

**Results**  
**Survey #13 (October 2015)**

Emails sent: 336  
Emails opened: 137  
Surveys started: 104  
Surveys completed: 99

Q1: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "In the United States, the proliferation of guns and permissive gun policies have created a serious public health problem. "

Strongly disagree	13%
Disagree	3%
Neither agree or disagree	3%
Agree	21%
Strongly agree	61%
I don't know	0%

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

Very weak	1%
Weak	7%
Medium	14%
Strong	37%
Very Strong	33%
I don't know	6%

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

Not knowledgeable	1%
Slightly knowledgeable	4%
Medium	10%
Knowledgeable	44%
Very knowledgeable	30%
I don't know	2%

Q4: Area of research/expertise

Public health/medicine	47%
Criminology/sociology	27%
Public Policy	4%
Economics	8%
Other	13%

Area of Expertise vs Responses:

	Among Public Health/Medicine Experts, % who (n = 47)	Among Experts from Other Disciplines, % who (n = 52)
Agree* that US proliferation of guns and permissive gun laws have created a serious public health problem.”	87%	81%
Disagree** that US proliferations of guns and permissive gun laws have created a serious public health problem.	11%	15%
Believes scientific evidence is strong^	83%	62%
Believes scientific evidence is weak^^	4%	12%
Is knowledgeable+ about topic	89%	62%
Is not knowledgeable ++	2%	8%

\*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

84% believe that “In the United States, the proliferative of guns and permissive gun laws have created a serious public health problem.”

13% do not believe that ““In the United States, the proliferation of guns and permissive gun laws have created a serious public health problem.”

**Conclusion:**

A large majority of gun researchers believe that “In the United States, the proliferation of guns and permissive gun laws have created a serious public health problem.”