

Results
Survey #7 (December 2014)

Emails sent: 276
Emails opened: 120
Surveys started: 86
Surveys completed: 85

Q1: "Periodically the Gallup poll asks this exact question of the general public. Please give your own opinion. 'Do you think having a gun in the house makes it a safer or a more dangerous place to be?'"

Safer	5%
More dangerous	64%
It depends	31%
No opinion	1%

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

Very weak	2%
Weak	10%
Medium	14%
Strong	43%
Very Strong	21%
I don't know	10%

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

Not knowledgeable	7%
Slightly knowledgeable	16%
Medium	15%
Knowledgeable	31%
Very knowledgeable	30%
I don't know	1%

Q4: Area of research/expertise

Public health/medicine	44%
Criminology/sociology	34%
Public Policy	7%
Economics	8%
Other	7%

Area of Expertise vs Responses:

	Among Public Health/Medicine Experts, % who (n = 38)	Among Experts from Other Disciplines, % who (n = 48)
Believe a gun makes the house safer	3%	6%
Believes a gun makes the house more dangerous	74%	54%
Believes scientific evidence is strong [^]	79%	52%
Believes scientific evidence is weak ^{^^}	5%	19%
Is knowledgeable ⁺ about topic	74%	52%
Is not knowledgeable ⁺⁺	13%	29%

[^]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 6% believe a gun in the house makes it safer, while 70% believe a gun in the house makes it a more dangerous place.

Conclusion:

Most gun researchers believe a gun in the house makes it a more dangerous place.