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1 INTRODUCTION

The Center for Research & Public Policy (CRPP) is pleased to present the results to a *Connecticut Gun Safety Study*, conducted on behalf of the Connecticut Collaborative for Education Against Gun Violence (CCEAGV).

CRPP was commissioned by the CCEAGV to measure residents' level of awareness and knowledge of gun violence prevention programs, firearm safety legislation, and efforts to promote more rigorous safety standards.

The Center for Research & Public Policy conducted a telephone survey with a total of 433 Connecticut residents

This report summarizes information collected from telephone surveys conducted May 13– May 17, 2003.

Areas for investigation within the telephone survey included:

- Awareness of gun safety, gun violence prevention programs, and firearm laws;
- Views on licensing, registration and insurance requirements for guns in Connecticut;
- Views on gun control laws in this country;
- Support for different firearm safety regulations;
- Parent involvement in reducing firearm casualties;
- Impact of gun safety issue on politics;
- Respondents' history with guns;
- Knowledge of firearm facts; and,
- Demographics.

Section II of this report discusses the Methodology used in the Study while Section III includes Highlights and Recommendations derived from the quantitative research. Section IV is a Summary of Findings for the telephone survey.

Section V is an appendix containing crosstabulation tables, the survey instrument, and composite aggregate data.

METHODOLOGY

The Center for Research & Public Policy used a quantitative research design, including the completion of 433 interviews with Connecticut residents.

A project initiation meeting was held on March 26th, 2003.

A follow up meeting to discuss the survey instrument was held on May 8th, 2003. Survey design at CRPP is a careful, deliberative process to ensure fair, objective and balanced surveys. Drafts of issue surveys, in particular, are viewed by staff members holding opposing and supporting positions. Staff members, with years of survey design experience, edit any bias. Further, all scales used by CRPP (either numeric such as one through ten or wording such as strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree) are balanced evenly. And, placement of questions is carefully accomplished so that order has no impact.

All telephone interviews were conducted between May 13 and May 17, 2003. Survey input was provided by the Connecticut Collaborative for Education Against Gun Violence staff.

One survey instrument was used to elicit information from all state residents. Respondents qualified for the survey if they confirmed they were heads of households, and at least eighteen years of age.

Training of telephone researchers and a pre-test of the survey instruments occurred on May 13, 2002.

All of the facets for this *Connecticut Gun Safety Study* were completed by CRPP's research and senior staff. These aspects included: survey design, pre-test, computer programming, fielding, coding, data entry, validation and logic checks, computer analysis, report writing and presentations.

CRPP utilized a super random digit sampling procedure. This method of sample selection allows randomization of numbers, which equalizes the probability of qualified respondents being included in the sampling frame.

Statistically, a sample of 433 completed telephone interviews represents a margin of error of +/-5 at a 95% confidence level.

In theory, a sample of Connecticut residents would differ no more than +/- 5% than if all consumers were contacted and included in the survey. That is, if random probability sampling procedures were reiterated over and over again, sample results may be expected to approximate the large population values within plus or minus +/-5% -- 95 out of 100 times.

All population based surveys conducted by CRPP are proportional to population contributions within States, towns, and known census tracts, group blocks and blocks. This distribution ensures truly representative results without under or over representation of various geographic or demographic groups within a sampling frame.

HIGHLIGHTS

ON AWARENESS...

- **Nearly two thirds of Connecticut residents surveyed, 62.8%, suggest they follow gun safety and gun violence prevention programs very or somewhat closely. Another 37.1% note they either do not follow the issues at all or not much at all.**
- **Over half of the survey respondents, 55.4%, mentioned being minimally or not at all familiar with current Connecticut firearm laws. Another 44.3% said they were very or somewhat familiar with current laws.**
- **Current awareness levels for the Connecticut Coalition Against Gun Violence (former name) and the Connecticut Collaborative for Education Against Gun Violence (current name) are 42.3% and 6.9% respectively.**

ON ISSUES AND LEGISLATION...

- **Large majorities of respondents noted they support handgun registration and gun owner licensing in Connecticut – 84.5% and 92.9% respectively.**
- **Further, large majorities of respondents support rifle and shot gun registration and licensing – 84.3% and 85.5% respectively.**
- **While 5.5% of Connecticut residents surveyed believed that gun control laws in the United States are too strict, 12.5% see them as about right and 71.4% as not tough enough.**
- **There exists majority support for a number of firearm safety proposals...**
 - ✓ **Require gun owners report stolen firearms to authorities (97.9%)**
 - ✓ **Require gun manufacturers place child safety locks on all handguns (89.1%)**
 - ✓ **Ensure firearms pass safety reviews such as those for toys/ cars (85.9%)**
 - ✓ **Ban on all assault weapons (83.8%)**
 - ✓ **Hold gun owners liable for crimes using their guns (81.1%)**
- **Two thirds of respondents, 66.3% strongly or somewhat support mandatory insurance requirements for firearm owners.**

ON INVOLVEMENT...

- **Only 13.0% of parents or guardians, with children living at home, ask the parents of their children's friends if there are guns in the homes and if they are locked before they visit them. Together with those who ask only about guns present (3.6%) and those who ask only if existing guns are locked (1.2%) the total percent asking questions is 17.8%.**
- **Support for legislation restricting violent video arcade games in Connecticut for those under 18 years of age is 74.6%. Another 23.1% oppose such restrictions.**

ON POLITICS...

- **Two thirds of residents surveyed (65.8%) noted they consider political candidate stands on gun safety issues either very or somewhat strongly when voting.**
- **And, over half of survey respondents, 59.4%, indicated they were more likely to vote for a candidate who favored firearm registration, licensing and insurance requirements.**
- **Two thirds of respondents, 67.5% indicated they believe that easy access to guns is to blame for shooting such as those by the D.C. area sniper. Another 29.8% disagreed.**
- **A minority of respondents, 29.8%, support allowing lawsuits against manufacturers, distributors or dealers of guns used in violent crimes.**

ON HISTORY...

- **Nearly one quarter of all respondents, 20.3%, had either a hand gun or rifle or both in their homes. More respondents, 15.7%, reported having rifles than those reporting having hand guns (11.8%).**
- **Only 8.0% of firearm owners or firearm households kept the arms loaded all the time, most of the time or sometimes. Most, 89.8% said they seldom or never had the firearms loaded.**
- **And, 78.4% noted their firearms were locked up all the time, most of the time or sometimes while 21.6% suggested the arms were seldom or never locked.**
- **A majority of firearm households, 81.8%, stored their arms separate from ammunition.**

ON KNOWLEDGE OF FIREARM FACTS...

- **Residents were well aware of a number of firearm facts...**
 - ✓ **Guns kept for self-protection are 22 times more likely to kill family/friends (72.3%)**
 - ✓ **Guns in the home triple the risk of homicide in the home (59.8%)**
 - ✓ **Firearm homicide was the leading cause for death among black males 15-34 (57.3%)**
 - ✓ **Eighty percent of those murdered are killed with handguns (50.8%)**

- **And, residents appear mostly unaware of other firearm facts...**
 - ✓ **Firearm suicide is the number 2 killer of white males 15-34 (29.3%)**
 - ✓ **Nine children, under 19 years, are killed daily with guns in the U.S. (29.6%)**
 - ✓ **Connecticut bans assault weapons (38.3%)**
 - ✓ **There are 200 million privately owned firearms in the U.S. (40.2%)**
 - ✓ **Firearms are only second to auto deaths in the U.S. (40.4%)**
 - ✓ **Guns in the home increase suicide risk fivefold (40.9%)**

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

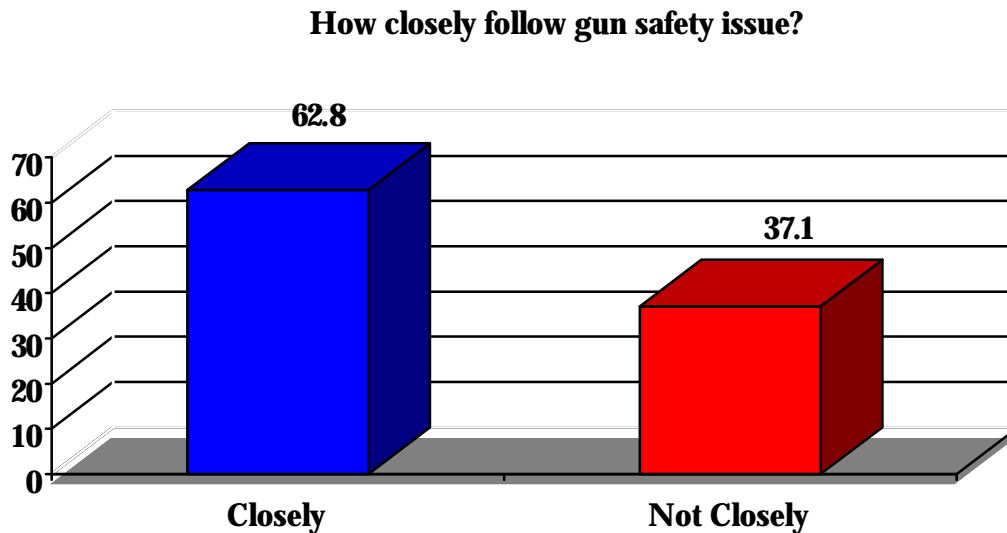
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The text throughout this section refers to and presents results from the composite.

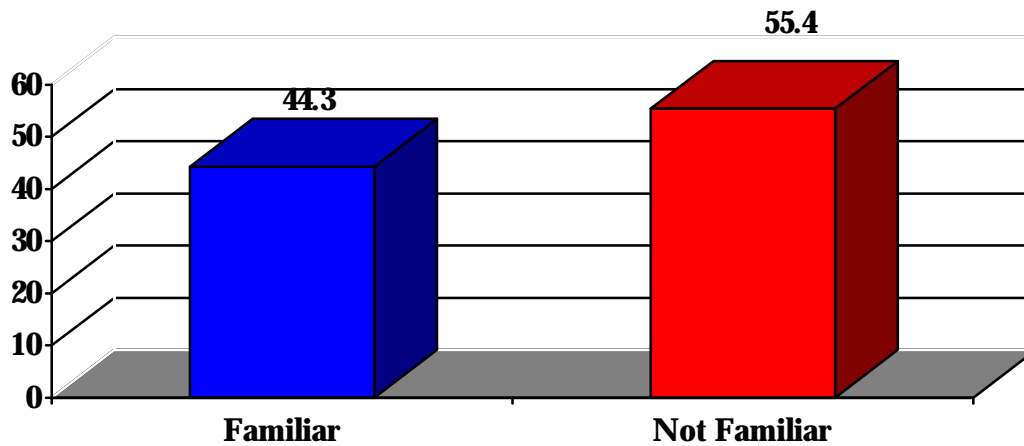
Awareness

Respondents were asked how closely they followed the issue of gun safety and gun violence prevention programs. Almost two thirds of residents surveyed, 62.8%, suggested following the issue very (20.3%) or somewhat (42.5%) closely, while 37.1 % suggested not following the issue much (21.2%) or at all (15.9%).



Almost half of all residents interviewed, 44.3%, suggested they were very (10.4%) or somewhat (33.9%) familiar with current firearm laws in Connecticut. Over one half, 55.4%, were minimally (27.0%) or not at all (28.4%) familiar; and 0.2% were unsure.

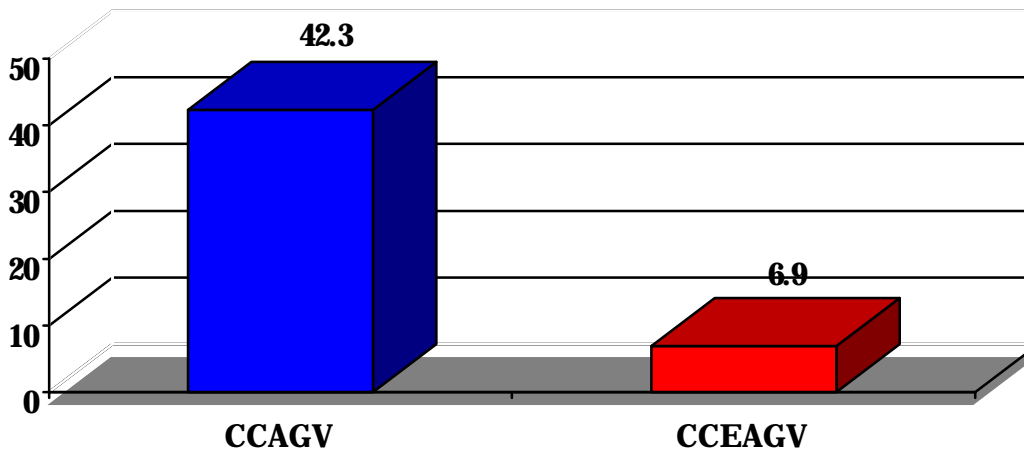
How familiar about curent firearm laws in CT?



Two fifths of all respondents, (42.3 %) have heard of the Connecticut Coalition Against Gun Violence, while 56.4% have not. A few, 1.4%, did not know or were unsure.

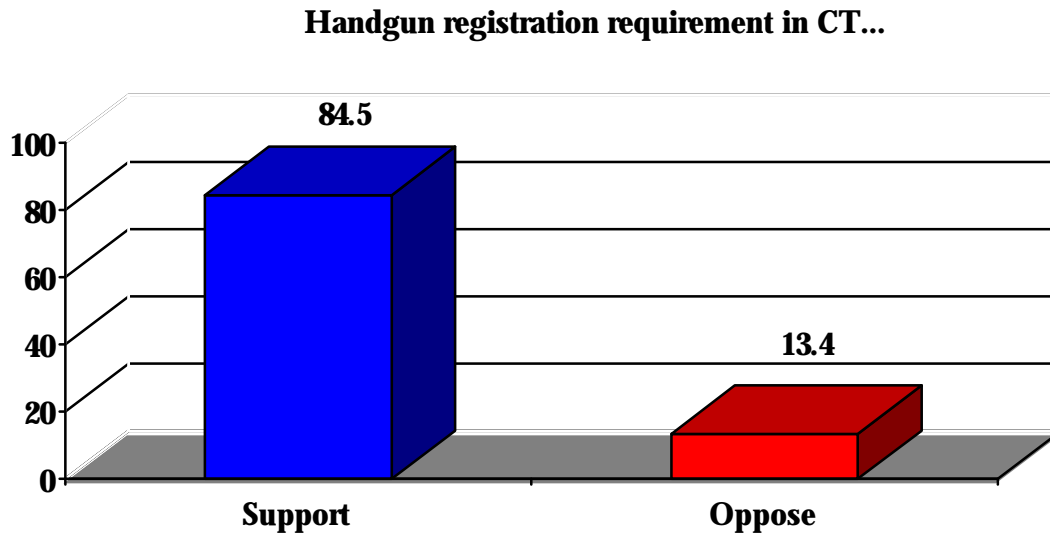
Further, 6.9% of residents have heard of the Connecticut Collaborative for Education Against Gun Violence, while 91.9% have not. And 1.2% did not know or were unsure.

Heard of CCAGV/CEAGV...



Issues / Legislation

While a majority of residents surveyed, 84.5%, indicated strongly (73.4%) or somewhat (11.1%) supporting handgun registration in Connecticut, 13.4% suggested somewhat (3.0%) or strongly (10.4%) opposing it. A few, 2.1%, did not know or were unsure.



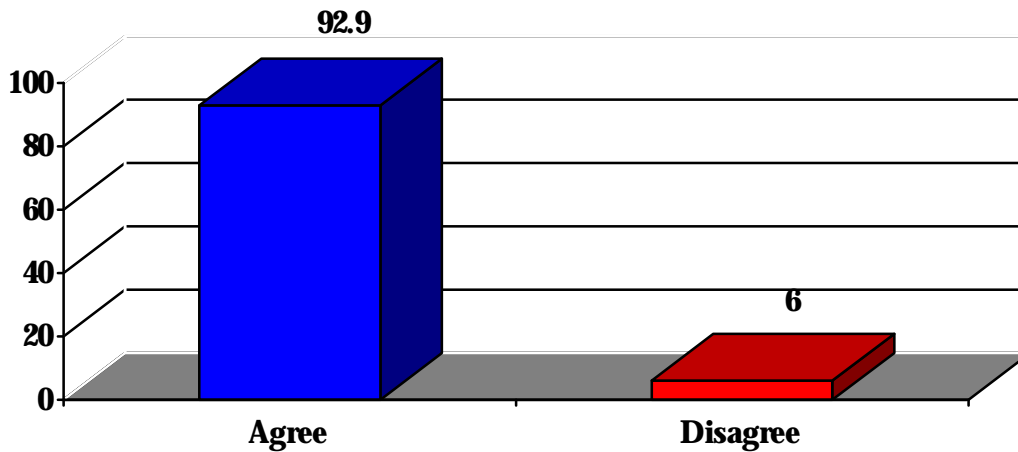
Respondents opposed to hand gun registration (13.4%) were asked why.

The following table holds the results.

Reasons (N=58)	Percent
Violates 2 nd amendment right	19.0%
Violates constitutional / civil rights	13.8
Just not necessary	13.8
Wouldn't be good enough	6.9
Waste of time; would create a lot of illegal purchases of guns	6.9
Should be imposed by Federal Government, not State	5.2
Don't need any more laws	5.2
Gun owners are having their rights taken away	5.2
Government interferes too much already	5.2

Further, a large majority of residents surveyed, 92.9%, suggested strongly (87.1%) or somewhat (5.8%) agreeing that gun owners should be required to have licenses, while 6.0% somewhat (1.6%) or strongly (4.4%) disagreed.

Gun owners should be required to have licenses...



All respondents were asked to provide their reason for agreeing or disagreeing with licensing of gun owners.

The following table holds the top ten most frequently cited reasons among those who agreed with gun owner licensing.

Reasons: Agree gun owners should be required to have licenses (N=402)	Percent
Need to know who has them / keep track	28.9%
Not everyone should have one	9.2
Gun owners need to be held responsible	7.5
Too easy to get a gun nowadays	7.5
Should require some training	6.7
Need gun control	6.5
For safety reasons	5.5
Important to check past history	5.2
Just against guns	4.5
If you need a license to drive, you need one for a gun	3.0

Other reasons with less frequency of mention included: need to have people checked, then there would be some control, if you have a gun you should have a license, it would prevent the “wrong people” from getting them, licensing is sufficient, guns can kill, keeps illegal guns off the street, too many guns out there, just the right thing to do, and too many homicides.

The following table depicts the results for those disagreeing with gun owner licensing.

Reasons: Disagree gun owners should be required to have licenses (N=26)	Percent
Violates your constitutional rights	23.1%
Vermont does not have permit requirements	19.2
Just not necessary	15.4
Don't need any more laws	11.5
Violates 2 nd amendment right	7.7
Government interferes too much already	7.7
Should require some training	3.8
Use for hunting only – there should not be any requirements	3.8
It would be another bill / fee to pay	3.8

A majority of respondents, 84.3%, suggested strongly (67.4%), or somewhat (16.9%) supporting a rifle and shot gun registration requirement in Connecticut. About one sixth, 14.1%, somewhat (3.2%), or strongly (10.9%) opposed this requirement.

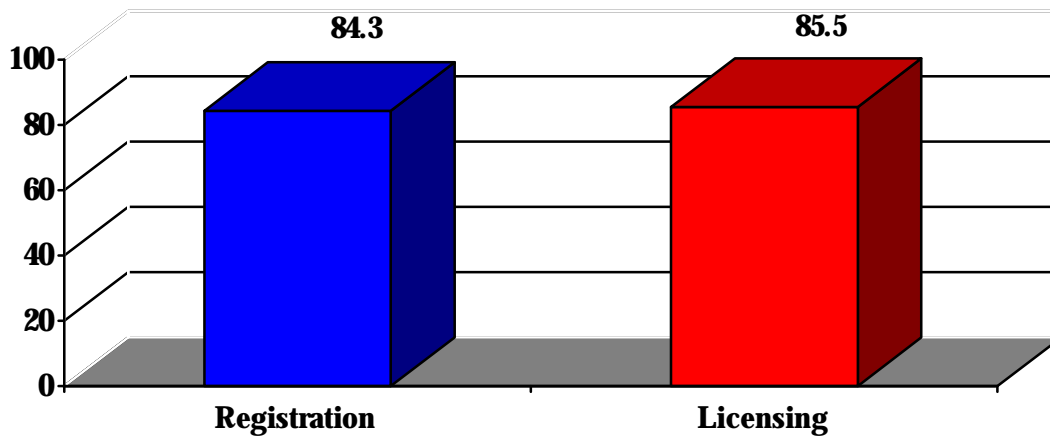
The group of respondents opposing rifle and shot gun registration (14.1%) were asked to provide their reason.

The following table holds the results as collected

Reasons: Oppose rifle and shot gun registration (N=61)	Percent
Use for hunting only – there should not be any requirements	18.0%
Just not necessary	14.8
Violates constitutional / civil rights	11.5
Violates 2 nd Amendment right	8.2
Vermont does not have any permit requirements	8.2
Would not be able to keep tabs on guns	6.6
Would still not improve safety	4.9
Do not need any more laws	4.9
Government interferes too much already	4.9
It would be a waste of time (There would a lot of illegal purchases of guns)	3.3
Licensing is sufficient	3.3
Gun owners are having their rights taken away	1.6
Just more paperwork	1.6

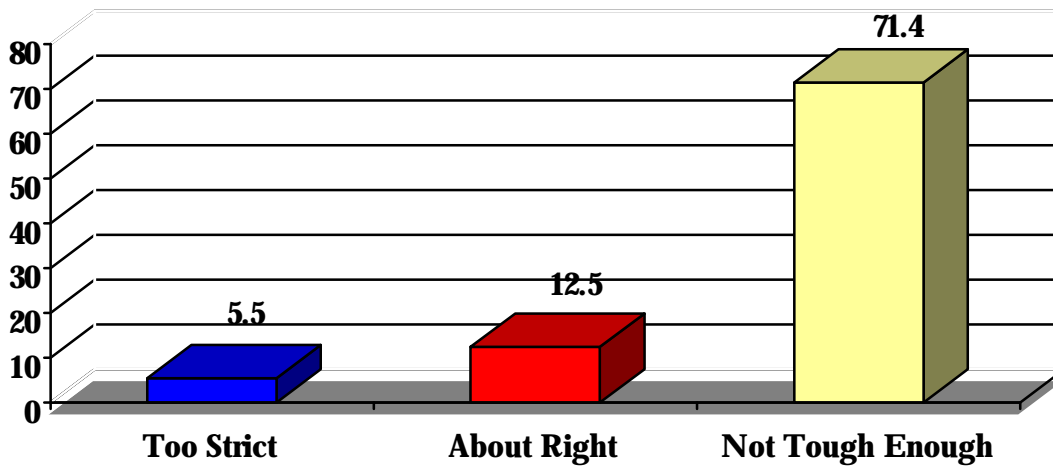
Further, a majority of respondents, 85.5%, indicated strongly (71.6%), or somewhat (13.9%) supporting a rifle and shot gun licensing requirement in Connecticut. About one eighth, 13.0%, noted somewhat (4.2%), or strongly (8.8%) opposed to licensing.

Support rifle and shot gun registration and licensing...



When asked about gun control laws in this country, 5.5% suggested these laws were too strict, while 71.4% noted they were not tough enough. And, 12.5% indicated gun control laws in this country were about right.

Gun Control Laws in the U.S.



Respondents were read a number of proposals to promote firearm safety, and asked if they strongly supported, somewhat supported, somewhat opposed, or strongly opposed each proposal.

The following table summarizes the results.

Proposals	Support	Oppose
Require that gun owners report to law enforcement when firearms are stolen	97.9%	0.7%
Require that manufacturers put child safety locks on all handguns	89.1	8.8
Legislation ensuring firearms pass safety reviews similar to those required for toys and cars	85.9	10.6
Ban all assault weapons	83.8	12.2
Hold gun owners liable when they allow access to their guns that are later used in crimes	81.1	13.6

Further, two thirds of respondents, 66.3%, strongly (35.3%) or somewhat (30.9%) support mandatory insurance for firearm owners

Involvement

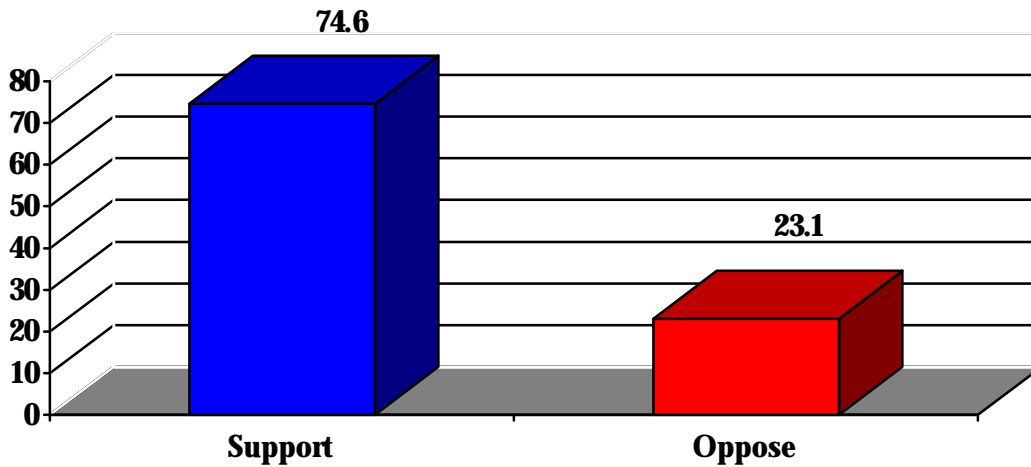
Respondents, who currently have children living at home (39.0%), were asked about their involvement with firearm safety.

When the children in their household visit their friends, just over one eighth of parents, 13.0%, indicated asking other parents if there are guns in their homes, and if these guns are locked. A few respondents, 4.8%, will only ask about guns (3.6%), or only ask if the guns are locked (1.2%). More than three quarters, 78.0%, will not ask at all.

Researchers presented respondents with the following question: “Currently the percent of violent video games at Connecticut arcades range from zero to 67%. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose a restriction on all violent video games at Connecticut arcades for children under 18?”

Three quarters, 74.6%, indicated strongly (55.4%) or somewhat (19.2%) supporting a restriction on all violent video games at Connecticut arcades, for children under 18, while nearly one quarter 23.1%, somewhat (12.0%) or strongly (11.1%) opposed.

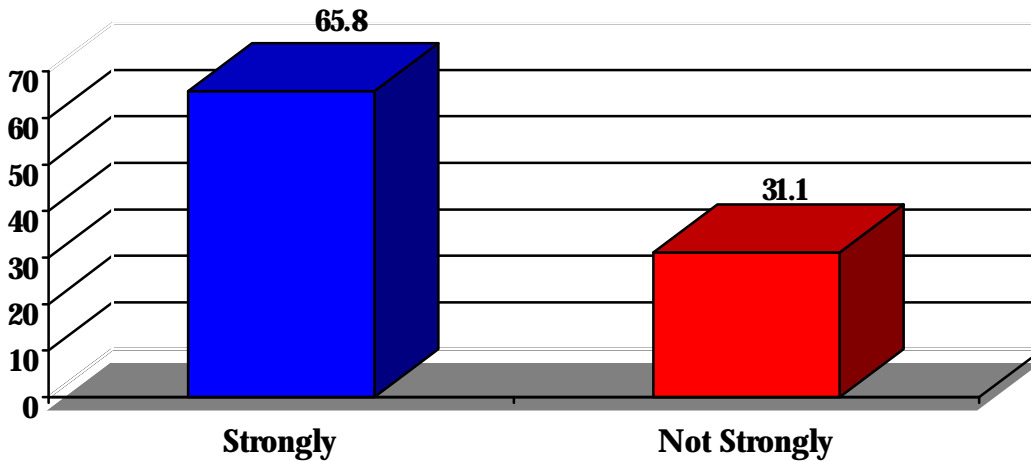
Restriction on violent video games at arcades...



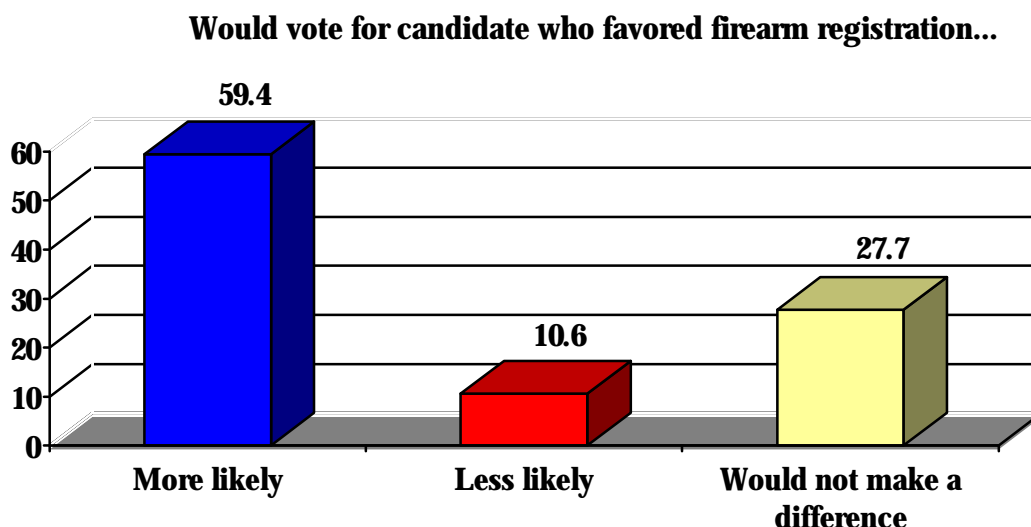
Politics

When voting for a political candidate, two thirds of residents surveyed (65.8%) indicate they consider the candidate's stands on gun safety issues very (30.7%) or somewhat (35.1%) strongly. Almost one third, 30.1%, will consider the issue minimally (18.9%) or not at all (12.2%).

Consider gun safety issue when voting for candidate



Over half of residents interviewed, 59.4%, indicated being more likely to vote for a candidate if they found a candidate who favored firearm registration, licensing, and insurance. More than a quarter, 27.7%, suggested it wouldn't make a difference, while 10.6% said it would be less likely that they would vote for this candidate.



Just over two thirds of respondents, 67.5%, strongly (40.2%) or somewhat (27.3%) agree that easy access to guns is to blame for shootings such as those by the D.C. are sniper a few months ago, while almost one third, 29.8% somewhat disagree (10.9%) or did not agree at all (18.9%).

Almost one third of respondents, 29.8%, support allowing lawsuits against manufacturers, distributors or dealers of guns used in violent crimes. More than half, 56.6%, opposed it., while 14.1% did not know or were unsure.

History

Less than one eighth of respondents, 11.8%, indicated that themselves or someone in their household currently own one or more handguns. A large majority, 84.5%, suggested not owning any handguns at all. And, 3.7% did not know or were unsure.

Respondents living in households with handguns (11.8%) were asked for the number of handguns owned. Almost one third, 29.1%, reported owning only one handgun, while more than three quarters, 76.4%, noted owning five or less. The total number of handguns owned ranged from one to ten.

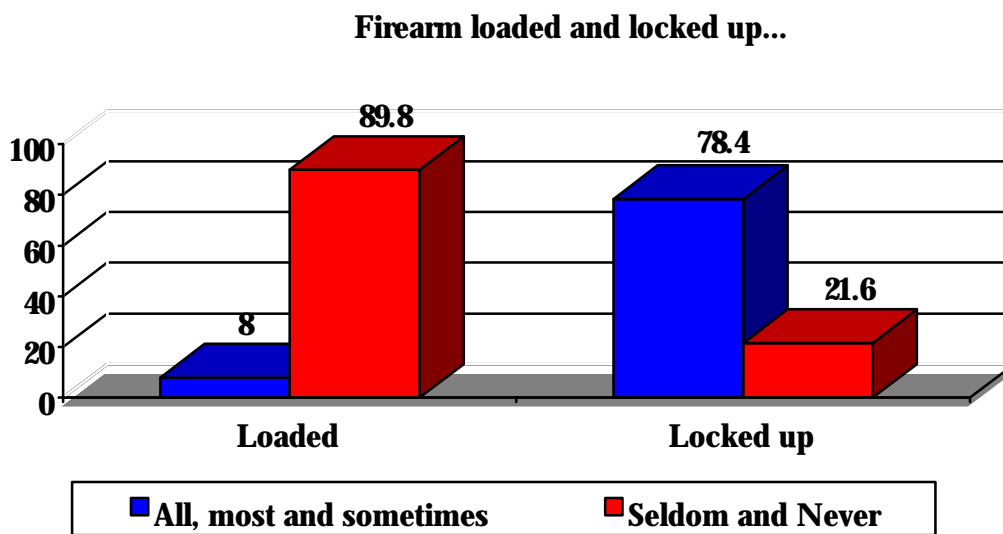
Further, nearly one sixth, 15.7%, noted they or someone in their household owned one or more rifles or shot guns. A majority, 80.4% said they did not own any rifles or shot guns, while 3.9% did not know or were unsure.

Respondents living in households with rifles or shot guns (15.7%) were asked the number of rifles or shot guns owned. More than one third, 39.7%, reported owning one shot gun or rifle. Almost three quarters, 71.2%, indicated owning five or less. The total amount of shot guns or rifles owned ranged from one to thirteen.

Respondents living in households with handguns, shot guns or rifles were asked several questions regarding the firearms in their homes.

Less than ten percent, 8.0%, suggested the firearms in their household were loaded all of the time (4.5%), or sometimes (3.4%), while 89.8% indicated the firearms were loaded seldom (3.4%) or never (86.4%).

More than three quarters, 78.4%, noted the firearms were locked all (75.0%), or most (3.4%) of the time. More than one fifth (21.6%) suggested the firearm was never locked.



A majority, 81.8%, noted the ammunition was stored separately from the firearms. However, one eighth (12.5%) suggested the ammunition was stored with the firearm.

More than three quarters, 79.3%, indicated that they (36.8%), the firearm owner (32.2%), or both (10.3%) have taken a firearm safety course, such as the one offered by the National Rifle Association.

Researchers asked respondents living with guns if they or the firearm owner hunts. More than one third, 39.8%, said they did. Of this group, more than two thirds, 65.7%, indicate hunting frequently (28.6%) or occasionally (37.1%), while more than one third, 34.3%, said they seldom hunt.

Researchers asked all respondents if there was a member of the National Rifle Association currently living at their home. Ten percent (10.2%) reported them (5.8%), a household member (3.9%) or both (0.5%) currently were members of the National Rifle Association. A large majority, 88.5%, were not.

Knowledge of Firearm Facts

Researchers read respondents a number of firearm facts and asked if they were aware of each.

The following table summarizes the results.

Firearms Facts	Aware	Unaware
Guns kept in the home for self-protection are 22 times more likely to kill a family member or friend than to kill in self-defense	72.3%	26.1%
The presence of a gun in the home triples the risk of homicide in the home	59.8	38.1
Firearm homicide was the leading cause of death for black males ages 15-34	57.3	39.5
8 out of 10 of those murdered with firearms were murdered with handguns	50.8	46.0
The presence of a gun in the home increases the risk of suicide fivefold	40.9	55.9
Firearms are the number two killer of men and women 10-24 years of age – second only to motor vehicle crashes	40.4	55.4
There are over 200 million privately owned firearms in the U.S.	40.2	56.6
The State of Connecticut bans assault weapons	38.3	56.6
9 children, ages 19 and under, are killed with guns everyday in this country	29.6	67.9
Firearm suicide is the #2 killer of white males between the ages of 15-34	29.3	66.5

DEMOGRAPHICS

Have children under 18 living at home	Percent
Yes	39.0%
No	61.0

Age	Percent
18 < 25	0.9%
25 < 25	3.5
25 < 30	8.1
30 < 35	9.9
35 < 40	9.5
40 < 45	9.7
45 < 50	10.2
50 < 55	9.7
55 < 60	10.4
60 < 65	6.9
65 or older	18.7
Refused	2.5

Education	Percent
Some high school	6.7%
High school grad	22.2
Some college	21.7
College grad	27.9
Post grad	19.6
Refused	1.8

Political Party	Percent
Republican	25.6%
Democrat	33.5
Unaffiliated	35.3
Not registered	5.5

Hispanic	Percent
Yes	7.6%
No	92.4

Race	Percent
White	83.7%
African-American	11.1
Asian, Pacific Islander	1.0
Aleutian, Eskimo or American Indian	0.7
RF	3.5

Income	Percent
< \$30,000	12.9%
\$31,000 < \$40,000	9.2
\$41,000 < \$50,000	8.1
\$51,000 < \$60,000	8.5
\$61,000 < \$70,000	7.4
\$70,000 < \$100,000	16.2
\$100,000 or more	13.2
DK	1.8
RF	22.6

Gender	Percent
Male	44.6%
Female	55.4

5 APPENDIX

CONNECTICUT GUN SAFETY STUDY – CROSSTABULATION CHARTS

CONNECTICUT GUN SAFETY STUDY – CROSSTABULATION CHART

Core Questions	Composite	Have Children	Own a Gun	Own a Rifle	Less than 30	30 to less than 60	60 years or age or older
1. Follow gun issues very/somewhat closely	62.8	55.0	88.2	79.4	50.0	64.6	65.8
2. Very/somewhat familiar with current firearm laws	44.3	40.8	70.6	63.2	33.3	46.3	48.6
3. Heard of CT Coalition Against Gun Violence	42.3	34.9	49.0	48.5	44.4	41.6	42.3
4. Heard of CT Collaborative for Education Against Gun Violence	6.9	4.7	3.9	5.9	7.4	8.9	1.8
5. Strongly/somewhat support handgun registration requirement in CT	84.5	85.8	70.6	69.1	90.7	83.7	82.0
7. Strongly/somewhat agree that gun owners should be required to have licenses	92.8	95.9	86.3	82.4	96.3	90.7	95.5
9. Strongly/somewhat support rifle/shot gun registration requirement in CT	84.3	85.2	68.6	60.3	92.6	82.9	82.9
11. Strongly/somewhat support rifle/shot gun licensing requirement in CT	85.5	87.6	62.7	55.9	92.6	83.3	86.5
12. Gun control laws are...							
Too strict	5.5	4.7	9.8	7.4	14.8	4.7	3.6
About right	12.5	16.6	23.5	20.6	14.8	14.4	8.1
Not tough enough	71.4	72.2	41.2	52.9	61.1	71.6	75.7
13. Legislation ensuring firearms pass safety reviews similar to those required for toys and cars (strongly/somewhat support)	85.9	87.6	72.5	70.6	92.6	86.8	80.2
14. Ban assault weapons (strongly/somewhat support)	83.8	84.0	64.7	66.2	75.9	87.2	80.2
15. Require that manufacturers put child safety locks on all handguns (strongly/somewhat support)	89.1	83.5	78.4	77.9	88.9	90.3	89.2
16. Hold gun owners liable when they allow access to their guns that are later used in crimes (strongly/somewhat support)	81.1	81.7	66.7	66.2	72.2	80.2	85.6

Core Questions	Composite	Have Children	Own a Gun	Own a Rifle	Less than 30	30 to less than 60	60 years or age or older
17. Require that gun owners report to law enforcement when firearms are stolen (strongly/somewhat support)	97.9	98.2	96.1	95.6	94.4	97.7	100.0
18. Mandatory insurance for firearm owners (strongly/somewhat support)	66.3	71.0	37.3	44.1	59.3	70.0	59.5
20. When children visit friends, do you ask... Yes, ask about guns	3.6	3.6	15.8	5.0	3.2	3.7	--
Yes, ask if locked	1.2	1.2	--	--	--	1.5	--
Yes, ask both	13.0	13.0	5.3	--	12.9	13.4	--
21. Restriction on all violent video games at CT arcades for children under 18 (strongly/somewhat support)	74.6	72.8	60.8	61.8	55.6	76.3	78.4
22. Consider candidate's stand on gun safety when voting (very/somewhat strongly)	65.8	62.7	56.9	72.1	64.8	63.4	73.9
23. If a candidate favored firearm registration/licensing/insurance... More likely	59.4	65.1	21.6	38.2	61.1	56.0	64.0
Less likely	10.6	7.7	33.3	38.2	7.4	11.3	10.8
Wouldn't make a difference	27.7	26.6	45.1	20.6	31.5	30.0	23.4
24. Easy access to guns is to blame for shootings like those by D.C. sniper (strongly/somewhat agree)	67.4	72.2	51.0	52.9	63.0	68.5	64.9
25. Support allowing lawsuits against manufacturers/distributors/dealers of guns used in violent crimes	29.3	27.8	7.8	11.8	20.4	28.8	34.2
26. Currently own one or more handguns	11.8	11.2	100.0	45.6	5.6	12.5	14.4
28. Currently own one or more rifles/shot guns	15.7	11.8	60.8	100.0	9.3	16.0	18.9
33. Taken a firearm safety course (of those that have a firearm)	79.3	79.3	88.2	79.1	100.0	85.5	61.5
34. Hunt – yes (of those that have a firearm)	39.8	34.5	41.2	50.0	50.0	38.2	42.3

Core Questions	Composite	Have Children	Own a Gun	Own a Rifle	Less than 30	30 to less than 60	60 years or age or older
36. Currently a member of the National Rifle Association (of those that have a firearm)	10.2	6.5	39.2	27.9	7.4	12.1	8.1
37. State of CT bans assault weapons (aware)	38.3	35.5	62.7	61.8	24.1	42.8	34.2
38. There are over 200 million privately owned firearms in the U.S. (aware)	40.2	38.5	66.7	70.6	29.6	40.9	45.0
40. Guns kept in home are 22 times more likely to kill a family member in self defense (aware)	72.3	70.4	62.7	73.5	66.7	74.3	67.6
42. Presence of gun in home increases the risk of suicide fivefold (aware)	40.9	36.1	31.4	36.8	33.3	42.0	38.7

CONNECTICUT GUN SAFETY STUDY – CROSSTABULATION CHART

Core Questions	Composite	High School	College	Post Grad	Republican	Democrat	Unaffiliated
1. Follow gun issues very/somewhat closely	62.8	48.8	64.2	80.0	70.3	68.3	56.2
2. Very/somewhat familiar with current firearm laws	44.3	42.4	49.3	38.8	55.9	42.1	37.9
3. Heard of CT Coalition Against Gun Violence	42.3	51.2	36.7	38.8	52.3	45.5	35.3
4. Heard of CT Collaborative for Education Against Gun Violence	6.9	9.6	1.9	10.6	9.9	5.5	3.9
5. Strongly/somewhat support handgun registration requirement in CT	84.5	88.8	80.9	85.9	77.5	90.3	83.7
7. Strongly/somewhat agree that gun owners should be required to have licenses	92.8	93.6	93.5	89.4	83.8	97.9	93.5
9. Strongly/somewhat support rifle/shot gun registration requirement in CT	84.3	88.8	81.4	83.5	73.9	90.3	85.6
11. Strongly/somewhat support rifle/shot gun licensing requirement in CT	85.5	89.6	83.7	83.5	77.5	93.8	83.0
12. Gun control laws are...							
Too strict	5.5	2.4	7.4	5.9	10.8	2.8	3.3
About right	12.5	16.0	11.6	10.6	16.2	4.1	19.0
Not tough enough	71.4	73.6	70.2	69.4	66.7	77.2	71.9
13. Legislation ensuring firearms pass safety reviews similar to those required for toys and cars (strongly/somewhat support)	85.9	85.6	85.1	88.2	77.5	91.0	89.5
14. Ban assault weapons (strongly/somewhat support)	83.8	83.2	84.7	81.2	77.5	84.1	86.3
15. Require that manufacturers put child safety locks on all handguns (strongly/somewhat support)	89.1	94.4	87.9	88.2	79.3	94.5	91.5
16. Hold gun owners liable when they allow access to their guns that are later used in crimes (strongly/somewhat support)	81.1	88.0	78.1	76.5	74.8	89.7	79.7

Core Questions	Composite	High School	College	Post Grad	Republican	Democrat	Unaffiliated
17. Require that gun owners report to law enforcement when firearms are stolen (strongly/somewhat support)	97.9	99.2	96.3	100.0	97.3	97.9	98.0
18. Mandatory insurance for firearm owners (strongly/somewhat support)	66.3	75.2	64.7	55.3	63.1	66.9	66.7
20. When children visit friends, do you ask... Yes, ask about guns	3.6	--	5.0	4.0	--	2.0	5.9
Yes, ask if locked	1.2	4.5	--	--	--	4.0	--
Yes, ask both	13.0	11.4	13.0	16.0	5.0	16.0	17.6
21. Restriction on all violent video games at CT arcades for children under 18 (strongly/somewhat support)	74.6	84.8	72.1	69.4	78.4	80.0	68.0
22. Consider candidate's stand on gun safety when voting (very/somewhat strongly)	65.8	69.6	63.3	67.1	70.3	71.7	60.1
23. If a candidate favored firearm registration/licensing/insurance... More likely	59.4	65.6	57.7	56.5	51.4	69.7	61.4
Less likely	10.6	7.2	12.6	10.6	14.4	5.5	12.4
Wouldn't make a difference	27.7	24.8	27.4	30.6	33.3	22.8	23.5
24. Easy access to guns is to blame for shootings like those by D.C. sniper (strongly/somewhat agree)	67.4	71.2	65.1	69.4	56.8	76.6	66.7
25. Support allowing lawsuits against manufacturers/distributors/dealers of guns used in violent crimes	29.3	40.8	24.7	23.5	36.0	29.0	25.5
26. Currently own one or more handguns	11.8	8.8	14.4	10.6	15.3	10.3	11.8
28. Currently own one or more rifles/shot guns	15.7	16.8	19.1	5.9	20.7	11.7	16.3
33. Taken a firearm safety course (of those that have a firearm)	79.3	61.5	85.4	92.3	69.0	84.6	82.8
34. Hunt – yes (of those that have a firearm)	39.8	34.6	47.9	23.1	37.9	50.0	26.7

Core Questions	Composite	High School	College	Post Grad	Republican	Democrat	Unaffiliated
36. Currently a member of the National Rifle Association (of those that have a firearm)	10.2	8.0	9.8	15.3	16.2	9.0	5.9
37. State of CT bans assault weapons (aware)	38.3	31.2	40.9	36.5	55.0	32.4	34.6
38. There are over 200 million privately owned firearms in the U.S. (aware)	40.2	34.4	46.0	31.8	47.7	36.6	39.2
40. Guns kept in home are 22 times more likely to kill a family member in self defense (aware)	72.3	61.6	74.9	78.8	75.7	74.5	67.3
42. Presence of gun in home increases the risk of suicide fivefold (aware)	40.9	43.2	34.4	48.2	45.9	46.9	34.6

CONNECTICUT GUN SAFETY STUDY – CROSSTABULATION CHART

Core Questions	Composite	Hispanic	White	African-American	City	Suburban	Rural
1. Follow gun issues very/somewhat closely	62.8	39.4	68.7	33.3	56.5	63.1	69.3
2. Very/somewhat familiar with current firearm laws	44.3	9.1	47.8	53.3	43.5	43.9	45.6
3. Heard of CT Coalition Against Gun Violence	42.3	48.5	38.1	75.6	57.3	36.4	34.2
4. Heard of CT Collaborative for Education Against Gun Violence	6.9	3.0	5.0	17.8	7.6	5.3	8.8
5. Strongly/somewhat support handgun registration requirement in CT	84.5	81.8	84.4	86.7	90.1	87.7	72.8
7. Strongly/somewhat agree that gun owners should be required to have licenses	92.8	97.0	92.9	86.7	96.2	94.7	86.0
9. Strongly/somewhat support rifle/shot gun registration requirement in CT	84.3	75.8	84.1	86.7	90.1	86.1	74.6
11. Strongly/somewhat support rifle/shot gun licensing requirement in CT	85.5	87.9	84.4	86.7	91.6	89.3	72.8
12. Gun control laws are...							
Too strict	5.5	3.0	3.5	20.0	5.3	4.3	7.0
About right	12.5	3.0	14.2	8.9	12.2	7.5	21.1
Not tough enough	71.4	84.8	71.4	57.8	77.1	76.5	57.0
13. Legislation ensuring firearms pass safety reviews similar to those required for toys and cars (strongly/somewhat support)	85.9	69.7	87.9	84.4	82.4	88.8	85.1
14. Ban assault weapons (strongly/somewhat support)	83.8	75.8	86.1	73.3	81.7	87.2	80.7
15. Require that manufacturers put child safety locks on all handguns (strongly/somewhat support)	89.1	87.9	89.7	88.9	93.1	87.7	86.8
16. Hold gun owners liable when they allow access to their guns that are later used in crimes (strongly/somewhat support)	81.1	84.8	79.9	86.7	84.7	81.3	76.3

Core Questions	Composite	Hispanic	White	African-American	City	Suburban	Rural
17. Require that gun owners report to law enforcement when firearms are stolen (strongly/somewhat support)	97.9	97.0	98.2	97.8	97.7	99.5	95.6
18. Mandatory insurance for firearm owners (strongly/somewhat support)	66.3	84.8	64.0	64.4	70.2	67.4	60.5
20. When children visit friends, do you ask... Yes, ask about guns	3.6	--	4.2	5.3	2.2	3.8	4.8
Yes, ask if locked	1.2	7.7	--	--	4.3	--	--
Yes, ask both	13.0	26.9	11.8	5.3	19.6	16.3	--
21. Restriction on all violent video games at CT arcades for children under 18 (strongly/somewhat support)	74.6	72.7	74.6	80.0	71.8	75.9	75.4
22. Consider candidate's stand on gun safety when voting (very/somewhat strongly)	65.8	63.6	65.5	68.9	71.8	66.3	57.9
23. If a candidate favored firearm registration/licensing/insurance... More likely	59.4	54.5	60.8	57.8	63.4	64.2	47.4
Less likely	10.6	6.1	10.9	13.3	6.1	9.6	17.5
Wouldn't make a difference	27.7	39.4	25.7	28.9	28.2	23.5	33.3
24. Easy access to guns is to blame for shootings like those by D.C. sniper (strongly/somewhat agree)	67.4	69.7	71.4	40.0	67.2	71.7	61.4
25. Support allowing lawsuits against manufacturers/distributors/dealers of guns used in violent crimes	29.3	42.4	25.7	46.7	42.0	24.1	23.7
26. Currently own one or more handguns	11.8	--	13.9	8.9	6.9	10.2	19.3
28. Currently own one or more rifles/shot guns	15.7	3.0	18.6	6.7	12.2	16.0	19.3
33. Taken a firearm safety course (of those that have a firearm)	79.3	--	79.3	100.0	68.8	81.1	81.8
34. Hunt – yes (of those that have a firearm)	39.8	--	37.8	100.0	52.9	40.5	33.3

Core Questions	Composite	Hispanic	White	African-American	City	Suburban	Rural
36. Currently a member of the National Rifle Association (of those that have a firearm)	10.2	--	10.6	17.8	3.8	6.4	23.7
37. State of CT bans assault weapons (aware)	38.3	30.3	39.2	40.0	32.8	40.1	41.2
38. There are over 200 million privately owned firearms in the U.S. (aware)	40.2	15.2	44.5	24.4	37.4	41.7	40.4
40. Guns kept in home are 22 times more likely to kill a family member in self defense (aware)	72.3	51.5	74.6	68.9	73.3	76.5	64.0
42. Presence of gun in home increases the risk of suicide fivefold (aware)	40.9	57.6	40.4	28.9	42.7	43.3	35.1

CONNECTICUT GUN SAFETY STUDY – CROSSTABULATION CHART

Core Questions	Composite	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 to less than \$100,000	\$100,000 or more	Male	Female
1. Follow gun issues very/somewhat closely	62.8	50.4	69.1	63.2	73.1	54.6
2. Very/somewhat familiar with current firearm laws	44.3	41.2	58.3	29.8	60.1	31.7
3. Heard of CT Coalition Against Gun Violence	42.3	49.6	35.3	35.1	41.5	42.9
4. Heard of CT Collaborative for Education Against Gun Violence	6.9	6.1	3.6	5.3	8.8	5.4
5. Strongly/somewhat support handgun registration requirement in CT	84.5	87.0	80.6	87.7	75.6	91.7
7. Strongly/somewhat agree that gun owners should be required to have licenses	92.8	94.7	94.2	93.0	88.1	96.7
9. Strongly/somewhat support rifle/shot gun registration requirement in CT	84.3	88.5	79.9	87.7	75.1	91.7
11. Strongly/somewhat support rifle/shot gun licensing requirement in CT	85.5	90.8	80.6	89.5	77.7	91.7
12. Gun control laws are...						
Too strict	5.5	3.8	5.8	3.5	9.8	2.1
About right	12.5	13.0	14.4	8.8	17.1	8.8
Not tough enough	71.4	74.0	69.8	63.2	68.9	73.3
13. Legislation ensuring firearms pass safety reviews similar to those required for toys and cars (strongly/somewhat support)	85.9	84.0	89.2	84.2	78.8	91.7
14. Ban assault weapons (strongly/somewhat support)	83.8	80.2	87.1	87.7	76.7	89.6
15. Require that manufacturers put child safety locks on all handguns (strongly/somewhat support)	89.1	93.1	87.8	91.2	80.3	96.3
16. Hold gun owners liable when they allow access to their guns that are later used in crimes (strongly/somewhat support)	81.1	87.0	75.5	77.2	73.1	87.5

Core Questions	Composite	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 to less than \$100,000	\$100,000 or more	Male	Female
17. Require that gun owners report to law enforcement when firearms are stolen (strongly/somewhat support)	97.9	97.7	97.8	98.2	96.9	98.8
18. Mandatory insurance for firearm owners (strongly/somewhat support)	66.3	74.0	61.9	59.6	56.0	74.6
20. When children visit friends, do you ask... Yes, ask about guns	3.6	2.3	3.0	10.3	2.6	4.3
Yes, ask if locked	1.2	4.7	--	--	2.6	--
Yes, ask both	13.0	25.6	6.0	10.3	14.5	11.8
21. Restriction on all violent video games at CT arcades for children under 18 (strongly/somewhat support)	74.6	74.0	73.4	70.2	58.5	87.5
22. Consider candidate's stand on gun safety when voting (very/somewhat strongly)	65.8	69.5	61.2	61.4	66.8	65.0
23. If a candidate favored firearm registration/licensing/insurance... More likely	59.4	64.9	62.6	50.9	53.4	64.2
Less likely	10.6	6.9	10.8	8.8	17.1	5.4
Wouldn't make a difference	27.7	27.5	23.0	40.4	28.0	27.5
24. Easy access to guns is to blame for shootings like those by D.C. sniper (strongly/somewhat agree)	67.4	76.3	64.0	66.7	64.8	69.6
25. Support allowing lawsuits against manufacturers/distributors/dealers of guns used in violent crimes	29.3	41.2	15.8	24.6	21.2	35.8
26. Currently own one or more handguns	11.8	7.6	13.7	19.3	14.0	10.0
28. Currently own one or more rifles/shot guns	15.7	17.6	16.5	22.8	20.2	12.1
33. Taken a firearm safety course (of those that have a firearm)	79.3	66.7	89.7	84.2	75.6	83.3
34. Hunt – yes (of those that have a firearm)	39.8	58.3	31.0	47.4	39.1	40.5

Core Questions	Composite	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 to less than \$100,000	\$100,000 or more	Male	Female
36. Currently a member of the National Rifle Association (of those that have a firearm)	10.2	8.4	10.8	12.3	13.5	7.5
37. State of CT bans assault weapons (aware)	38.3	34.4	42.4	36.8	48.7	30.0
38. There are over 200 million privately owned firearms in the U.S. (aware)	40.2	37.4	41.7	45.6	58.0	25.8
40. Guns kept in home are 22 times more likely to kill a family member in self defense (aware)	72.3	64.9	70.5	73.7	69.9	74.2
42. Presence of gun in home increases the risk of suicide fivefold (aware)	40.9	41.2	33.8	38.6	40.9	40.8

CONNECTICUT GUN SAFETY STUDY – CROSSTABULATION CHART

Core Questions	Composite	1 st Congressional District	2 nd Congressional District	3 rd Congressional District	4 th Congressional District	5 th Congressional District
1. Follow gun issues very/somewhat closely	62.8	42.9	79.2	76.1	58.8	52.4
2. Very/somewhat familiar with current firearm laws	44.3	40.3	56.4	44.8	36.3	47.6
3. Heard of CT Coalition Against Gun Violence	42.3	49.4	39.6	37.3	31.3	50.8
4. Heard of CT Collaborative for Education Against Gun Violence	6.9	1.3	9.9	14.9	7.5	1.6
5. Strongly/somewhat support handgun registration requirement in CT	84.5	94.8	69.3	86.6	87.5	82.5
7. Strongly/somewhat agree that gun owners should be required to have licenses	92.8	100.0	85.1	91.0	93.8	95.2
9. Strongly/somewhat support rifle/shot gun registration requirement in CT	84.3	90.9	72.3	86.6	90.0	79.4
11. Strongly/somewhat support rifle/shot gun licensing requirement in CT	85.5	92.2	71.3	79.1	91.3	92.1
12. Gun control laws are...						
Too strict	5.5	10.4	9.9	6.0	1.3	--
About right	12.5	3.9	21.8	11.9	15.0	9.5
Not tough enough	71.4	76.6	57.4	76.1	67.5	85.7
13. Legislation ensuring firearms pass safety reviews similar to those required for toys and cars (strongly/somewhat support)	85.9	88.3	82.2	92.5	86.3	79.4
14. Ban assault weapons (strongly/somewhat support)	83.8	88.3	77.2	89.6	88.8	74.6
15. Require that manufacturers put child safety locks on all handguns (strongly/somewhat support)	89.1	87.0	84.2	91.0	91.3	92.1
16. Hold gun owners liable when they allow access to their guns that are later used in crimes (strongly/somewhat support)	81.1	90.9	78.2	73.1	76.3	95.2

Core Questions	Composite	1 st Congressional District	2 nd Congressional District	3 rd Congressional District	4 th Congressional District	5 th Congressional District
17. Require that gun owners report to law enforcement when firearms are stolen (strongly/somewhat support)	97.9	97.4	94.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
18. Mandatory insurance for firearm owners (strongly/somewhat support)	66.3	76.6	60.4	64.2	66.3	66.7
20. When children visit friends, do you ask... Yes, ask about guns	3.6	7.4	7.0	--	3.1	--
Yes, ask if locked	1.2	--	--	--	--	--
Yes, ask both	13.0	7.4	7.0	9.1	18.8	21.4
21. Restriction on all violent video games at CT arcades for children under 18 (strongly/somewhat support)	74.6	77.9	72.3	61.2	86.3	79.4
22. Consider candidate's stand on gun safety when voting (very/somewhat strongly)	65.8	72.7	63.4	71.6	63.8	58.7
23. If a candidate favored firearm registration/licensing/insurance... More likely	59.4	74.0	56.4	47.8	65.0	52.4
Less likely	10.6	9.1	19.8	10.4	6.3	9.5
Wouldn't make a difference	27.7	14.3	22.8	38.8	26.3	34.9
24. Easy access to guns is to blame for shootings like those by D.C. sniper (strongly/somewhat agree)	67.4	64.9	70.3	59.7	67.5	69.8
25. Support allowing lawsuits against manufacturers/distributors/dealers of guns used in violent crimes	29.3	32.5	20.8	20.9	35.0	44.4
26. Currently own one or more handguns	11.8	14.3	16.8	9.0	6.3	7.9
28. Currently own one or more rifles/shot guns	15.7	10.4	17.8	19.4	15.0	22.2
33. Taken a firearm safety course (of those that have a firearm)	79.3	73.3	95.5	92.9	83.3	42.9
34. Hunt – yes (of those that have a firearm)	39.8	40.0	30.4	42.9	83.3	35.7

Core Questions	Composite	1st Congressional District	2nd Congressional District	3rd Congressional District	4th Congressional District	5th Congressional District
36. Currently a member of the National Rifle Association (of those that have a firearm)	10.2	6.5	22.8	6.0	3.8	4.8
37. State of CT bans assault weapons (aware)	38.3	20.8	49.5	49.3	37.5	44.4
38. There are over 200 million privately owned firearms in the U.S. (aware)	40.2	29.9	56.4	49.3	30.0	46.0
40. Guns kept in home are 22 times more likely to kill a family member in self defense (aware)	72.3	72.7	75.2	83.6	68.8	60.3
42. Presence of gun in home increases the risk of suicide fivefold (aware)	40.9	29.9	42.6	40.3	53.8	34.9