

Results

Survey #1 (May 2014)

Emails sent: 287
Emails opened: 194
Surveys started: 158
Surveys completed: 150

Q1: "In the United States, having a gun in the home increases the risk of suicide"

Strongly disagree	3%
Disagree	5%
Neither Agree or Disagree	8%
Agree	26%
Strongly Agree	58%

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

Very weak	2%
Weak	8%
Medium	27%
Strong	37%
Very Strong	26%

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

Not knowledgeable	7%
Slightly knowledgeable	13%
Medium	19%
Knowledgeable	33%
Very knowledgeable	28%

Q4: Area of research/expertise

Public health/medicine	48%
Criminology/sociology	33%
Public Policy	5%
Other	14%

Area of Expertise vs Responses:

	Among Public Health/Medicine Experts, % who (n = 70)	Among Experts from Other Disciplines, % who (n = 77)
Agree* that a gun in home increases risk of suicide	94%	77%
Disagree** that a gun in home increases risk	4%	11%
Believes scientific evidence is strong^	78%	46%
Believes scientific evidence is weak^^	1%	18%
Is knowledgeable+ about topic	78%	45%
Is not knowledgeable ++	9%	31%

*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 the literature 89% agree or strongly agree with the statement, while 8% disagree or strongly disagree with statement.

Conclusion:

A large majority of firearms researchers agree that in the United States, having a gun in the home increases the risk of suicide.