

Results
Survey #17 (May 2016)

Emails sent: 389
 Emails opened: 102
 Surveys started: 94
 Surveys completed: 94

Q1: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "Requiring individuals who want to own a handgun to obtain a license helps reduce firearm violence."

Strongly disagree	4%
Disagree	0%
Neither agree or disagree	9%
Agree	40%
Strongly agree	40%
I don't know	6%

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

Very weak	3%
Weak	9%
Medium	23%
Strong	36%
Very Strong	13%
I don't know	16%

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

Not knowledgeable	7%
Slightly knowledgeable	9%
Medium	18%
Knowledgeable	35%
Very knowledgeable	23%
I don't know	7%

Q4: Area of research/expertise

Public health/medicine	46%
Criminology/sociology	30%
Public Policy	6%
Economics	7%
Other	12%

Area of Expertise vs Responses:

	Among Public Health/Medicine Experts, % who (n = 43)	Among Experts from Other Disciplines, % who (n = 50)
Disagree* that requiring individuals who want to own a handgun to obtain a license helps reduce firearm violence.	5%	4%
Agree** that requiring individuals who want to own a handgun to obtain a license helps reduce firearms violence.	81%	82%
Believes scientific evidence is strong^	58%	42%
Believes scientific evidence is weak^^	5%	18%
Is knowledgeable+ about topic	58%	42%
Is not knowledgeable ++	5%	18%

*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% agree that requiring individuals who want to own a handgun to obtain a license helps reduce firearm violence and 7% disagree.

Conclusion:

A sizeable majority of gun researchers believe that requiring individuals who want to own a handgun to obtain a license helps reduce firearm violence.