

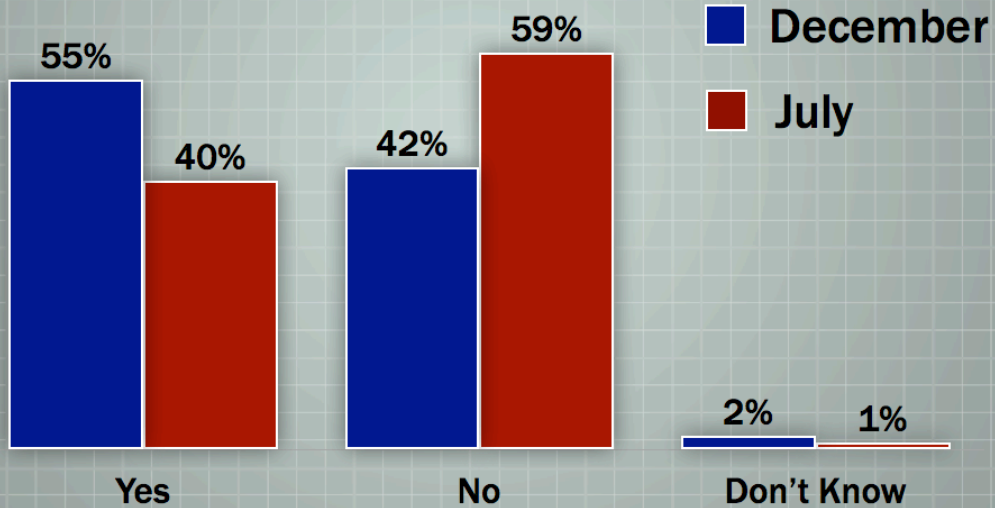
“INSIDE” INTELLIGENCE

Sponsored by: **Hahn, Texas**

*The Texas Weekly/Texas Tribune insider poll
for the week of December 24*

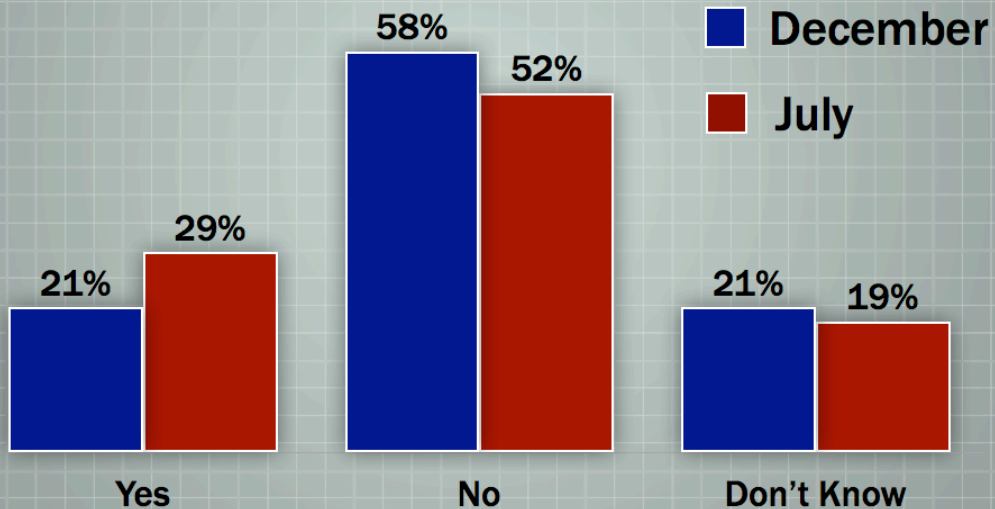
INSIDE INTELLIGENCE

Should lawmakers revisit state and federal gun laws?



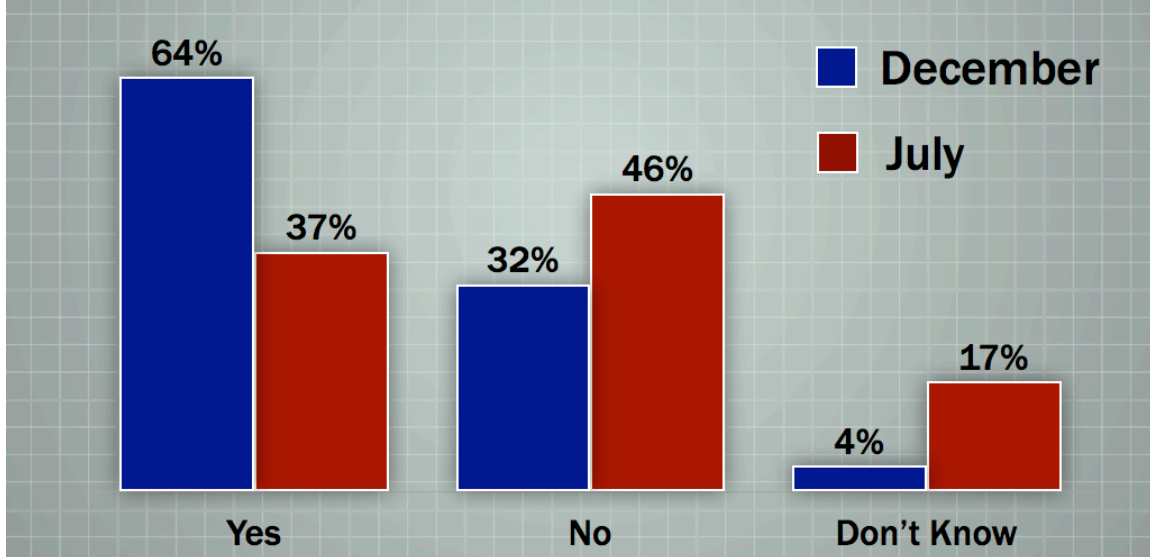
INSIDE INTELLIGENCE

Are current gun laws too restrictive or not restrictive enough?



INSIDE INTELLIGENCE

Is there something lawmakers should do to other laws to help prevent such assaults?



Should lawmakers revisit federal and state gun laws?

- "Assault weapon ban must be reinstated. But I don't like the odds of that happening as long as NRA remains unwilling to look at one single solitary firearm and say 'you know, THAT one probably shouldn't be in the hands of the public.'"
- "They need to broaden to allow school teachers, administrators, and board members to carry concealed handguns."
- "This is mostly an area of the law that is federally preempted. State lawmakers don't have as much sway as they may like on gun laws."
- "The tragedy in Newtown occurred at the hand of a mentally unstable individual who used guns that were

legally purchased by his mother. The massacre in Columbine occurred by two individuals who used firearms that were purchased legally by other individuals for the shooters. Two similarities exist: 1) the shooter(s) did not have a legal authority to use those guns, meaning they didn't purchase them personally or go through the background check process; and, 2) the shooters were not mentally stable, either by handicap or the effects of anti-depressants and bullying. So, the million-dollar question is how does one prevent these kinds of individuals from getting and using firearms? Answer that question without hindering the second amendment then maybe that would stop the madness."

- "Doing more will do nothing but limit guns to the sane. According to Nora Ephron 'Insane people are always sure that they are fine. It is only the sane people who are willing to admit that they are crazy.'"
- "The gun show loophole should be closed, there should be better coordination between all levels of government on background checks, and more resources should be spent on mental health treatment."
- "Reconsider the fiction that gun-free zones prevent violence and tragedies."
- "First, let's enforce the laws we have on the books, then let's talk about potential changes (if any)."
- "Yes, but they should first meet with law abiding gun owners to determine if any changes are needed."
- "While recent events in Conn. are heinous, and the loss of life unwarranted, mental health issues also played a role in recent events."
- "Yes, but they won't"
- "These discussions will occur at the national level, though it is difficult to know whether anything constructive will be done. It is easy to know that nothing constructive will be done in Texas."
- "Those metal detectors went up pretty fast after a gun was discharged at the state capital. Is the legislature willing to pay for that level of security at every school and university?"
- "Yes... to address semi-automatic and attack weapons"
- "Think Norway. I understand their laws are strict and look what happened."
- "You know this.... guns don't kill people..."
- "They should ban semi-automatic assault weapons -- which would be an important symbolic action, though it would likely make no difference in the prevention of gun violence in the future."
- "You do not need an assault weapon to hunt. Further we must have background checks at gun shows"
- "To the fullest extent permitted by the Supreme Court's expansion of the Second Amendment"
- "If I thought for a second that lawmakers could tell the difference between just making it more burdensome for anybody to get or carry a firearm, or differentiating between law-abiding folks and the potentially criminally insane, I would have answered HELL YES. But since I have no faith that they will, they probably shouldn't even try."
- "But also mental health and school security -- they need a task force of all the stakeholders"
- "Assault weapons restrictions should be beefed up, although as much damage could be done with an automatic rifle I suppose, it would just take longer."
- "They might consider REQUIRING teachers to have CHLs and weapons to defend innocent children."

- "Our current gun laws are a joke. Where else can you enter a public building (the Capitol) without going through metal detectors if you have a carry permit and presumably carrying a handgun but have to submit to detectors and pat downs if you are not carrying a gun?"
- "Looks like some lawmakers on the federal side may gut up an reinstall the Brady law, but the nut cases in Texas will NEVER do anything except keep passing stupid laws that make it even easier to get guns."
- "The shame of the matter is, every time one of these events takes place, the public and national media go bonkers about how people shouldn't have guns. I agree people like this crazy nut should not, but if only one person in the crowd were armed and properly trained, this could have been avoided, at least to the extent that it occurred."
- "Teachers and parents (not students) should be allowed to possess firearms on campus if they can be maintained on their person. Leaving them in a purse or a desk drawer won't work."
- "But they would only modify at gunpoint. Not likely"
- "I still maintain it is not the choice of weapon that is the problem."
- "I think we need to revisit the availability of assault weapons like the AR-15 to civilians. Before readers on the right go crazy about that, let me say that I own an AR and I am the first to admit that I don't really need it. I am an avid hunter and own a Sentry safe full of weapons. After the federal ban was lifted I got an AR for fun and I feral hog hunt with it. But, NO civilian is ever going to need to fire 60-100 rounds a minute and in the wrong hands...well you know what can happen."
- "The concept of carry everywhere creates chaos. If a cop rolls up on an active shooter scene and there are 10 people with guns, who does he shoot first?"
- "Heresy in Texas, but the assault gun ban should be reinstated and high capacity magazines should be banned from use by civilians. Enhanced penalties for possession, sale, or theft of combat styled guns. Close the gun show loophole. Federal law please -- too important to leave to our state."
- "There's absolutely NO reason we need access to assault weapons. Ban them already."
- "Not just no hell no"
- "I am not sure this group of thoughtless talking-point recitation machines can be trusted with matters of life and death."
- "Any changes would be in the wrong direction."
- "Semi-automatic firearms were once prohibited and I don't believe anyone felt there second amendment rights were being compromised."
- "I LOVE to hunt - but I have NEVER used a semi-automatic weapon to kill an animal. The ONLY animals killed with these type of weapons are HUMANS!!!"
- "It's time."

Are current gun laws too restrictive or not restrictive enough?

- "Goldilocks: JUST RIGHT"
- "Comments I've seen flying around in the past few days have me wondering. Some people say that only cops and the military should have access to powerful weaponry. I'm no 'militia-man', but wasn't that the problem in the colonies back in the 1700's? That the military were the only ones with firepower? I think there needs to be a balance and there are certainly no easy answers on this complex issue."
- "Just like little Red Riding Hood said, just right."
- "They are about where they should be."
- "I personally have never had a problem buying a gun nor did I have a problem getting my CHL so I'm not sure if the current state's gun laws are too restrictive. BUT, in my old neighborhood it was pretty easy to get a gun, even one with the serial numbers sanded-off. No background checks or curious questions about buying it; it was simply a business transaction between a buyer and a seller that could have been for protection or for nefarious reasons."
- "Like putting toothpaste back in a tube!"
- "It is crazy, we are limited to two packages at a time of Sudafed, but you can buy 6,000 rounds of ammunition, a semi-automatic rifle and no red flags are raised. As a hunter, I never needed a semi-automatic rifle, hundreds of boxes of ammunition or a need to purchase a gun immediately."
- "Some measures are called for. However, any controls erected in the wake of this tragedy should recognize and respect, at their core, the constitutional rights afforded to individuals to keep and bear arms. Policy responses should be thoughtful, rational, and tailored."
- "Lives may have been saved at Columbine, Virginia Tech and Sandy Hook if more adults had been allowed to carry handguns on those campuses."
- "Depends--if you're a law abiding citizen, then they're likely too restrictive and can be tweaked to be made better (faster background checks, please!); if, however, you're anti-gun, they're not restrictive enough and obviously we need more regulations and harsher penalties."
- "We need to allow the feds access to the medical records of anyone wanting to purchase a gun. As much as I dislike proposing this notion, the issue that we should be trying to address is mental illness."
- "Reinstating the assault weapons ban, regulating mega clips and canisters, and broadening the applicability of background checks are no brainers."
- "Why not have a 'Don't Care' box to check?"

- "They are FINE as is. Guns kill people like spoons make Rosie O'Donnell fat."
- "The real problem is (the lack of) 'bullet laws.' why can someone in American buy enough bullets to stockpile an amount sufficient to kill over 700 people. That's absurd."
- "I've purchased an assault and a hand weapon and didn't find the registration particularly onerous. But I also wonder how anyone is safer for my having registered."
- "How about 'just right'? That should be an option."
- "You don't need an assault weapon to hunt deer."
- "Curious that you didn't offer the option 'Current laws adequate'. I think we are probably at a pretty good place on our current gun laws. We have certain laws in place, but they do not unnecessarily restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens. I find no compelling reason to create new onerous restrictions infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens to try (and fail) to stop the behavior of one lone lunatic."
- "Again, with regard to the assault weapon category"
- "Schools should NOT be gun-free zones because it makes the innocent vulnerable."
- "As Justice Powell once opined, we have the right to bear arms, but nowhere does the Constitution say you have the right to bear handguns. Or semiautomatic rifles, or hand held rockets etc."
- "I'd confiscate everything except real hunting guns and melt down everything else. And it's too damn easy for crazy people to get guns!"
- "I do not think that cracking down on types of guns has proven effective."
- "What person keeps semi automatic weapons in the same house as a mentally disturbed, violent adolescent who hunts w/ an AK 47 or Glock"
- "We need more people who are sane carrying weapons somewhere within reach to offset the insane people who decide to wreck havoc on innocent people."
- "There needs to be a conversation about mandatory background checks, waiting periods and mental health history needs to be included in the application process."
- "If you don't hunt w it, it shouldn't be legal."
- "40% of all gun sales conducted without background check, are you serious too restrictive?"
- "Let's be clear -- tactical weapons and accessories are designed for one thing: to make more efficient the killing of other human beings. Tactical weapons and gear are not needed by a civilian population. Want an M-4? Join the frickin Marine Corps. The zombie apocalypse ain't happening."
- "Background checks at gun shows and registration of assault rifles should be enacted"
- "It is unlikely more restrictive gun laws would have prevented this from

happening, but it may have lessened the degree of the violence."

- "Teachers and other responsible adults should be allowed to defend students. Students are, literally, sitting targets on our campuses."
- "When crazy people can get semi-automatic assault weapons with high-

capacity magazines, I think we could do with a little more restrictions."

- "Do hunters really need combat assault weapons and the high capacity rounds to go with them? If you are a good hunter, it only takes one shot from a decent deer rifle - otherwise it no longer is a sport."

Is there something lawmakers could or should do – not involving gun laws – to help prevent assaults like this?

- "Seems like the gunman in this case tried to buy a gun and was turned away, then broke through the security measures in place at the school. Besides having an armed guard at every school, I'm not sure how this tragedy could have been prevented at that level. Mental health issues and personal responsibility of gun owners aside."
- "Have more people armed who can provide a safety net. If a principal or teacher would have been armed, they could have ended the incident earlier."
- "Allow teachers to be armed at the school and school functions."
- "Fund greater access to affordable mental health care."
- "It's impossible to legislate away craziness."
- "Better fund mental health services."
- "Laws are already in place to help school districts prepare for such emergencies and how to deter such actions, so I don't know what else the Legislature could do to prevent such heinous acts."

- "Stop politicizing these horrible events. Put pressure on the greedy media to stop the non-stop coverage and refuse to engage in rubberneck voyeurism when they happen. People should be good people, doing right in their own duties where and when they have responsibility. We should mourn, yes, but it does no good to turn our nation's soul and attention over to the murderous work of a wacko for several weeks when such an event occurs. What's particularly galling is the temptation to put our own ideological pets out front as "solutions." Huckabee wants to restore God to schools. The goof "reporter" Rivera wants armed guards in every school. And of course libs want more gun control, as if there wasn't a bunch of gun control in Connecticut already. The real problem is the fractured culture in our country and the absolute waywardness of many of our children, some of whom go off the deep end. Can lawmakers fix that? No! Can we? That's a huge question."
- "Mandate that insurance companies fully cover mental health for children"

- "Increase funding and support for mental health programs."
- "We should be aggressive in funding mental health treatment. Money 'saved' through making cuts in these areas is a dangerous illusion, as it ultimately is spent many times over in our prison system, not to mention the human costs involved when untreated mental illnesses result in crimes."
- "Revise the juvenile justice laws so that parents are far more accountable for how they raise their children."
- "If we can't legislate morality in the abortion and gay rights arena, how can we try to do so with a straight face here?"
- "Fund mental health care."
- "I am the father of two kids that are the same age as those innocent children that were gunned down. A few children in their school suffer from mental illness, yet the teachers/school district are powerless on addressing their issues and behavior. Educators literally have to wait until something drastic happens before they can remove that student from class or offer a doctor. We need to address how we care for the mentally ill and provide educators the resources needed to identify and help troubled children."
- "An enhanced mental health regime would help but would raise the ire of civil liberties folks."
- "More serious focus on mental health issues"
- "Education about the signs of mental distress and broader access to psychological services would help, but these must be in addition to and not in place of serious gun control."
- "Instead of Perry's approach of arming teachers with guns, buck up and give our schools additional money for trained security personnel, screening devices and facilities modifications. Teachers don't really need an added responsibility. Lawmakers have a model right before them--- the Texas State Capitol Building."
- "Better mental health intervention and tools"
- "Mandate that school districts develop and implement training programs to respond to situations like Newtown."
- "Need more money to go into mental health funding. Restrict the access to violent video games for minors. Look to what over countries have done. I afraid we have become desensitized to violence somehow we have to right that."
- "Increase school campus security measures."
- "Does the right to bear arms mean all citizens need a semi-automatic?"
- "Limit the number of bullets you can buy and require law enforcement at schools."
- "Identify, treat, and monitor high-risk individuals."
- "Sorry, but the government is incapable of preventing every bad

thing from happening. Attempts to do so merely make things worse, not better."

- "It is heretical to suggest that government policies should encourage the creation of two parent families with multiple children -- although we know that environment produces the least troubled children. We also know violent video games are harmful to boys -- and our culture in general is becoming desensitized to violence thanks to HBO and others. Not likely anyone will risk Hollywood's ire by looking at that. Then there's the data that shows the power of religious faith to create empathy and build character in children but, of course, we wouldn't want to impose that on anyone like say the shooter and his family -- so what are you gonna do?"

- "Texas could climb from 51st in mental health funding"

- "Improve funding for mental health services"

- "Put money into making mental health services available to folks BEFORE they hurt people."

- "A serious commitment to more research (and funding) into mental illness, with a connect between the results of that, and the ability of those at risk to get firearms and carry them, would be nice. But, of course, the clinically insane NRA would never allow it."

- "Mental health Make schools as secure as airplanes"

- "Don't know that anyone could predict such behavior, or, that as a

society we would tolerate the intrusion into our lives of laws or policies that would seek to predict and profile "potential" hazards."

- "Stated above: REQUIRE teachers to have CHLs and weapons for defense."

- "They won't do anything unless they can figure out how to get more weapons out in the public."

- "Coordination between health care professionals and law enforcement and shared database. There are obviously privacy issues but we have to try to keep firearms away from psychotic people."

- "More mental health intervention"

- "The persons who have committed these type of assaults seem to have a common trait.... they all suffer from some form of mental illness. As a state and nation, we need to revisit how we identify and handle people with various forms and degrees of mental illnesses. Guns are only one weapon of choice. It could be something else but the root cause is from people who have some extreme mental problems."

- "Sufficiently fund necessary / appropriate mental health care."

- "Mental health, including making sure that crazy people can't get guns."

- "When will the left learn, as long as there are crazy people crazy things will happen. Whether it is with a car, a gun, a bow and arrow or a truck full of fertilizer, crazy people do crazy things."

- "I'm puzzled as to what causes someone to do something like this. This is not in the normal person's DNA, so there has to be that these folks are not hitting on all cylinders. Anger issues, mental issues, something of that nature has to be the root cause, and it just seems that those types of things may need to be addressed in some way."

- "Provide parents information regarding mental health and what to look for in their kids' behavior and that of their kids' friends."

- "Restore and fund the mental health systems--even less likely largest mental health facilities are the county jails"

- "Place greater pressure on violent video game manufacturers."

- "We need to get serious about funding mental health services for children and adults in this country. Our schools and parents need more help and training to identify the early onset of mental illness and a means for dealing with children with those special needs besides the criminal justice system."

- "Maybe instead of kissing Norquist's old, wrinkly ass we could fully fund mental health. Just a thought."

- "Legislate parent involvement:). I know this is impossible!"

- "Changes in mental health privacy laws are needed so health care professionals can notify law enforcement, schools, and employers, about real threats. Increased resources for evidence based aggression replacement training for middle and

high school students with disciplinary problems."

- "They can do whatever they want, but they do not have the resources to put an officer on every campus or on every classroom."

- "Ban Assault Rifles"

- "We need to evaluate how we diagnose, treat and finance the treatment of mental illness. People need access to help without having to resort to the prison system."

- "Improve mental health services."

- "You cannot stop this type of crime. Furthermore mass shootings in the US have decreased in the last decade."

- "Arm the teachers or armed guards in schools"

- "Increased public awareness of red flags and warning signs might help but always a precarious balance with privacy, overreaction by law enforcement and targeting those with MH issues"

- "Fund mental health services."

- "Have meaningful programs at the state and local levels to identify and treat mentally ill people. Specifically programs to help teens and young adults. Mental illness is the common thread in these tragedies more so then even the type of weapon that was used."

- "Provide funding to help individuals with mental health issues."

- "Preventing something like this is more complex than it first appears. Simple fixes like a metal detector would not work and would cost a lot of money to put in place--money the legislature would not likely raise, choosing instead to take it from some other place where it is desperately needed."
- "Allow teachers and other responsible adults to carry on campus and defend students. Students are, literally, sitting targets on our campuses."
- "You can't legislate crazy."
- "The best thing lawmakers could do is not pander to the base elements of gun culture. I like Jerry Patterson but his knee jerk 'arm the teachers' pandering in the immediate aftermath of these killings made me ill."
- "Sadly, crazy people will always find a way to get a gun - how about we get more MENTAL health facilities

for people with issues rather than sending them to PRISON where they make friends with people who can get them guns when they get out!"

- "Bad people are going to do bad things regardless of what laws are in place."
- "Funding mental health screening to help psychopaths would be a good start."
- "Allow conceal carry in more locations so that no place is safe for murderers."
- "Mental healthcare is clearly underfunded."
- "Gun laws aren't the problem. The problem is mental health. Time to get serious about helping those who need help."
- "There is no answer other than parents."

What would be the best policy or legal response to incidents like this one?

- "Focus on perpetrators and quit making excuses for them. (Mental illness, loner, intelligent, bullied, etc.)"
- "Require gun owners to secure their weapons in a gun safe."
- "Draw and quarter the sorry bums corps and send a section to the four corners of the country."
- "Analyze all the evidence thoughtfully and craft specific appropriate measures. In other words, travel to an alternate universe."
- "Incentivize more law-abiding citizens to carry guns, and allow CHL holders to carry them at places like public schools so that there's a greater likelihood of someone being on the grounds and armed that could take out a whacko."
- "Pray for the victims, their families and those affected by such tragedies, and then let the professional do their jobs."

- "Carry laws for teacher make sense as the most restrictive guns laws possible still won't stop the crazies."
- "Ban clips and multi-round weapons"
- "Additional resources to vet legal firearm purchases and increased readiness by law enforcement entities."
- "Go much deeper, fellow Americans! Stop looking for an easy fix. That's part of the problem."
- "Study the problem with breadth and depth, involving stakeholders, law enforcement, and leading academics."
- "The media needs to quit sensationalizing and enshrining mass murderers. Don't tell us their reasons and let them die or rot in jail anonymously."
- "1. Mourn the dead, grieve for the families. 2. Gather the facts. The amount of misinformation immediately after CT is staggering... 3. Have an adult conversation. Find the common ground and move forward with that. Baby steps. What's not needed is emotional, knee-jerk reaction to tragedies. Bad way to make policy."
- "Ban future sale of assault weapons and fund mental health care."
- "First, we need to figure out the adequate way to do mental health background checks of any person wanting to purchase a gun. Second, the state needs to require a mandatory education class on how to store and use a gun before any purchase."
- "Leadership on gun control and mental health issues"
- "A substantial amount of leavin' alone. As tragic as these incidents are, legislative reaction is generally ill-advised and ultimately useless."
- "As a first step, prohibit the manufacture, sale and possession of weapons and magazines/clips that make it so easy to commit mass murder."
- "Return to the days of Edward R Murrow when media had some moral fiber and some editorial courage. The shameless and unethical coverage of this tragedy is making it worse in every way, including encouraging similar incidents. Though terrible, the shooting is not the big issue; the media's behavior is, by far, the real social problem."
- "A combination of strategies designed to target and assist those with mental illness and/or a danger to themselves and others"
- "Proper training"
- "Look to what other countries have done."
- "None."
- "Review our mental health and school safety policies."
- "Restrict the semi-automatics and rapid firing clips. Severe penalties like New York city for non registration."
- "Mental health funding"

- "Identify, treat, and monitor high-risk individuals. Some infringement on their freedom would be involved."
- "Increase access to mental health resources and keep guns away from people who should not have access to them. Let us not forget that the weapons used belonged to the mother and were purchased LEGALLY! The buyer did not perpetrate this horrific crime!"
- "Nothing!"
- "Better mental health awareness and care."
- "Arm the schools with people qualified to defend the kids and themselves."
- "Ban Assault Weapons and set up a buyback program for those already in circulation."
- "Both sides of our polarized political world are using this incident to push their agenda but it is unlikely that any government policy would prevent this kind of violence."
- "Get more help for mentally disturbed and get military weapons off streets. The gun manufactures have become short sighted greedy merchants of death peddling weapons and ammo that has no place in civilian hands"
- "Start a national conversation and eventually nothing will change."
- "Prohibit ownership of assault weapons outside the military and law enforcement. Last time I checked, one did not need an assault rifle to go deer hunting."
- "To create and pass policies which separate firearms from those with mental health issues. Which, of course, the clinically insane NRA would never allow. And since legislators are much more loyal to their NRA keepers than they are the safety of their constituents, nothing whatsoever will change."
- "Best policy -- don't overreact. Best legal response -- thank your lucky stars you don't have anyone to put on trial."
- "Limit clips of over 10 rounds, boost mental health policy and spending, harden security at schools"
- "One that is well thought out and not a knee jerk reaction."
- "Flags at half mast were appropriate. Alas a call to prayer."
- "Ban assault weapons, high powered ammunition, increase background, including mental health checks, checks, and limit the number of guns allowed to be purchased in a calendar year."
- "Probably better controls over assault weapon ammunition."
- "Promote concealed carry."
- "Ban private ownership of certain assault weapons"
- "Get the facts first. Determine was 'caused' the shooter to act. Identify what can be done to prevent or discourage 'actions' of this type or to identify these people before they act."
- "GUN CONTROL!!!!"

- "None"
- "Tougher gun-buying restrictions."
- "It is tough to be free and still protect for all circumstances."
- "This requires a cultural response, not a legal/legislative one."
- "Assault ban and related clip size limits, gun screening of tighter screening on sales of persons/families w/history of violence, mental illness; radical restoration of mental health systems and all that entails; consider a Tarasoff doctrine;"
- "Find out what violent computer game the kid was way too deep in and make it an embarrassment to be associated with."
- "It's difficult to legislate common sense behavior to irrational persons intent on doing something destructive towards society."
- "No more high-capacity clips. Require liability insurance and biometric trigger locks for assault rifles."
- "These are almost unavoidable incidents."
- "Get rid of high capacity automatic or semi-automatic weapons."
- "Simply Ban assault weapons from personal gun ownership"
- "Mandatory gun safes and/or locks on all guns in homes with children, especially those with a history of mental problems or on medication for such an illness."
- "I'm all for hunting and own several rifles and shotguns---but don't see why anyone needs an assault rifle unless they plan on shooting other people."
- "A measured, respectful dialogue that doesn't resort to sound bites or inflammatory rhetoric."
- "Ban assault weapons for general public."
- "If the criminal were still alive prosecute. Look you can take away guns and have strict or onerous gun laws and the criminals will get guns. European laws are very tight they have mass shootings too."
- "Public drawing or quartering of the shooter in a public area regardless of whether they are dead or alive."
- "Greater training and funding for training, screening and public awareness of identifying individuals with MH concerns who may need support and treatment. Do not overreact but provide greater governmental services and funding for MH programs which are greatly underfunded across the US and in TX."
- "I'm not sure anyone knows a simple 'best' answer. But I do think the worst is clear: those who want to arm teachers and (college) students are naive, at best. Possessing a weapon and being trained in the appropriate tactical response to a shooter are two very, very different things. The Jerry Patterson/Louie Gohmert/Guns On Campus 'solution' is quite literally a fantasy."

- "Review of gun laws and mental illness programs."
- "Federal and State legislators should ban assault weapons."
- "No immediate solutions come to mind."
- "Prayer. Focus on mental health issues."
- "The single best policy response would be a strong primary challenger to Louie Gohmert - who seems hell bent on becoming a latter-day Michelle Bachmann."
- "Going to have to look at both policy and legal changes. Buy at a gun show, on the spot and NOT have a background check - that is ludicrous - we need to look at changes in both policy and law."
- "Find consensus and make quick progress without getting bogged down in policy disagreements."
- "Allow conceal carry in more locations so that no place is safe for murderers."
- "Proper funding for mental health."
- "No high capacity magazines."

Our thanks to this week's participants: Cathie Adams, Brandon Aghamalian, Jenny Aghamalian, Jennifer Ahrens, Victor Alcorta, Clyde Alexander, George Allen, Jay Arnold, Charles Bailey, Walt Baum, Andrew Biar, Allen Blakemore, Tom Blanton, Chris Britton, David Cabrales, Lydia Camarillo, Thure Cannon, Snapper Carr, Janis Carter, Corbin Casteel, Elna Christopher, Rick Cofer, John Colyandro, Harold Cook, Beth Cubriel, Randy Cubriel, Denise Davis, Hector De Leon, June Deadrick, Tom Duffy, David Dunn, Richard Dyer, Jeff Eller, Wil Galloway, Neftali Garcia, Norman Garza, Bruce Gibson, Stephanie Gibson, Eric Glenn, Kinnan Golemon, John Greytok, Clint Hackney, Wayne Hamilton, Bill Hammond, John Heasley, Ken Hodges, Steve Holzheuser, Kathy Hutto, Deborah Ingersoll, Cal Jillson, Jason Johnson, Bill Jones, Mark Jones, Robert Jones, Lisa Kaufman, Robert Kepple, Tom Kleinworth, Sandy Kress, Pete Laney, Dick Lavine, James LeBas, Luke Legate, Leslie Lemon, Ruben Longoria, Vilma Luna, Matt Mackowiak, David Marwitz, Dan McClung, Mike McKinney, Robert Miller, Bee Moorhead, Mike Moses, Steve Murdock, Craig Murphy, Keats Norfleet, Pat Nugent, Nef Partida, Gardner Pate, Bill Pewitt, Tom Phillips, Wayne Pierce, Allen Place, Royce Poinsett, Gary Polland, Jay Propes, Ted Melina Raab, Bill Ratliff, Tim Reeves, Patrick Reinhart, Kim Ross, Jeff Rotkoff, Jason Sabo, Andy Sansom, Jim Sartwelle, Stan Schlueter, Bruce Scott, Robert Scott, Bradford Shields, Jason Skaggs, Brian Sledge, Ed Small, Martha Smiley, Larry Soward, Dennis Speight, Jason Stanford, Bob Strauser, Colin Strother, Michael Quinn Sullivan, Sherry Sylvester, Jay Thompson, Russ Tidwell, Gerard Torres, Trey Trainor, Ware Wendell, Ken Whalen, Darren Whitehurst, Woody Widrow, Christopher Williston, Seth Winick, Peck Young, Angelo Zottarelli.