

Those concerned about further restriction of gun rights are the majority, not the minority. Response to last night's Presidential comments are clear:

**Among Independents, the largest and most influential voting block, support for overly restrictive gun control is lower than the national averages and close to that of Republicans.**

Look to the groundswell of opposition to the SAFE act in NY. The majority of voters support enforcement of current laws and are probably supportive of greater uniformity of background checks. All agree that those with mental disturbances should not have access to guns. But banning weapons that the media and uniformed legislators inaccurately characterize as "assault rifles" or "weapons of war" is insulting to those who are even slightly knowledgeable about firearms. Similarly, banning standard capacity magazines simply limits citizens' rights to self defense. I don't want you telling me how many bullets I can have in my firearm if one or more individuals invade my home with the intent of doing harm to my family. You should be supporting my right to protect my family rather than endeavoring to eviscerate it by proposing legislation that further restricts it.

Thank you,

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