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NH VOTERS WANT GUN RESTRICTIONS

New England College Poll Shows Overwhelming Support for Tougher Laws

Henniker, NH- As the President and Congressional leaders begin a new debate over the issue of gun control, New Hampshire voters are speaking with a clear and unmistakable voice. In a poll this week, conducted by New England College, there is overwhelming support for greater gun control measures.

A New England College poll of 656 registered voters from the NEC Center for Civic Engagement show that a strong majority of voters support an assault weapons ban in New Hampshire (72% to 24%).

The poll conducted between January 21 and 22, 2013 by telephone showed some difference in opinion among men and women but men still overwhelmingly approved the idea (64% to 34%) as did women (80% to 16%). The margin of error in this poll is 3.82%

In a related question voters were asked about a national proposal for universal background checks for gun purchases voters overwhelmingly approved the idea (88% to 10%).

"New Hampshire voters show surprisingly strong support for these gun control moves," says Director of the NEC Poll, Dr. Ben Tafoya. "There are deep and lasting effects on the public from the heightened level of sensitivity toward these issues in light of the tragic shootings in Newtown, CT. We have seen in this NEC poll and other numbers from other organizations strong national support for increased efforts to restrict access to assault weapons and guns in general by those who do not pass background checks. The numbers of voters in support of universal background checks are so high as to make demographic examination worthless. It is difficult to imagine the voting public has a great consensus on anything than they show on this issue."

For more information on the poll please contact the NEC Poll Director, Ben Tafoya at 781-315-5920 or via email at btafoya@nec.edu

Should there be a ban on assault weapons in New Hampshire?

Margin of error = 3.82%

Frequency Percent			Men Women	
Strongly Support	383	58%	Strongly Support	49% 65%
Somewhat Support	95	14%	Somewhat Support	15% 15%
Not Sure	25	4%	Not Sure	2% 4%
Somewhat Oppose	37	6%	Somewhat Oppose	5% 6%
Strongly Oppose	116	18%	Strongly Oppose	29% 10%
Total	656	100%	Total	100% 100%

There is a national proposal for universal gun background checks for gun sales through dealers, shows, and private individuals.

Do you support the idea of universal background checks for gun purchases?

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Frequency Percent		
Strongly Support	517	79%
Somewhat Support	58	9%
Not Sure	12	2%
Somewhat Oppose	35	5%
Strongly Oppose	34	5%
Total	656	100%