Supplementary Material*


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Supplement. Selected Survey Questions

The next questions are about working firearms. Throughout this survey we use the word gun to refer to any firearm, including pistols, revolvers, shotguns and rifles, but not including air guns, bb guns, starter pistols or paintball guns. By "working guns," we mean guns that are in working order - that is capable of being fired.

Q. Do you or does anyone else you live with currently own any type of gun?  
[YES - NO]

Q. [If yes] Do you personally own a gun?  
[YES - NO]

Q. Are any of the guns owned by you or someone you live with stored in or around your home (including in a garage, outdoor storage area, or motor vehicle)?  
[YES - NO]

Q. In political matters, would you say you are…?  
[LIBERAL - MODERATE – CONSERVATIVE]

Q. At any time when you were growing up were there ever any guns in your home?  
[YES - NO - NO OPINION/DON'T KNOW]

Q. Have you ever had any formal firearms training?  
[YES - NO]

Q. Are you a member of the NRA?  
[YES - NO]

Q. Do you currently work as a…  

We would like to ask for your opinion about a variety of firearm-related issues….

Q. Do you think having a gun in the house makes it a safer place to be or a more dangerous place to be?  
[SAFER - MORE DANGEROUS - IT DEPENDS]

Q. People focus too much on the harms caused by firearms and not enough on the benefits of gun ownership.  
[STRONGLY DISAGREE – DISAGREE - NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE-AGREE - STRONGLY AGREE]

Q. Most people who are critical of gun ownership have never owned a firearm.  
[STRONGLY DISAGREE – DISAGREE - NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE-AGREE - STRONGLY AGREE]
Q. Everyone should have firearms safety training before buying their first gun.

[STRONGLY DISAGREE – DISAGREE - NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE-AGREE - STRONGLY AGREE]

Q. Guns should be stored locked and unloaded with the ammunition stored separately when they are not in use.

[STRONGLY DISAGREE – DISAGREE - NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE-AGREE - STRONGLY AGREE]

Q. Having a gun in the home increases the risk of suicide.

[STRONGLY DISAGREE – DISAGREE - NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE-AGREE - STRONGLY AGREE]

Q. In general, would you think it is never, sometimes, usually or always appropriate for physicians and other health professionals to talk to their patients about…


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Next we’d like to ask you about the types of guns you own. The types of guns we will be asking about are: handguns, long guns, modern sporting rifles, as well as any other types of guns you might own. Please do not include any air guns, bb guns or starter pistols. For each type of gun, please count only those guns that are in working order (can be fired) and count each gun only once.

Q. Of your guns, how many are currently stored...

Q_1. Loaded and unlocked [NUMBER]
Q_2. Loaded and locked up (with a trigger lock, cable lock, in a lock box or in another locked container) [NUMBER]
Q_3. Unloaded and unlocked [NUMBER]
Q_4. Unloaded and locked up [NUMBER]
Q_T. Total [NUMBER]