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Crime, Biden Drive Down Americans' Demand for Stricter Gun Laws

As violent crime rises along with anti-gun rhetoric from the Biden administration, so does Americans' pushback against more gun control. On Wednesday, [Gallup reported](#) that "stricter gun laws [are now] less popular in the U.S."

Americans' demand for stricter gun laws has fallen to the lowest point since 2014. The demand for stricter gun laws peaked at 67 percent — two out of three people — in 2018 following the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, that left 17 people dead. Today, barely half of those polled by Gallup think stricter gun controls are needed.



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Not surprisingly, most support for more gun laws comes from Democrats, at 91 percent. Among Republicans, however, support for more Second Amendment infringements has fallen by nearly 12 points since 2019, to just 24 percent. Among independents, support for more gun controls has declined by an astonishing 19 points, to 45 percent.

When asked about their desire for a total ban on all handguns ("Do you think there should be, or should not be, a law that would ban the possession of handguns, except by police and other authorized persons?"), support for such a ban dropped to 19 percent, an "all-time low," said Gallup, "and down six points in the past year." Gallup failed to mention that support for a total handgun ban has declined by 10 full percentage points since 2019, according to its results.

Gallup explained:

The latest drop in support for a handgun ban is largely attributable to political independents.

Currently, 14% of independents think there should be a ban on handguns, which marks a 16-point decline since 2019, including nine points since 2020.

Even fewer Republicans, 6%, favor such a ban, while 40% of Democrats do.

Diminishing support for a total handgun ban is also attributable to the current occupant of the White House. Back in July, President Biden told a town hall meeting:

The idea that you need a weapon that can have the ability to fire 20, 30, 30, 50, 120 shots from that weapon, whether it's a 9mm pistol or whether it's a rifle, is ridiculous.

I'm continuing to push to eliminate the sale of those things.



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And, according to Gallup, that's one of the reasons Americans continue to push back. It should be remembered that support for banning all handguns began to decline after Congress passed the "Clinton Gun Ban" (a.k.a The Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act of 1993). In 1991, it peaked at 43 percent, and stands at 19 percent today.

Congress understandably has not passed any new gun laws under Biden. Such legislation has now replaced Social Security as "the third rail" of politics.



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