Results 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:

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

^{*}Agree or strongly agree; **Disagree or strongly disagree

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.

[^]Strong or very strong; ^^Weak or very weak

⁺Knowledgeable or very knowledgeable; ++slightly or not knowledgeable