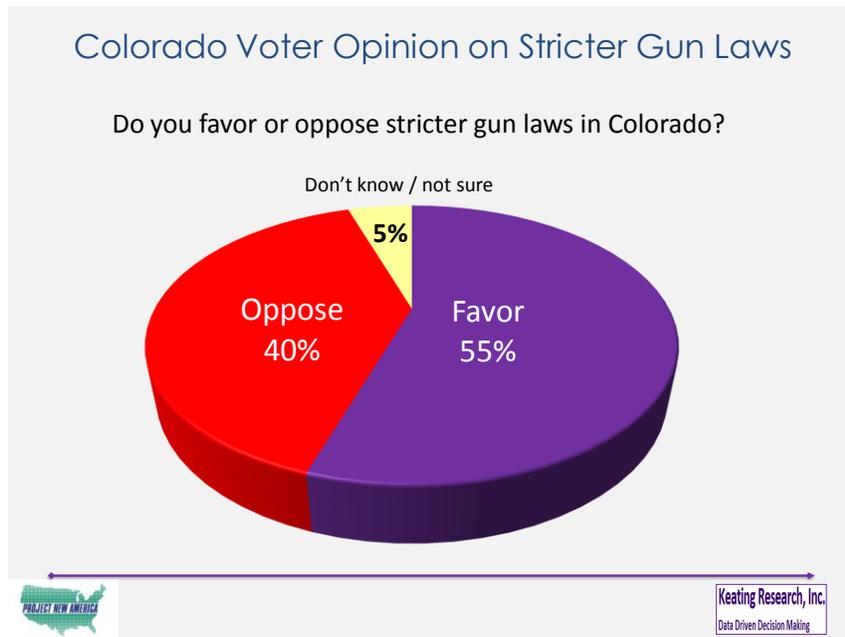


To: Project New America
Date: January 18, 2012
From: Chris Keating, Keating Research, Inc.
Re: Colorado Voters Favor Stricter Gun Laws

In the first Colorado poll following the tragic Sandy Hook Elementary shooting, a majority 55% of Colorado voters say they favor stricter gun laws, while 40% oppose stricter gun laws.



These results are based on a question from a Keating Research/Project New America live telephone poll of Colorado voters conducted December 17-20, 2012.

Across subgroups voters are more likely to favor stricter gun laws in Colorado:

- Hispanic (71% favor – 23% oppose) and White (52% favor – 44% oppose);
- Younger age 18-49 (54% favor – 42% oppose) and older age 50+ (55% favor – 38% oppose);
- Women (61% favor – 34% oppose) more than men (49% favor – 47% oppose).

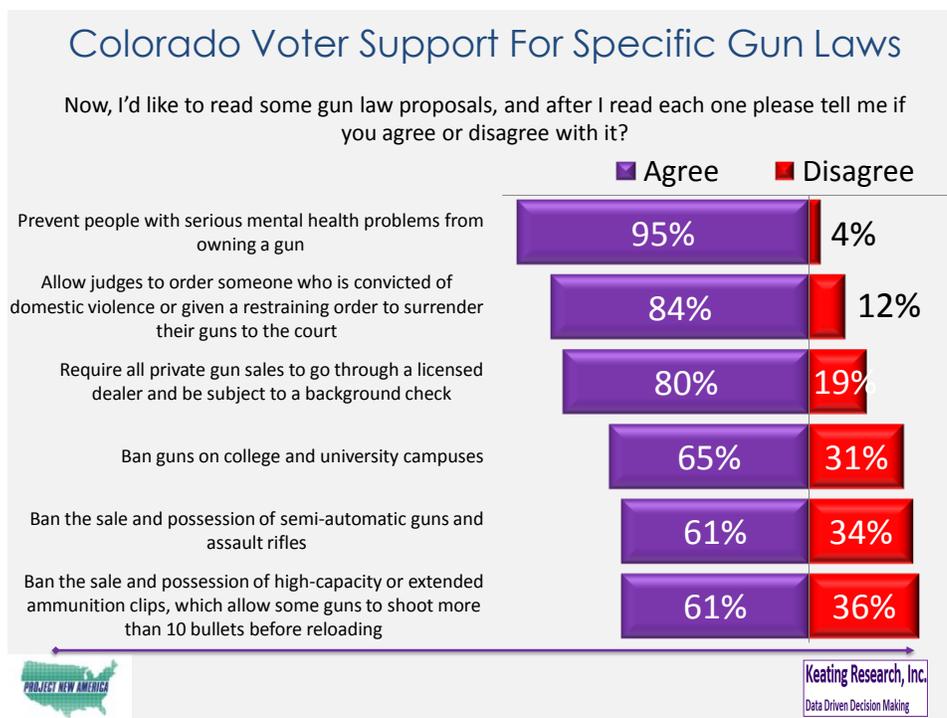
Colorado support for stricter gun laws remains a partisan issue here in Colorado with majority support from Democrats (75% favor – 18% oppose) and Unaffiliated (59% favor – 39% oppose), while Republicans (33% favor – 61% oppose) are more likely to oppose stricter gun laws.

In this same poll we also asked if Colorado voters agree or disagree on six different specific gun law proposals. Here we find that Colorado voters overwhelmingly agree with gun proposals to prevent guns from getting in the hands of criminals and those with mental health problems.

- Near universal agreement with *preventing people with serious mental health problems from owning a gun*: 95% agree – 4% disagree.
- More than 8-of-10 voters agree with *allowing judges to order someone who is convicted of domestic violence or given a restraining order to surrender their guns to the court*: 84% agree – 12% disagree.
- 8-of-10 voters agree with *requiring all private gun sales to go through a licensed dealer and be subject to a background check*: 80% agree – 19% disagree.

We also find that strong majorities of Colorado voters agree with banning guns on college campuses, as well as banning semi-automatic guns and assault rifles and high capacity ammunition clips.

- Nearly 2-of-3 voters agree with *banning guns on college and university campuses*: 65% agree – 31% disagree.
- 6-of-10 voters agree with *banning the sale and possession of semi-automatic guns and assault rifles*: 61% agree – 34% disagree.
- 6-of-10 voters agree with *banning the sale and possession of high-capacity or extended ammunition clips, which allow some guns to shoot more than 10 bullets before reloading*: 61% agree – 36% disagree.



Keating Research is recognized by Democrats and Republicans as providing extremely accurate polling in Colorado. This polling data is based on 905 live telephone interviews conducted December 17-20, 2012 among voters statewide in Colorado. For a sample of 905 interviews the worst case margin of error at the 95% level is plus or minus 3.3%. Respondents were chosen at random from a list of voters with phone numbers, including cell phones. This sample accurately represents Colorado voters statewide by political affiliation, gender, ethnicity and region.