Results Survey #11 (May 2015)

Emails sent: 344 Emails opened: 149 Surveys started: 110 Surveys completed: 106

Q1: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "In states/nations with strong gun laws, guns used in crime often come from states/nations with weak gun laws."

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Strongly disagree	2%
Disagree	11%
Neither agree or disagree	8%
Agree	29%
Strongly agree	29%
I don't know	20%

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

Very weak	4%
Weak	17%
Medium	13%
Strong	25%
Very Strong	9%
I don't know	32%

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

Not knowledgeable	16%
Slightly knowledgeable	17%
Medium	8%
Knowledgeable	32%
Very knowledgeable	15%
I don't know	14%

Q4: Area of research/expertise

Public health/medicine	49%
Criminology/sociology	33%
Public Policy	5%
Economics	8%
Other	5%

Area of Expertise vs Responses:

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	Among Public Health/Medicine	Among Experts from Other Disciplines, %	
	Experts, % who	who	
	(n = 52)	(n = 54)	
Agree* that guns	67%	50%	
often come from			
states/nations			
with weak laws			
Disagree** that	10%	17%	
guns often come			
from			
states/nations			
with weak laws			
Believes scientific	37%	31%	
evidence is			
strong^			
Believes scientific	23%	18%	
evidence is			
weak^^			
Is knowledgeable+	55%	38%	
about topic			
Is not	29%	35%	
knowledgeable ++			

^{*}Agree or strongly agree; **Disagree or strongly disagree

Among those who believe they are knowledgeable or very knowledgeable about this issue 81% believe that "In states/nations with strong gun laws, guns used in crime often come from states/nations with weak gun laws."

15% do not believe that "In states/nations with strong gun laws, guns used in crime often come from states/nations with weak gun laws."

Conclusion:

A majority of gun researchers believe that in states/nations with strong gun laws, guns used in crime often come from states/nations with weak gun laws.

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

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