

Results
Survey #9 (February 2015)

Emails sent: 348
Emails opened: 152
Surveys started: 112
Surveys completed: 108

Q1: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "Internationally, and in the United States, evidence indicates that background checks can help keep guns out of the hands of a significant number of violent people."

Strongly disagree	5%
Disagree	11%
Neither agree or disagree	10%
Agree	37%
Strongly agree	23%
I don't know	13%

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

Very weak	3%
Weak	16%
Medium	27%
Strong	24%
Very Strong	7%
I don't know	23%

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

Not knowledgeable	11%
Slightly knowledgeable	13%
Medium	26%
Knowledgeable	25%
Very knowledgeable	16%
I don't know	8%

Q4: Area of research/expertise

Public health/medicine	46%
Criminology/sociology	29%
Public Policy	7%
Economics	8%
Other	10%

Area of Expertise vs Responses:

	Among Public Health/Medicine Experts, % who (n = 49)	Among Experts from Other Disciplines, % who (n = 58)
Agree* that strong guns laws help reduce homicide	69%	53%
Disagree** that strong gun laws help reduce homicide	12%	19%
Believes scientific evidence is strong^	39%	24%
Believes scientific evidence is weak^^	16%	21%
Is knowledgeable+ about topic	43%	40%
Is not knowledgeable ++	22%	26%

*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

80% believe background checks can help keep guns out of the hands of a significant number of violent people.

16% do not believe that background checks can help keep guns out of the hands of a significant number of violent people.

Conclusion:

A majority of gun researchers believe that “internationally and in the United States, evidence indicates that background checks can help keep guns out of the hands of a significant number of violent people.”