

American Gun Culture

The Greens mantra on American Gun Culture allows the listener to fill in the blanks as to what they really mean. Additionally, the Greens may be unconsciously relying on their own deep seated psycho-pathology of not trusting others which by coincidence parallels the level of mistrust in American society.

So, it might be interesting to have an accurate number in our minds as to how many Americans actually own guns.

The following are excerpts from a recent Associated Press (the world's oldest and largest newsgathering organization) poll.

THE AP-GfK POLL

October, 2013

Conducted by GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications

A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)

Interview dates: October 3–7 2013

Number of interviews, adults: 1,227

Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 3.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.
Please refer to the exact sample number at the bottom of each table.*

**Beginning in October, 2013, AP-GfK polls were conducted online using GfK's nationally representative KnowledgePanel. All prior trend conducted by telephone.
For more information, see <http://www.ap-gfkipoll.com>.*

The chart below shows that on average 61% of Americans “just trust” or have lower levels of trust for their fellow humans in the following scenarios. We can only surmise how Australians would poll on this question but it is reasonable to extrapolate that card carrying Greens would rate their fellow citizens even lower.

TR2. There are many situations in life where people have to trust other people who they may not know very well. In general, how much would you say you trust other people in each of the following situations?

	A great deal/ quite a bit	A great deal	Quite a bit	Just somewhat	Not too much/ not at all	Not too much	Not at all	Refused/ Not Answered
People who have access to your medical records when you visit a doctor or a hospital	50	14	36	29	17	11	6	4
People who prepare your food when you eat out	47	9	38	36	14	10	4	4
People you have hired to come into your home to do work	41	8	34	37	18	12	5	4
The people with whom you have shared photos, videos or other information on social media websites	38	8	30	30	29	16	12	4
People who swipe your credit card or debit card when you're making a purchase	30	4	26	43	24	17	7	3
People driving the cars around you when you're driving, walking or biking	21	4	17	36	39	27	13	4
People you meet when you are traveling away from home	19	2	17	49	29	22	7	4

Based on: N=1,227

So the Greens' phrase, **American Gun Culture** statistically means that a minority own guns (about 34%), fancy that. Nearly two out of three **DO NOT** own guns and the Southerners own the highest percentage why would that be? Is

GUNS4. Does anyone in your household own a gun, or not?

Yes	34
No	62
Refused/Not answered	4

Based on:

N=1,227

it possible that a non-PC answer exists? Is it possible that a region which has the highest percentage of a particular minority has the highest percentage of gun ownership, since this minority has an unusually high gun ownership rate? If so would they own rifles/shotguns for hunting or handguns for personal protection or for some other unidentified need?

CENSUS REGION:

Northeast	18
Midwest	22
South	37
West	23

Based on:

N=1,227

AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted October 3-7, 2013 by GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,227 general population adults age 18 or older.

The survey was conducted using the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®, a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. population. At inception participants were chosen scientifically by a random selection of telephone numbers and since 2009 through Address-based sampling using the post office's delivery sequence file. Persons in these households are then invited to join and participate in the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®. For those who agree to participate, but do not already have Internet access, GfK provides at no cost a laptop and ISP connection. People who already have computers and Internet service are permitted to participate using their own equipment. Panelists then receive unique log-in information for accessing surveys online, and then are sent emails throughout each month inviting them to participate in research.

The data were weighted to account for probabilities of selection, as well as age within sex, education, race, and phone type. The phone type targets came from the Fall, 2012 MRI Consumer Survey. The other targets came from the March 2012 Supplement of the Current Population Survey.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

Trend data are displayed for selected questions from previous AP-GfK Polls that were conducted using telephone interviews with nationally-representative probability samples of adults age 18 or older. Details about all AP-GfK Polls are available at <http://www.ap-gfkipoll.com>.