

StageofLife.com Writing Contest Survey - Gun Rights and Gun Control: 10 Questions





1. What stage of life are you in?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Junior High		14.3%	94
High School		78.4%	514
College		7.3%	48
On My Own - Single, Dating, or Divorced		0.0%	0
Married Without Kids		0.0%	0
Having a Baby		0.0%	0
Raising a Family		0.0%	0
Empty Nest - no Grandkids		0.0%	0
Grandparent		0.0%	0
		answered question	656
		skipped question	0



2. Gender

		Response Percent	Response Count
Male		21.8%	143
Female		78.2%	513
		answered question	656
		skipped question	0

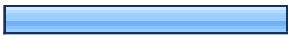

3. Do you feel people have a 2nd Amendment right to own whatever type of firearm they please?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		50.0%	328
No		50.0%	328
		answered question	656
		skipped question	0



4. Do you feel 1st-shooter video games cause young people to become desensitized to violence?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		56.3%	369
No		43.8%	287
		answered question	656
		skipped question	0

5. Do you feel violent music lyrics are a problem in our society?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		42.2%	277
No		57.8%	379
		answered question	656
		skipped question	0



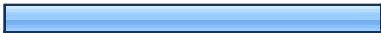


6. Do you think teachers should be allowed to carry concealed weapons in school?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		29.4%	193
No		70.6%	463
answered question			656
skipped question			0



7. In your opinion, rank the following from 1-5 on the issues that should be made a priority in the wake of the Newtown tragedy (1 being the most important):

	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Rating Count
Mental health issues	39.5% (259)	23.2% (152)	18.8% (123)	12.2% (80)	6.4% (42)	2.23	656
School security issues	20.4% (134)	25.8% (169)	23.9% (157)	20.1% (132)	9.8% (64)	2.73	656
Gun control issues	25.8% (169)	19.7% (129)	22.0% (144)	18.4% (121)	14.2% (93)	2.76	656
Family issues	8.2% (54)	22.9% (150)	24.8% (163)	29.1% (191)	14.9% (98)	3.20	656
Violence in games/music/media	6.1% (40)	8.5% (56)	10.5% (69)	20.1% (132)	54.7% (359)	4.09	656
answered question							656
skipped question							0

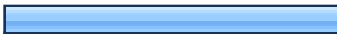



8. Check the box that best describes your position on guns...

		Response Percent	Response Count
Gun laws should be eased so that it's easier for law abiding citizens to own and carry guns both at home and in public		10.1%	66
Keep current gun laws as is		13.4%	88
Keep the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution in tact, but add new federal gun control laws to restrict the access to high-capacity ammunition clips or certain semi/automatic assault weapons, closing gun show loopholes, etc.		56.4%	370
Guns should be allowed only by the military and police - regular citizens should not have access to them		18.0%	118
Guns in all forms should be completely banned in our society		2.1%	14
		answered question	656
		skipped question	0

9. Did your school or workplace take a moment of silence after the Newtown tragedy?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		71.3%	468
No		28.7%	188
		Comment? (please specify)	113
		answered question	656
		skipped question	0

10. Students - Overall, do you feel safe at your school or college? Adults - Overall, do you feel safe in your workplace?

		Response Percent	Response Count
I feel safe all of the time		50.0%	328
Usually I feel safe, but sometimes I don't		45.9%	301
I rarely feel safe		2.4%	16
I never feel safe		1.7%	11
		answered question	656
		skipped question	0

Q9. Did your school or workplace take a moment of silence after the Newtown tragedy?

1	I wish we had though.	Feb 9, 2013 8:48 AM
2	We were all deeply moved by the experience	Feb 8, 2013 11:57 AM
3	Our school had a moment of silence along with a ten minute speech from our principal about the recent events.	Jan 31, 2013 9:27 PM
4	My school did not take a moment of silence; however, we did discuss the issue and initiated a response through social media.	Jan 31, 2013 7:22 PM
5	We held services, and made small memorials all around the school.	Jan 31, 2013 7:19 PM
6	Prayer	Jan 31, 2013 7:04 PM
7	There were many symbolic services, & memorials around school.	Jan 31, 2013 6:57 PM
8	Said a prayer for them after the Pledge of Allegiance	Jan 31, 2013 6:25 PM
9	At my school, all of the kids dressed in blue and church clothes the day after to show respect.	Jan 31, 2013 3:20 PM
10	Basketball Game Moment of Silence	Jan 31, 2013 12:44 PM
11	Basketball game	Jan 31, 2013 12:13 PM
12	Our school we went on Winter Break and therefor, could not take a moment of silence.	Jan 31, 2013 12:02 PM
13	Our school we went on Winter Break and therefor, could not take a moment of silence.	Jan 31, 2013 12:02 PM
14	We were on winter break.	Jan 31, 2013 11:57 AM
15	In the morning on the intercom we were encouraged to join in a moment of silence	Jan 31, 2013 7:54 AM
16	after the announcements	Jan 31, 2013 5:12 AM
17	it was outrageous everyone was horrified. They were stricken some were crying	Jan 30, 2013 10:13 PM
18	I was on a college campus when it happened, and I didn't find out about it until hours later. I did watch the ceremony though, and cried a lot.	Jan 30, 2013 9:22 PM
19	I was at home when the shooting occurred, so I am unsure of whether either one participated in a moment of silence.	Jan 30, 2013 5:55 PM
20	There was a moment of silence at the Basketball game the day it happened.	Jan 30, 2013 5:26 PM
21	During school and at our basketball game.	Jan 30, 2013 4:11 PM
22	It was so sad..	Jan 30, 2013 3:52 PM
23	sent snowflakes to their school during christmas time	Jan 30, 2013 3:16 PM

Q9. Did your school or workplace take a moment of silence after the Newtown tragedy?

24	on friday morning we had a moment of silence	Jan 30, 2013 1:03 PM
25	School	Jan 30, 2013 11:11 AM
26	next day morning announcements we took a whole 2 minute moment of silence	Jan 30, 2013 11:00 AM
27	We had a one minute moment of silence at the one-week anniversary of the shooting.	Jan 30, 2013 9:14 AM
28	When my school found out about Newtown we all bowed our heads and had a good half an hour of silence.we had at least a minute in a half for each person.	Jan 30, 2013 6:50 AM
29	though it is an issue that should be discussed.	Jan 29, 2013 10:06 PM
30	We spent a good 20 minutes praying silently and writing letters	Jan 29, 2013 9:10 AM
31	i did, but not the school.	Jan 29, 2013 2:46 AM
32	I wish we had.	Jan 29, 2013 12:33 AM
33	I wasn't at school during it.	Jan 28, 2013 11:20 PM
34	Yes a brief moment, not enough was said in my opinion	Jan 28, 2013 7:45 PM
35	well at school we were all very scared so most of the parents picked up the students that day including my mom	Jan 28, 2013 1:04 PM
36	We watched the news and my teacher cried and wanted us to think about this sad loss.	Jan 28, 2013 9:09 AM
37	our School took a moment of silence for a few days	Jan 27, 2013 5:02 PM
38	We took much more than a moment, the lives lost were worth more than a minute of silence.	Jan 27, 2013 2:22 PM
39	In my reading class we took a moment of silence.	Jan 27, 2013 9:55 AM
40	We live on the other side of the world and it was just mentioned in passing and not really brought up.	Jan 27, 2013 8:08 AM
41	My school did not even announce anything so I wasn't aware of what had happened until several hours later...	Jan 25, 2013 9:46 PM
42	My school takes a moment of silence everyday.	Jan 25, 2013 8:28 PM
43	We did not, but local facilities did. We are a performing arts school; we express ourselves through music, rather than silence.	Jan 25, 2013 6:31 PM
44	I'm Home-schooled	Jan 25, 2013 2:45 PM
45	never heard about it	Jan 25, 2013 1:05 PM
46	high school took a moment of silence	Jan 25, 2013 7:42 AM

Q9. Did your school or workplace take a moment of silence after the Newtown tragedy?

47	IT WAS 2 SHORT	Jan 25, 2013 7:37 AM
48	Lock all doors during the school day.	Jan 24, 2013 4:54 PM
49	See you at the Pole	Jan 24, 2013 4:08 PM
50	We talked about precautionary actions we would take if we were even in a lock down.	Jan 24, 2013 3:39 PM
51	At our Christmas concert, the audience stood and joined in singing Silent Night with the choir in memory of the victims.	Jan 24, 2013 2:42 PM
52	At church, school, and at home when we saw it on the news, no one talked	Jan 24, 2013 11:47 AM
53	Or school has an assembly every morning; we took a moment of silence then.	Jan 23, 2013 7:52 PM
54	but we did take a moment of silence for the south hooke shooting	Jan 23, 2013 6:01 PM
55	durring lunch	Jan 23, 2013 4:45 PM
56	The next morning in school after morning announcements the dean of discipline told us to take a moment of silence	Jan 22, 2013 7:24 PM
57	was not present at work or school then	Jan 22, 2013 11:29 AM
58	We didnt talk about it in school	Jan 21, 2013 9:10 AM
59	Never did our administration even recognize it	Jan 20, 2013 8:34 PM
60	Acts of kindness	Jan 18, 2013 9:50 PM
61	during morning announcements we all stood up for a moment of silence	Jan 17, 2013 4:55 PM
62	We did not have a moment of silence although many students petitioned to have one. The request was not recognized by administration.	Jan 17, 2013 11:11 AM
63	I don't think it really matters to have a moment of silence	Jan 17, 2013 11:05 AM
64	My school wasn't really concerned about the Newtown tragedy because it was a Singaporean school.	Jan 16, 2013 11:32 PM
65	I am homeschooled online	Jan 16, 2013 9:09 PM
66	We were not in school but I didn't know about Newtown till afterward	Jan 16, 2013 1:58 PM
67	At a chorus concert before christmas we took a moment of silence.	Jan 16, 2013 12:33 PM
68	Our school hosted a memorial service for the victims of the shooting. During the moment of silence, we had a bell ring 26 times for the victims.	Jan 16, 2013 9:08 AM
69	We had a half hour of doing nothing but sitting still	Jan 15, 2013 8:09 PM
70	We had a moment of silence during out morning anouncemts.	Jan 14, 2013 7:20 PM

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71	School	Jan 14, 2013 6:33 PM
72	We took three minutes to think about the angels that loss out on life .	Jan 13, 2013 3:29 PM
73	after newtowns shooting it really shook put district and made our district more aware of the realities. the superintendant is much more open about things like bomb threats	Jan 13, 2013 12:45 PM
74	I go to a Catholic school and we said a school-wide prayer.	Jan 13, 2013 11:25 AM
75	We are not in school yet	Jan 13, 2013 2:13 AM
76	At my catholic school, we spent a lot of time praying for the people affected.	Jan 12, 2013 6:30 PM
77	It was not required by the school; a teacher just had a moment of silence during our class after he saw in the news what happened.	Jan 12, 2013 12:46 PM
78	Typically we take a moment of scilence after all the pledges but near the end of the day the principal came on the intercom and asked us all to pause for a moment of scilence for the citizens of Newtown that where in the shooting	Jan 12, 2013 10:17 AM
79	I AM PAKISTANI I THINK YES	Jan 12, 2013 7:49 AM
80	However, we did take time to pray for the victims in class.	Jan 11, 2013 9:45 PM
81	It was quick, but the moment was filled with akwardness and sadness.	Jan 11, 2013 7:24 PM
82	prayer	Jan 11, 2013 4:57 PM
83	Kids were really disrespectful about it.	Jan 11, 2013 3:42 PM
84	We held a moment of silence during the Pledge of Allegiance to pray for the losses of the families.	Jan 11, 2013 1:48 PM
85	during lunch the whole school took a moment to stand in the center of campus and pay a moment of silence to the victims	Jan 10, 2013 8:03 PM
86	i was not in school	Jan 10, 2013 7:36 AM
87	No, but there were police officers afterwards. They are still here just not as many.	Jan 9, 2013 6:14 PM
88	My art club created a bulletin board with all of the victims' photos, ages, and names on a present.	Jan 9, 2013 5:07 PM
89	My math teacher took an entire class period to open up the floor for discussion; we talked about the tragedy and how it reflects on our society, and many people had personal insights to offer. I feel this was much more effective as a means of paying respect than a moment of silence.	Jan 9, 2013 4:05 PM
90	We got more officers come to my school.	Jan 9, 2013 10:00 AM
91	We took a moment of silence, but amount of silence will ever be to what happened in that poor tragedy	Jan 9, 2013 8:47 AM

Q9. Did your school or workplace take a moment of silence after the Newtown tragedy?

92	We had a school announcement for a moment of silence	Jan 9, 2013 5:29 AM
93	I wish they had, but we did fly our flags at half staff for two days.	Jan 7, 2013 7:08 PM
94	I go to a Christian school so in our prayers went we begin and end the day, we did remember the people in Newtown.	Jan 7, 2013 3:38 PM
95	Flag was placed at half mass and a moment of silence was shared.	Jan 7, 2013 1:14 PM
96	It was so sad.. so filled with despair and understanding for the victims and their families	Jan 7, 2013 8:17 AM
97	im home schooled but i was watching it on tv	Jan 7, 2013 5:55 AM
98	The first morning of school after hearing about the tragedy we took a moment of silence before 1st period began.	Jan 6, 2013 12:03 PM
99	Similarly, in the days following, many institutions mentioned the situation that had occurred and had started debates adjacent to this essay.	Jan 6, 2013 9:02 AM
100	No we didn't but we did talk about how we felt about it in our house class on fridays	Jan 5, 2013 7:26 PM
101	I wish that we would have done that.	Jan 5, 2013 12:31 PM
102	The following day, the students dressed in Newtown's colors to show respect and love.	Jan 5, 2013 12:20 PM
103	I'm homeschooled, but I took a moment of silence personally.	Jan 4, 2013 8:25 AM
104	We are srilankans.We only spoke about it.	Jan 3, 2013 6:31 PM
105	I was very upset that my school did not take a moment of silence. Their reasoning was that "it would upset/confuse the younger children." Despite our administration's passivity, my grade has written letters to the families of Newton expressing our support.	Jan 3, 2013 10:24 AM
106	Our Vice Principal led our school in a moment of silence for the victims.	Jan 3, 2013 9:37 AM
107	We were told to always remember that family, friends and graciousness are some of the most important things in life.	Jan 3, 2013 8:58 AM
108	The shooting occurred Friday during the day, and generally a moment of silence would take place during the morning after our school announcements.	Jan 2, 2013 7:44 PM
109	My high school takes a moment of silence each day but we added an extra minute to remember the lives lost during this tragic time.	Jan 2, 2013 1:54 PM
110	my school only talked about the security that should be upheld, no respectful silence was partaken.	Jan 2, 2013 1:49 PM
111	We had a chapel service dedicated to this and we had to talk about it--I go to a cathedral school, so it wasn't too big, but not small, either.	Jan 1, 2013 7:10 PM

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112	im home schooled	Jan 1, 2013 4:53 PM
113	Our Catholic High School held a Prayer Service in honor of the Newtown victims.	Jan 1, 2013 3:25 PM