

Results
Survey #3 (July 2014)

Emails sent: 282
Emails opened: 243
Surveys started: 140
Surveys completed: 140

Q1: "The change in state-level concealed carry laws in the United States over the past few decades from more restrictive to more permissive has reduced crime rates."

Strongly disagree	29%
Disagree	33%
Neither Agree or Disagree	11%
Agree	3%
Strongly Agree	6%
I don't know	18%

Q2: Rate the quality of the scientific evidence on this issue

Very weak	1%
Weak	20%
Medium	30%
Strong	21%
Very Strong	3%
I don't know	25%

Q3: Rate your level of familiarity with the literature on this topic

Not knowledgeable	16%
Slightly knowledgeable	18%
Medium	21%
Knowledgeable	27%
Very knowledgeable	14%
I don't know	4%

Q4: Area of research/expertise

Public health/medicine	46%
Criminology/sociology	32%
Public Policy	8%
Other	14%

Area of Expertise vs Responses:

	Among Public Health/Medicine Experts, % who (n = 64)	Among Experts from Other Disciplines, % who (n = 76)
Disagree* that the more permissive laws have reduced crime	66%	58%
Agree** that the more permissive laws have reduced crime	8%	10%
Believes scientific evidence is strong^	22%	25%
Believes scientific evidence is weak^^	21%	22%
Is knowledgeable+ about topic	38%	43%
Is not knowledgeable ++	36%	33%

*Disagree or strongly disagree; **Agree or strongly agree

^Strong or very strong; ^^Weak or very weak

+Knowledgeable or very knowledgeable; ++slightly or not knowledgeable

Among those who believe they are knowledgeable or very knowledgeable about the literature 74% disagree or strongly disagree with the statement, while 14% agree or strongly agree with statement.

Conclusion:

A sizeable majority of firearms researchers disagree with the statement that the change in state level concealed carry laws in the United States over the past few decades from more restrictive to more permissive has reduced crime rates.