

**Results**  
**Survey #14 (January 2016)**

Emails sent: 333  
Emails opened: 133  
Surveys started: 100  
Surveys completed: 97

Q1: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "The carrying of firearms by regular citizens enhances public safety."

Strongly disagree	53%
Disagree	37%
Neither agree or disagree	4%
Agree	0%
Strongly agree	5%
I don't know	1%

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

Very weak	0%
Weak	15%
Medium	26%
Strong	34%
Very Strong	16%
I don't know	8%

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

Not knowledgeable	4%
Slightly knowledgeable	10%
Medium	24%
Knowledgeable	36%
Very knowledgeable	24%
I don't know	2%

Q4: Area of research/expertise

Public health/medicine	48%
Criminology/sociology	31%
Public Policy	2%
Economics	8%
Other	10%

Area of Expertise vs Responses:

	Among Public Health/Medicine Experts, % who (n = 46)	Among Experts from Other Disciplines, % who (n = 50)
Disagree* that the carrying of firearms by regular citizens enhances public safety.	91%	88%
Agree** that the carrying of firearms by regular citizens enhances public safety.	2%	8%
Believes scientific evidence is strong^	57%	44%
Believes scientific evidence is weak^^	17%	14%
Is knowledgeable+ about topic	70%	50%
Is not knowledgeable ++	13%	16%

\*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 90% do not believe that “the carrying of firearms by regular citizens enhances public safety” and 7% believe that it does.

**Conclusion:**

A large majority of gun researchers do not believe that “the carrying of firearms by regular citizens enhances public safety.”