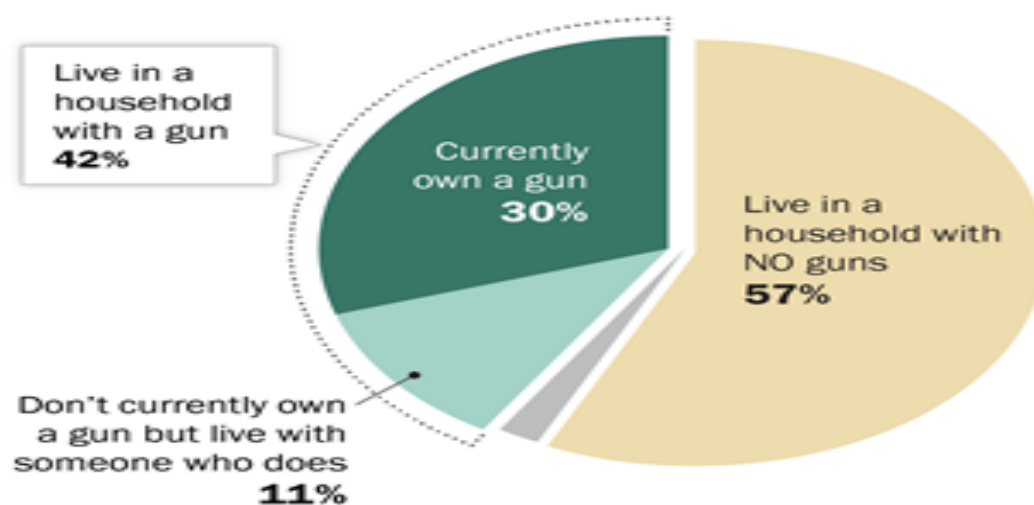


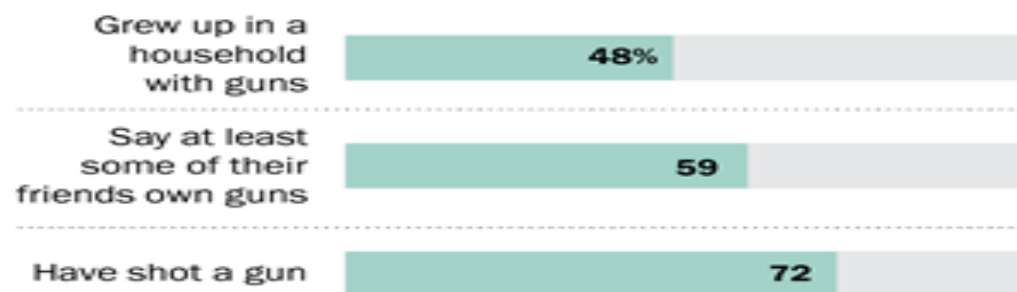
# The Responsibility of Gun Ownership

## About four-in-ten U.S. adults say they live in a gun-owning household

*% of all adults saying they ...*



*% who ...*



Note: In pie chart, share of respondents who didn't offer an answer shown but not labeled. Figures may not add to 100% or to subtotals indicated due to rounding.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted March 13-27 and April 4-18, 2017.

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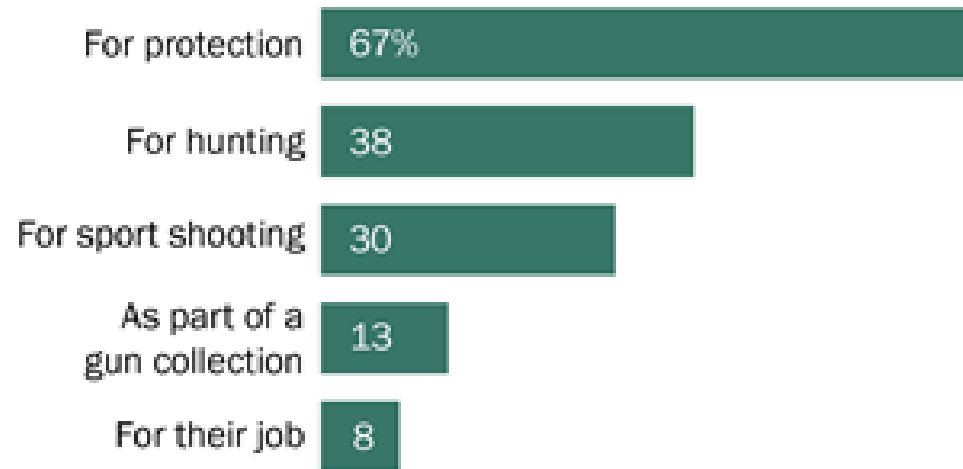
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Why Guns?

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## Most gun owners cite protection as a major reason for owning a gun

*% of gun owners saying each is a major reason why they own a gun*



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# Why the Fear?

- Agenda Setting – what the media pay attention to sets the agenda for what we think about
- Cultivation – heavy viewing of TV and overall consumption of media lead us to see the world as it is portrayed in media

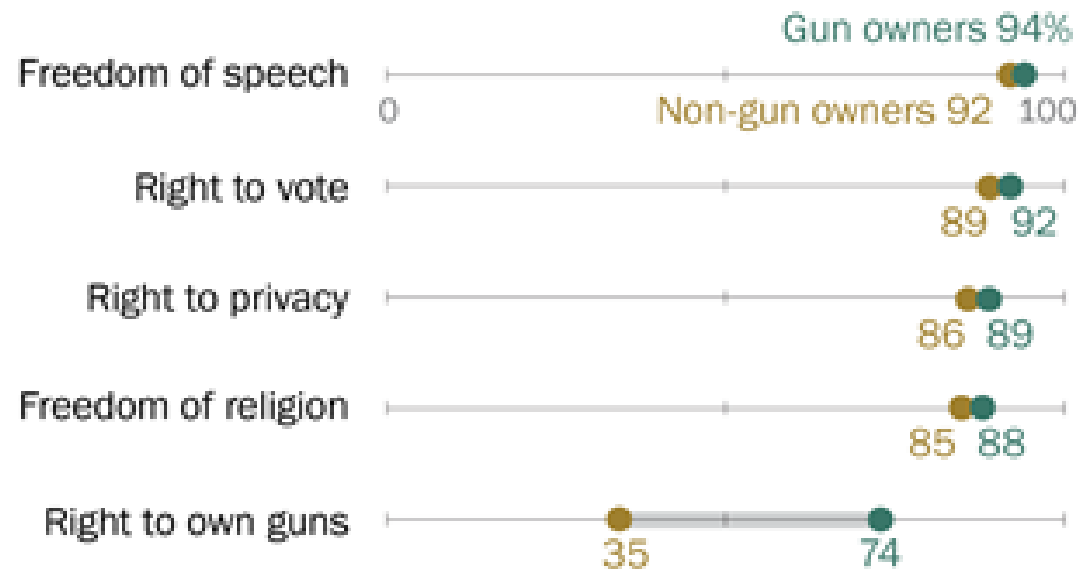
# Actual Risk?

- Less than 1% chance to be victim of violent crime any given year
- Most likely to be victimized: young men
- Least likely: people over 55

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## About three-quarters of gun owners say owning a gun is essential to their freedom

*% saying each is essential to their own sense of freedom*



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# Handgun Owners - Guns Close By?

- (38%) say there is a gun that is both loaded and easily accessible to them all of the time when they are at home.
- (26%) say they carry a gun outside of their home all or most of the time.
- Among handgun owners who live in a community they think is unsafe, the share who carry all or most of the time rises to 41%.



- Most people, gun owners and non-gun owners, believe that keeping a gun locked away and unloaded is crucial if there are children in the home.
- Why then, is one child a day killed negligently in the home in this country?

# Guns in the home

- Case control studies have examined the association between household gun ownership and homicide victimization.
- Results suggest that a gun in the home increases the likelihood of murder rather than providing protection from being murdered.
  - Hemenway, (2014)

# Burglars Love Guns

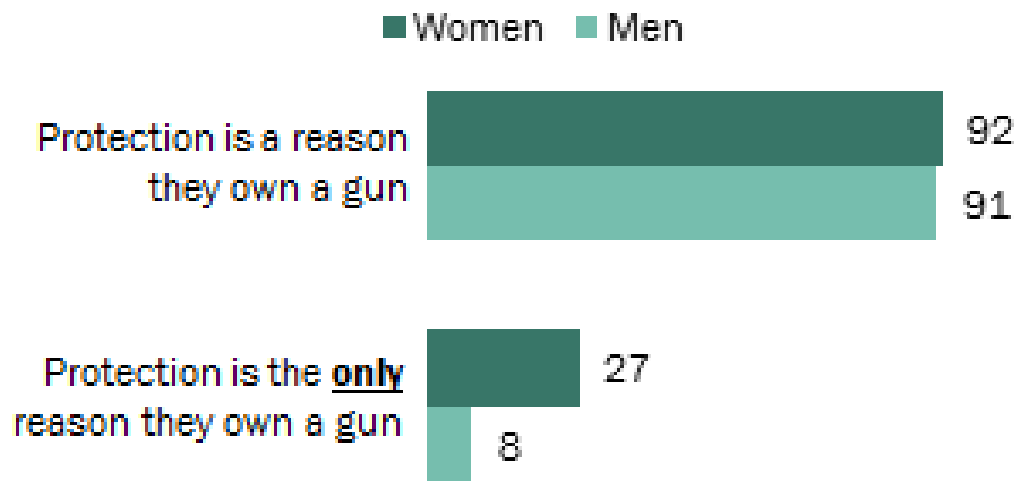
- Most burglars don't want to come into your home when you are there.
- They always know where you hid that gun.

# Ownership by Gender

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**Women are more likely than men to say protection is *only* reason they own a gun**

*% of gun owners saying ...*



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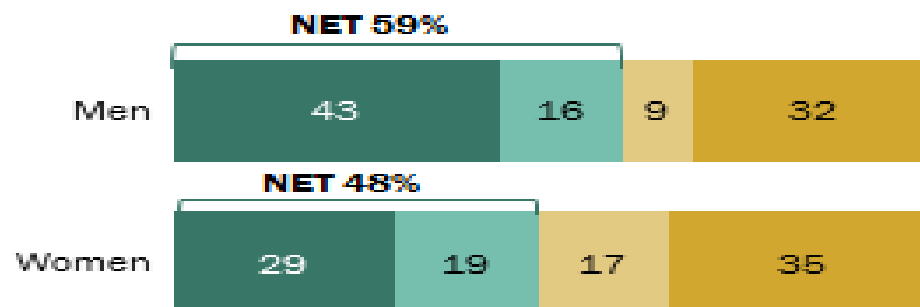
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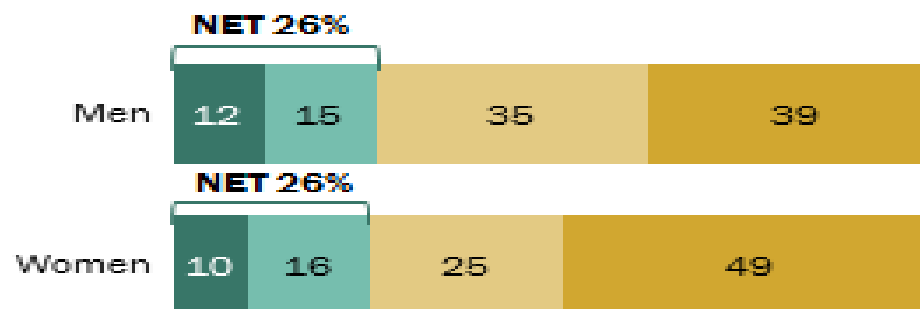
## Higher shares of male than female gun owners keep a loaded gun within easy reach when they're at home

*% of gun owners who say there is a gun that is both loaded and easily accessible to them at home ...*

■ All of the time   ■ Most of the time   ■ Only some of the time   ■ Never



*% of handgun owners who say they carry their gun outside the home ...*



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# Things to Consider if You Own a Handgun or Any Other Firearm

# I'm the Good Guy

- Everyone who carries a gun thinks that he/she/they are smart enough, capable enough, calm and collected enough to do the right thing when the time comes.

# Do You Practice?

- Police Officers practice, both mentally and physically, on a regular basis.
- Accuracy in police shootings: 1/5
- 95% of officers never fire their weapons



# What is your plan?

- Have you thought about what you will do if an armed intruder comes into your home?
- What will you do if a crime occurs in the community and you are armed?

# Yes, You Can Stand Your Ground

- TN is a Stand Your Ground state. That means you have no duty to retreat from dangerous situation.
- But, might it be wiser to do so?
- (George Zimmerman and Trayvon Martin)

# Where do you keep your weapon?

- *Hospital Pediatrics* (2017). 40% of parents who own guns incorrectly believe their kids don't know where they are stored.
- 1 in 5 parents incorrectly believes children have not handled a gun in the house

# Guns are Heavy and Annoying to Carry

- Once the initial novelty of carrying a firearm has worn off, what do you do?
- Handguns are uncomfortable, ruin pants, belts, purses.
- Where do you put it when you need to remove it?

# Do you know where your gun is, every minute of every day?

- How does TSA seize so many guns at airport security every year?
- 3,957 in 2017

# Are you prepared to KILL another human being?

- Guns are made to do one thing
- Not warn, frightening or threat

# You Own That Bullet You Fired

- Wherever the bullet goes, whatever or whomever it hits – your responsibility

# Insurance?

- Do you have an insurance policy to cover you if you shoot an intruder in your home or an attacker outside your home?



# Do you have an attorney?

- If you shoot another person, you will need to have an attorney present immediately in order to protect your rights. That means one you can call right after you call 911

# What to Say to 911

- I am armed
- I have shot an intruder
- I am in \_\_\_\_\_ room of the home
- I placed my gun \_\_\_\_\_
- NEVER respond to officers with gun in hand
- Consider yourself a suspect

# Angry?

- Are you absolutely certain that you could never take out your weapon in anger or to scare someone?
- Will you never drink alcohol?

# Study Results

- Half of homicide victims died from gunshot wounds.
- One-third by intimate
- 12% by another relative
- 31% by friend or acquaintance
- 4% by stranger
- 17% not determined

# More data

- \*44% during altercation or quarrel
- \*11% romantic triangle or murder-suicide
- 8% drug related
- 22% during commission of another felony

# Tennessee

- Leads the country in murder by intimate partners – usually with gun.