

**U.S. Public Opinion  
About Gun Regulation in Washington, DC**

**Questionnaire and Results**

Source: KRC Research. Nationally representative telephone survey of 1,004 U.S. adults conducted September 12-14, 2008. The margin of error is plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

1. The U.S. Congress is considering new legislation that will prohibit locally-elected officials in Washington, DC from regulating guns. The legislation will eliminate local gun laws and make it legal for people to carry shotguns and semiautomatic assault rifles in public places without registering them. What is your opinion—do you strongly support, mostly support, mostly oppose, or strongly oppose Congress passing a law to eliminate Washington, DC’s local gun laws?

SUPPORT .....	25
Strongly support.....	13
Mostly support .....	12
OPPOSE.....	69
Mostly oppose.....	17
Strongly oppose.....	52
Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) .....	6

2. If Congress eliminates Washington, DC’s local gun laws, what do you think is likely to happen—will Washington, DC become more safe or less safe?

More safe.....	28
Less safe .....	60
No difference (VOL.).....	5
Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) .....	6