

Gun Owners Poll



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Gun owners **support** common-sense public safety measures – in contrast to **public perception**.



- Gun owners – including significant majorities of NRA members – support laws **protecting public safety**.

- Gun owners believe **personal freedom** and **public safety** can – and should – coexist.

Gun owners believe 2nd Amendment rights and public safety laws can coexist.

Support for 2nd Amendment rights goes hand-in-hand with keeping illegal guns out of the hands of criminals.



| Total | Non-NRA | NRA | |
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| 85% | 83% | 87% | AGREE |
| 10% | 9% | 12% | DISAGREE |

Gun owners' **knowledge of existing laws** is tenuous.

Over half (53%) of non-NRA members and 57% of NRA members believe the statement, "Everyone who wants to buy a gun has to pass a background check to complete the purchase" is true.

They're wrong.



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| 82% | 87% | 74% | Requiring a criminal background check of anyone purchasing a gun. |
| 80% | 80% | 79% | Requiring gun retailers to perform background checks on all employees to ensure they are not felons. |

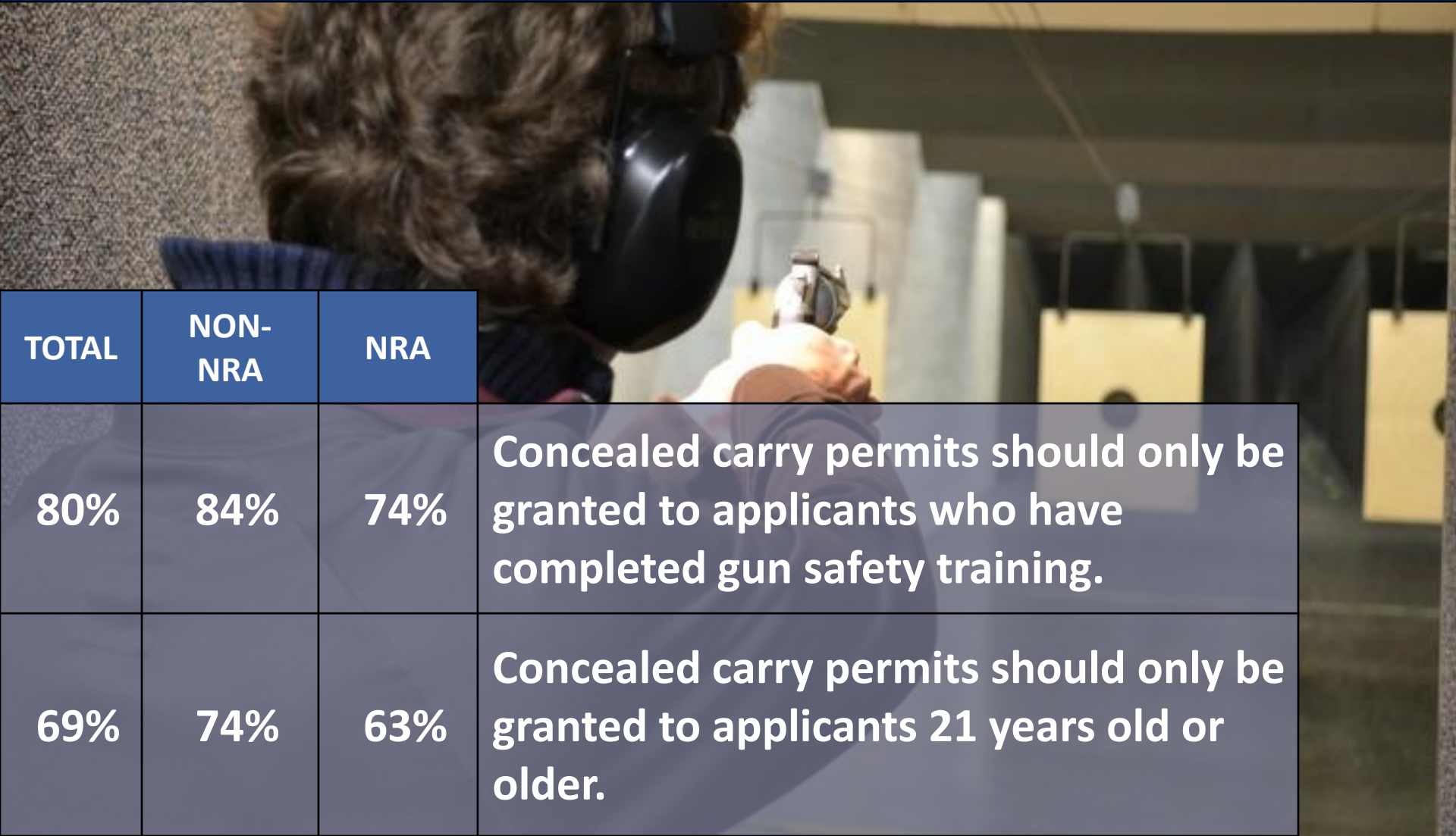


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| 76% | 80% | 71% | Prohibiting people on the terrorist watch list from purchasing guns. |
| 68% | 71% | 64% | A proposal requiring gun owners to alert police if their guns are lost or stolen. |

Gun owners support common-sense standards for who should carry a concealed, loaded weapon in public.



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|-------|---------|-----|--|
| 80% | 84% | 74% | Concealed carry permits should only be granted to applicants who have completed gun safety training. |
| 69% | 74% | 63% | Concealed carry permits should only be granted to applicants 21 years old or older. |

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| | 78% | 81% | 75% | Concealed carry permits should only be granted to applicants who have NOT committed any violent misdemeanors, such as assault. |
| | 73% | 78% | 68% | Concealed carry permits should only be granted to applicants who do NOT have prior arrests for domestic violence. |

Methodology

We polled 945 gun owners nationwide (margin of error \pm 3%) in May 2012.

The sample was divided evenly by gun owners who were current or lapsed members of the NRA, and non-NRA gun owners.



it's not what you **say**

it's what people **hear**

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