

**Results**  
**Survey #19 (October 2016)**

Emails sent: 381  
Emails opened: 102  
Surveys started: 86  
Surveys completed: 86

Q1: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: "Gun carrying is contagious—one person carrying will increase the likelihood that others will carry."

Strongly disagree	0%
Disagree	7%
Neither agree or disagree	15%
Agree	51%
Strongly agree	12%
I don't know	14%

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

Very weak	8%
Weak	17%
Medium	26%
Strong	12%
Very Strong	0%
I don't know	37%

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

Not knowledgeable	22%
Slightly knowledgeable	17%
Medium	21%
Knowledgeable	19%
Very knowledgeable	13%
I don't know	8%

Q4: Area of research/expertise

Public health/medicine	44%
Criminology/sociology	31%
Public Policy	7%
Economics	10%
Other	7%

Area of Expertise vs Responses:

	Among Public Health/Medicine Experts, % who (n = 38)	Among Experts from Other Disciplines, % who (n = 48)
Disagree* that gun carrying is contagious	3%	10%
Agree** that gun carrying is contagious	84%	48%
Believes scientific evidence is strong^	11%	12%
Believes scientific evidence is weak^^	26%	25%
Is knowledgeable+ about topic	29%	33%
Is not knowledgeable ++	39%	40%

\*Disagree or strongly disagree; \*\*Agree or strongly agree

^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 78% agree that gun carrying is contagious and 7% disagree.

**Conclusion:**

A majority of gun researchers believe that gun carrying is contagious, but few think the evidence is strong.