



# GS STRATEGY GROUP

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THIRD WAY – SOUTH CAROLINA  
CONDUCTED JUNE 10 – 19, 2022  
N = 600 North Carolina Likely Voters  
Margin of Error: +/- 4.00%

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Q1. When there is an election for governor in your state, do you always vote, almost always vote, vote most of the time, vote some of the time, hardly ever vote, or never vote?

	SC
Total	600
Always	77.5
Almost always	6.9
Most of time	9.7
Sometimes	5.9

Q2. For statistical purposes, what is your age?

	SC
Total	600
18-34	20.0
18-29	11.0
30-34	9.0
35-44	16.3
35-39	7.5
40-44	8.8
45-54	17.5
55-64	19.7
55-60	10.7
61-64	9.0
65+	26.5
Mean	50.9

Q3. What is your gender?  
(NET DIF 1 - Percent male minus percent female)

	SC
Total	600
Male	47.0
Female	53.0
NET DIF 1	-6.0

Q4. Are you Latino, Hispanic or of Latino, Hispanic or Spanish descent?  
(NET DIF 1 - Percent yes minus percent no)

	SC
Total	600
Yes	3.8
No/All Other Answers	96.2
NET DIF 1	-92.4

Q5. What is your race?

	SC
Total	600
White	70.1
Non-White	28.2
Black	19.5
Hispanic	3.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.0
Native American	1.2
Multiple Races	2.7
DK/Refused	1.8

Q6. If you had to label yourself, would you say you are a liberal, a moderate or a conservative in your political beliefs?  
 (NET DIF 1 - Percent Conservative minus percent Liberal)

	SC
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Total	600
Liberal	17.7
Very Liberal	6.8
Somewhat Liberal	10.9
Moderate	25.9
Conservative	48.1
Somewhat Conservative	19.4
Very Conservative	28.7
DK/Refused	8.4
NET DIF 1	30.4

Q7. With which political party are you affiliated?  
 (NET DIF 1 - Percent Republican minus percent Democrat)

	SC
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Total	600
Republican	43.6
Democrat	29.7
Independent/No Party	21.8
Other	2.5
DK/Refused	2.4
NET DIF 1	13.9

Please tell me whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of each of the following people, groups or organizations. If you have no opinion or have never heard of them, just say so.

Q8. Joe Biden  
 (NET DIF 1 - Percent favorable minus percent unfavorable)

	SC
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Total	600
Favorable	38.8
Very Favorable	16.9
Somewhat Favorable	21.8
Unfavorable	54.8
Somewhat Unfavorable	7.0
Very Unfavorable	47.8
No opinion	5.0
Never heard of	0.4
DK/Refused	0.9
Mean	2.9
NET DIF 1	-16.1

Q9. Donald Trump  
(NET DIF 1 - Percent favorable minus percent unfavorable)

	SC
Total	600
Favorable	45.6
Very Favorable	27.8
Somewhat Favorable	17.8
Unfavorable	48.0
Somewhat Unfavorable	6.8
Very Unfavorable	41.2
No opinion	4.9
Never heard of	0.4
DK/Refused	1.0
Mean	2.7
NET DIF 1	-2.4

Q10. Henry McMaster  
(NET DIF 1 - Percent favorable minus percent unfavorable)

	SC
Total	600
Favorable	48.9
Very Favorable	18.1
Somewhat Favorable	30.8
Unfavorable	28.1
Somewhat Unfavorable	12.7
Very Unfavorable	15.5
No opinion	17.1
Never heard of	3.9
DK/Refused	2.0
Mean	2.3
NET DIF 1	20.8

Q11. Lindsey Graham  
 (NET DIF 1 - Percent favorable minus percent unfavorable)

	SC
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Total	600
Favorable	41.0
Very Favorable	14.5
Somewhat Favorable	26.5
Unfavorable	46.0
Somewhat Unfavorable	13.0
Very Unfavorable	33.0
No opinion	8.5
Never heard of	2.3
DK/Refused	2.2
Mean	2.7
NET DIF 1	-5.0

Q12. Tim Scott  
 (NET DIF 1 - Percent favorable minus percent unfavorable)

	SC
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Total	600
Favorable	46.0
Very Favorable	28.0
Somewhat Favorable	18.0
Unfavorable	28.7
Somewhat Unfavorable	11.6
Very Unfavorable	17.2
No opinion	16.1
Never heard of	6.6
DK/Refused	2.6
Mean	2.2
NET DIF 1	17.3

Q13. The National Rifle Association or NRA  
(NET DIF 1 - Percent favorable minus percent unfavorable)

	SC
Total	600
Favorable	47.0
Very Favorable	27.3
Somewhat Favorable	19.7
Unfavorable	36.6
Somewhat Unfavorable	9.1
Very Unfavorable	27.5
No opinion	12.5
Never heard of	2.1
DK/Refused	1.8
Mean	2.4
NET DIF 1	10.4

Q14. Generally speaking, do you think it is too hard or too easy to get a gun in America?  
(NET DIF 1 - Percent too easy minus percent too hard)

	SC
Total	600
Too hard	12.2
Much too hard	1.8
Somewhat too hard	10.4
Too easy	77.6
Somewhat too easy	26.5
Much too easy	51.1
DK/Refused	10.2
NET DIF 1	65.4

Q15. Would you say you are now more likely to support or oppose stricter gun laws at the federal level after the shooting in Uvalde Texas? If it had no impact on your views, just say so.  
 (NET DIF 1 - Percent support minus percent oppose)

	SC
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Total	600
Support stricter gun laws	55.2
Much more likely to support stricter gun laws	42.8
Somewhat more likely to support stricter gun laws	12.4
Oppose stricter gun laws	19.1
Somewhat more likely to oppose stricter gun laws	7.4
Much more likely to oppose stricter gun laws	11.7
No impact	20.5
DK/Refused	5.2
NET DIF 1	36.1

In response to the shooting in Uvalde and other recent mass shooting events, some US Senators are proposing specific policies to prevent future mass shootings across the country. After hearing them, please tell me if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose each policy. If you aren't sure, just say so.

Q16. Red flag laws, which give family members or law enforcement a way to ask a judge to issue an order temporarily removing guns from someone who poses a violent threat to themselves or others.  
 (NET DIF 1 - Percent support minus percent oppose)

	SC
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Total	600
Support	79.2
Strongly Support	60.0
Somewhat Support	19.2
Oppose	16.5
Somewhat Oppose	6.7
Strongly Oppose	9.8
DK/Refused	4.3
NET DIF 1	62.8

Q17. Requiring a background check before every gun purchase, including at gun shows and for online sales.  
 (NET DIF 1 - Percent support minus percent oppose)

	SC
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Total	600
Support	86.2
Strongly Support	74.0
Somewhat Support	12.2
Oppose	9.8
Somewhat Oppose	4.3
Strongly Oppose	5.4
DK/Refused	4.1
NET DIF 1	76.4

Q18. Increasing the minimum age to purchase a semi-automatic weapon from 18 to 21 years old.  
 (NET DIF 1 - Percent support minus percent oppose)

	SC
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Total	600
Support	75.9
Strongly Support	66.0
Somewhat Support	9.8
Oppose	17.9
Somewhat Oppose	5.6
Strongly Oppose	12.3
DK/Refused	6.2
NET DIF 1	57.9

Q19. Allowing law enforcement to access sealed juvenile records to ensure that young adults with a history of violent criminal behavior are restricted from purchasing firearms.  
 (NET DIF 1 - Percent support minus percent oppose)

	SC
	-----
Total	600
Support	81.7
Strongly Support	60.3
Somewhat Support	21.4
Oppose	13.0
Somewhat Oppose	6.8
Strongly Oppose	6.2
DK/Refused	5.3
NET DIF 1	68.7



Q20. Funding research around the effectiveness of gun safety policies.  
(NET DIF 1 - Percent support minus percent oppose)

	SC
Total	600
Support	61.1
Strongly Support	41.8
Somewhat Support	19.3
Oppose	24.2
Somewhat Oppose	10.0
Strongly Oppose	14.2
DK/Refused	14.7
NET DIF 1	36.9

Q21. If Senator Lindsey Graham voted for new laws like the ones you've heard about here, would you be more likely to vote for him or against him?

(NET DIF 1 - Percent vote for minus percent vote against)

	SC
Total	600
Vote for	48.4
Definitely vote for	19.5
Probably vote for	28.9
Vote against	35.5
Probably vote against	14.3
Definitely vote against	21.2
DK/Refused	16.1
NET DIF 1	12.9

Now I'd like to give you some arguments from both supporters and opponents of these new laws. After hearing each pair of statements, please tell me which side you agree with more — supporters of stronger gun laws, or opponents of stronger gun laws. If you aren't sure, just say so

Q22. • Supporters of red flag laws say they are common sense policies that would prevent dangerous and mentally ill people from hurting people. Allowing family and friends to alert law enforcement about potential risks of imminent violence could have kept the shooter in Uvalde from getting access to guns.

• Opponents of red flag laws say they are more often used to take gun rights away from law abiding people without due process than to stop mass shooters. Allowing unelected judges to take away guns based on unproven claims from spouses or family members is a violation of constitutional rights.

(NET DIF 1 - Percent supporters minus percent opponents)

	SC -----
Total	600
Supporters	57.1
Opponents	29.5
DK/Refused	13.4
NET DIF 1	27.5

Q23. Which of the following best describes you?

	SC -----
Total	600
I own a gun	43.1
I don't have any guns in my home	32.3
Someone in my house owns a gun	14.2
DK/Refused	10.4

Q24. Which of the following best describes you?

	SC
Total	600
No one in my home is an NRA member	77.0
I am an NRA member	10.3
Someone in my house is an NRA member	5.1
DK/Refused	7.6

Q25. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

	SC
Total	600
High school	22.1
Some high school	3.4
Graduated high school	18.7
Some college/Assoc/Trade	33.5
Some college	14.6
Two-year college degree	14.8
Trade or technical school certificate	4.1
Four-year college degree	19.4
Graduate school	20.5
Some graduate school	2.5
Graduate degree	18.0
DK/Refused	4.5

Q26. What is your current household income?

	SC
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Total	600
<\$50,000	29.5
Under \$15,000	4.5
\$15,001 to \$25,000	5.2
\$25,001 to \$40,000	8.2
\$40,001 to \$50,000	11.6
\$50,000-\$100,000	24.3
\$50,001 to \$75,000	13.5
\$75,001 to \$100,000	10.9
Over \$100,000	18.9
DK/Refused	27.3
Mean	67522

Q27. Area breaks:

	SC
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Total	600
Greenville - Spartanburg, SC- Asheville - And., NC - GA DMA	25.2
Columbia, SC DMA	23.2
Charleston, SC DMA	17.5
Rest of DMAs	34.1
Charlotte, NC - SC DMA	13.0
Florence - Myrtle Beach, SC - NC DMA	8.9
Augusta, GA - SC DMA	6.5
Savannah, GA - SC DMA	5.7

Q28. General Vote History:

(NET DIF 1 - Percent 0/1/2 of 4 minus percent 3/4 of 4)

	SC
Total	600
0/1/2 of 4	27.4
1 of 4	12.8
2 of 4	14.6
3/4 of 4	72.6
3 of 4	21.7
4 of 4	50.9
NET DIF 1	-45.3