

Results
Survey #12 (June 2015)

Emails sent: 344
Emails opened: 147
Surveys started: 103
Surveys completed: 101

Q1: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "If more citizens are armed with guns, that will reduce the rates of robbery and burglary."

Strongly disagree	48%
Disagree	32%
Neither agree or disagree	9%
Agree	6%
Strongly agree	3%
I don't know	3%

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

Very weak	2%
Weak	22%
Medium	22%
Strong	30%
Very Strong	11%
I don't know	13%

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

Not knowledgeable	6%
Slightly knowledgeable	10%
Medium	31%
Knowledgeable	31%
Very knowledgeable	19%
I don't know	4%

Q4: Area of research/expertise

Public health/medicine	49%
Criminology/sociology	32%
Public Policy	3%
Economics	8%
Other	8%

Area of Expertise vs Responses:

	Among Public Health/Medicine Experts, % who (n = 49)	Among Experts from Other Disciplines, % who (n = 51)
Agree* that more citizens armed with guns will reduce the rates of robbery and burglary	4%	14%
Disagree** that carrying a gun reduces the risk of being killed	86%	73%
Believes scientific evidence is strong^	41%	41%
Believes scientific evidence is weak^^	24%	22%
Is knowledgeable+ about topic	49%	51%
Is not knowledgeable ++	18%	12%

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

^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 this issue 8% believe that “If more citizens are armed with guns, that will reduce the rates of robbery and burglary.”

86% do not believe that ““If more citizens are armed with guns, that will reduce the rates of robbery and burglary.”

Conclusion:

A majority of gun researchers do not believe that “If more citizens are armed with guns, that will reduce the rates of robbery and burglary.”