## Results <br> Survey \#8 (January 2015)

Emails sent: 266
Emails opened: 124
Surveys started: 85
Surveys completed: 85

Q1: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "Strong gun laws help reduce homicide."

| Strongly disagree | $7 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Disagree | $5 \%$ |
| Neither agree or disagree | $12 \%$ |
| Agree | $39 \%$ |
| Strongly agree | $32 \%$ |
| I don't know | $6 \%$ |

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

| Very weak | $1 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Weak | $9 \%$ |
| Medium | $26 \%$ |
| Strong | $38 \%$ |
| Very Strong | $11 \%$ |
| I don't know | $15 \%$ |

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

| Not knowledgeable | $7 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Slightly knowledgeable | $11 \%$ |
| Medium | $19 \%$ |
| Knowledgeable | $38 \%$ |
| Very knowledgeable | $24 \%$ |
| I don't know | $2 \%$ |

Q4: Area of research/expertise

| Public health/medicine | $46 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Criminology/sociology | $32 \%$ |
| Public Policy | $7 \%$ |
| Economics | $7 \%$ |
| Other | $8 \%$ |

Area of Expertise vs Responses:

|  | Among Public <br> Health/Medicine <br> Experts, \% who <br> $(\mathrm{n}=39)$ | Among Experts from <br> Other Disciplines, \% <br> who <br> $(\mathrm{n}=46)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Agree* that strong <br> guns laws help <br> reduce homicide | $77 \%$ | $65 \%$ |
| Disagree** that <br> strong gun laws <br> help reduce <br> homicide | $13 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Believes scientific <br> evidence is <br> strong^ | $54 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| Believes scientific <br> evidence is <br> weak^^ | $15 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
|  |  | $52 \%$ |
| Is knowledgeable+ <br> about topic | $72 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| Is not <br> knowledgeable ++ | $13 \%$ |  |

*Agree or strongly agree; **Disagree or strongly disagree
$\wedge$ 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 $77 \%$ believe strong gun laws help reduce homicide
$15 \%$ do not believe that strong gun laws help reduce homicide.

## Conclusion:

A sizeable majority of gun researchers believe strong guns laws help reduce homicide.

