

University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll – Topline Results
11/21/13
Poll of Iowa Respondents

SAMPLE: 1038 participants, margin of error for full sample is +/- 3 percent. Among these respondents, 32.55 percent were Democrat, 26.72 percent Republican and 34.55 percent Independent. 46.49 percent considered themselves moderate, while 20.92 percent self-identified as liberal and 30.9 percent as conservative.

ABOUT: The Hawkeye Poll was conducted November 10-17, 2013 by the Hawkeye Poll. The poll was conducted by the Hawkeye Poll Cooperative, comprised of UI faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students in political science, with the cooperation and facilities of the Iowa Social Science Research Center, directed by UI Sociology Professor Kevin Leicht. The faculty adviser for the poll is UI Professor of Political Science Frederick J. Boehmke. The poll is a teaching, research and service project of the UI Department of Political Science. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Office of the Provost fund the poll.

The firearm permit questions were written with University of Iowa undergraduate students as part of a class assignment on survey research.

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RESPONDENT IDENTIFICATION: A random sample was acquired with 70% household landline numbers and 30% mobile phone numbers. For households, an initial attempt was made on answering the phone to reach the youngest male who is 18 years or older. All who stated they were over age 18 and willing to participate in the survey were included.

WEIGHTING: Reported results are weighted by sex and age.

QUESTION WORDING: In 2011, Iowa state gun permit laws were changed to allow legally or completely blind people to carry firearms in public. Are in favor or opposed to this change?

3-point party ID

Grant Firearm Permits to the Blind	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Oppose	90.0	76.4	75.8	79.1
Favor	10.0	23.6	24.2	20.9
Total	100	100	100	100

3-point Ideology

Grant Firearm Permits to the Blind	Liberal	In-Between	Conservative	Total
	%	%	%	%

Oppose	87.0	81.3	69.1	78.9
Favor	13.0	18.7	30.9	21.1
Total	100	100	100	100

Age category

Grant Firearm Permits to the Blind	18-34	35-54	55-69	70+	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
Oppose	75.8	78.1	78.1	90.8	79.2
Favor	24.2	21.9	21.9	9.2	20.8
Total	100	100	100	100	100

Perceived sex of respondent

Grant Firearm Permits to the Blind	Male	Female	Total
	%	%	%
Oppose	73.2	84.9	79.2
Favor	26.8	15.1	20.8
Total	100	100	100

Vote in 2012 election

Grant Firearm Permits to the Blind	Did not vote	Voted	Total
	%	%	%
Oppose	74.8	80.4	79.2
Favor	25.2	19.6	20.8
Total	100	100	100

Guns present in respondent's home

Grant Firearm Permits to the Blind	No guns in household	Someone else owns a gun	I own a gun	Total
	%	%	%	%
Oppose	87.8	73.2	73.8	79.9
Favor	12.2	26.8	26.2	20.1
Total	100	100	100	100

Work in agriculture

Grant Firearm Permits to the Blind	No	Yes	Total
	%	%	%
Oppose	82.2	68.3	79.2
Favor	17.8	31.7	20.8
Total	100	100	100

Education

Grant Firearm Permits to the Blind	< High School	High School	Vocational	Some College	4 yr degree	Post-Grad work	Total
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Oppose	91.4	80.9	74.6	71.3	84.6	83.8	79.2
Favor	8.6	19.1	25.4	28.7	15.4	16.2	20.8
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Frequency of religious service attendance

Grant Firearm Permits to the Blind	Never	Seldom	Once or twice a year	Few times a year	Once a week	More than once a week	Total
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Oppose	70.2	78.7	80.0	85.8	79.2	83.9	79.2
Favor	29.8	21.3	20.0	14.2	20.8	16.1	20.8
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

QUESTION WORDING: Do you or anyone else in your household own a gun?

3-point party ID

Guns Present in Household	Other	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
No guns in household	32.0	51.1	39.2	42.3	43.9
Someone else owns a gun	19.1	18.7	15.9	22.3	19.2
I own a gun	48.9	30.2	44.9	35.4	36.9
Total	100	100	100	100	100

Interest in government and politics

Guns Present in Household	Not interested	Very interested	Total
	%	%	%
No guns in household	59.0	42.8	43.7
Someone else owns a gun	27.5	18.6	19.1
I own a gun	13.5	38.7	37.2
Total	100	100	100

Age category

Guns Present in Household	18-34	35-54	55-69	70+	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
No guns in household	45.8	40.2	40.4	52.7	43.7
Someone else owns a gun	25.8	19.7	14.8	10.0	19.1
I own a gun	28.4	40.0	44.8	37.3	37.2
Total	100	100	100	100	100

Perceived sex of respondent

Guns Present in Household	Male	Female	Total
	%	%	%
No guns in household	37.3	49.8	43.7
Someone else owns a gun	7.2	30.4	19.1
I own a gun	55.5	19.7	37.2
Total	100	100	100

Community type

Guns Present in Household	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Total
	%	%	%	%
No guns in household	51.9	48.7	34.1	43.2
Someone else owns a gun	20.1	14.4	22.3	19.5
I own a gun	28.0	36.9	43.5	37.3
Total	100	100	100	100

Voted in 2012 election

Guns Present in Household	Did not vote	Voted	Total
	%	%	%
No guns in household	45.6	43.4	43.8
Someone else owns a gun	21.0	18.4	18.9
I own a gun	33.4	38.2	37.3
Total	100	100	100

QUESTION WORDING: Do you favor or oppose a federal law requiring background checks on all potential gun buyers?

3-point party ID

Requiring background checks	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
Favor	91.9	84.9	91.7	82.9	89.5
Oppose	8.1	15.1	8.3	17.1	10.5
Total	100	100	100	100	100

Community type

Requiring background	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Total
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	%	%	%	%
Favor	93.7	87.7	89.8	90.3
Oppose	6.3	12.3	10.2	9.7
Total	100	100	100	100

Guns present in respondent's home

Requiring background checks	No guns in household	Someone else owns a gun	I own a gun	Total
	%	%	%	%
Favor	91.3	89.6	87.6	89.6
Oppose	8.7	10.4	12.4	10.4
Total	100	100	100	100

QUESTION WORDING: In general, do you think gun control laws should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

3-point party ID

Changes in gun control laws	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
More strict	64.4	27.6	40.4	17.4	43.7
Less strict	5.4	20.5	14.6	38.0	14.5
Kept the same	30.2	51.8	44.9	44.5	41.8
Total	100	100	100	100	100

Community type

Changes in gun control laws	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Total
	%	%	%	%
More strict	49.0	49.0	36.6	43.5
Less strict	16.8	11.7	15.2	14.7
Kept the same	34.1	39.4	48.2	41.8
Total	100	100	100	100

Guns in the respondent's home

Changes in gun control laws	No guns in household	Someone else owns a gun	I own a gun	Total
	%	%	%	%
More strict	59.0	34.5	31.4	44.0
Less strict	9.4	11.4	20.4	13.9
Kept the same	31.6	54.1	48.2	42.1
Total	100	100	100	100

Changes in gun control laws	%
More strict	43.4
Less strict	14.3
Kept the same	42.2
Total	100

Requiring background checks	%
Favor	89.6
Oppose	10.4
Total	100