

Results

Survey #2 (June 2014)

Emails sent: 286
 Emails opened: 282
 Surveys started: 128
 Surveys completed: 122

Q1: "In the United States, guns are used in self-defense far more often than they are used in crime."

Strongly disagree	39%
Disagree	34%
Neither Agree or Disagree	11%
Agree	4%
Strongly Agree	4%
I don't know	9%

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

Very weak	9%
Weak	20%
Medium	19%
Strong	20%
Very Strong	12%
I don't know	19%

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

Not knowledgeable	6%
Slightly knowledgeable	21%
Medium	20%
Knowledgeable	26%
Very knowledgeable	22%
I don't know	5%

Q4: Area of research/expertise

Public health/medicine	43%
Criminology/sociology	34%
Public Policy	10%
Other	13%

Area of Expertise vs Responses:

	Among Public Health/Medicine Experts, % who (n = 53)	Among Experts from Other Disciplines, % who (n = 69)
Disagree* that there are more self-defense gun uses than criminal gun uses	75%	70%
Agree** that there are more self-defense gun uses than criminal gun uses	7%	9%
Believes scientific evidence is strong^	40%	28%
Believes scientific evidence is weak^^	23%	35%
Is knowledgeable+ about topic	58%	41%
Is not knowledgeable ++	15%	36%

*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 the literature 81% disagree or strongly disagree with the statement, while 10% agree or strongly agree with statement.

Conclusion:

A large majority of firearms researchers disagree with the statement that in the United States guns are used in self-defense far more often than they are used in crime.