

**Results**  
**Survey #16 (April 2016)**

Emails sent: 382  
Emails opened: 159  
Surveys started: 115  
Surveys completed: 107

Q1: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "The gun buyback and strengthening of the firearm laws in response to the Port Arthur massacre twenty years ago helped reduce violent deaths in Australia."

Strongly disagree	5%
Disagree	6%
Neither agree or disagree	4%
Agree	29%
Strongly agree	40%
I don't know	17%

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

Very weak	0%
Weak	3%
Medium	18%
Strong	37%
Very Strong	20%
I don't know	22%

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

Not knowledgeable	8%
Slightly knowledgeable	11%
Medium	19%
Knowledgeable	37%
Very knowledgeable	15%
I don't know	10%

Q4: Area of research/expertise

Public health/medicine	44%
Criminology/sociology	30%
Public Policy	7%
Economics	9%
Other	10%

Area of Expertise vs Responses:

	Among Public Health/Medicine Experts, % who (n = 47)	Among Experts from Other Disciplines, % who (n = 60)
Disagree* that the gun buyback and strengthening of the firearm laws in response to the Port Arthur massacre helped reduce violent death in Australia.	13%	8%
Agree** that the gun buyback and strengthening of the firearm laws in response to the Port Arthur massacre helped reduce violent death in Australia.	77%	63%
Believes scientific evidence is strong^	68%	48%
Believes scientific evidence is weak^^	4%	2%
Is knowledgeable+ about topic	63%	43%
Is not knowledgeable ++	15%	22%

\*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 89% agree that the gun buyback and strengthening of the firearm laws in response to the Port Arthur massacre helped reduce violent deaths in Australia.

**Conclusion:**

Most gun researchers believe that the gun buyback and strengthening of the firearm laws in response to the Port Arthur massacre helped reduce violent deaths in Australia.