

Results

Survey #20 (November 2016)

Emails sent: 377

Emails opened: 96

Surveys started: 83

Surveys completed: 83

Q1: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "Improvements in medical care have helped reduce firearm deaths over the past 25 years."

Strongly disagree	1%
Disagree	6%
Neither agree or disagree	12%
Agree	35%
Strongly agree	33%
I don't know	12%

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

Very weak	0%
Weak	11%
Medium	23%
Strong	22%
Very Strong	10%
I don't know	33%

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

Not knowledgeable	17%
Slightly knowledgeable	20%
Medium	20%
Knowledgeable	23%
Very knowledgeable	15%
I don't know	5%

Q4: Area of research/expertise

Public health/medicine	46%
Criminology/sociology	30%
Public Policy	2%
Economics	12%
Other	10%

Area of Expertise vs Responses:

	Among Public Health/Medicine Experts, % who (n = 38)	Among Experts from Other Disciplines, % who (n = 45)
Disagree* that improvements in medical care have helped reduce firearm deaths in the past 25 years	8%	7%
Agree** that gun carrying is contagious	70%	66%
Believes scientific evidence is strong^	30%	34%
Believes scientific evidence is weak^^	16%	7%
Is knowledgeable+ about topic	38%	33%
Is not knowledgeable ++	39%	39%

*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 this issue 81% agree that improvements in medical care have helped reduce firearm deaths in the past 25 years.

Conclusion:

A majority of gun researchers believe that improvements in medical care have helped reduce firearm deaths over the past 25 years. However, only 32% of gun researchers rate the quality of the scientific evidence as strong.