

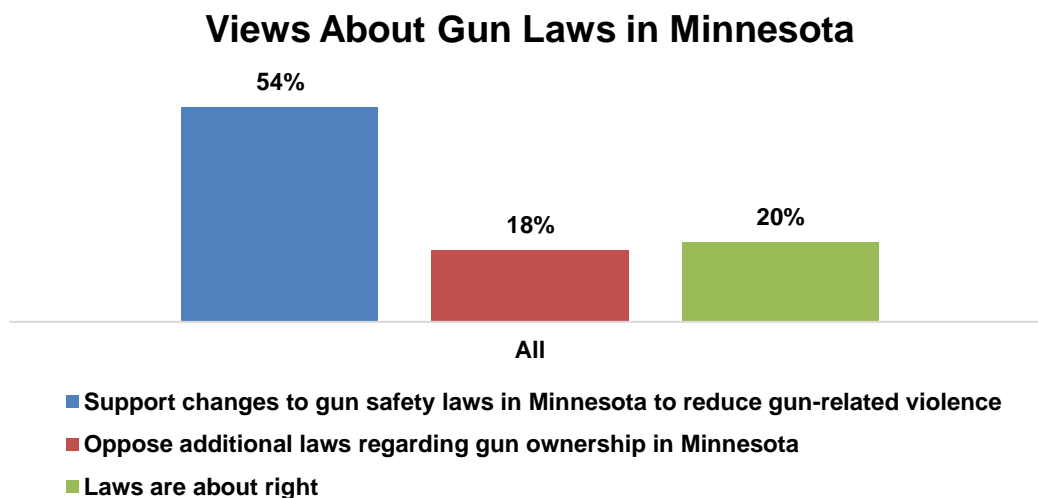
To: Interested Parties  
Fr: Expedition Strategies  
Re: MN Gun Safety Poll Results  
Date: February 9, 2023

*This report covers the results of our recent poll.<sup>1</sup> Expedition Strategies conducted a statewide poll of 1,300 likely voters, which was weighted to the likely 2024 general election electorate.*

## Key Findings

- 1. A majority of Minnesota voters support changes to gun safety laws in the state to reduce gun-related violence.**

*Question: Which is closer to your view of laws regarding gun ownership in Minnesota? Those who say they... or are laws around gun ownership about right in Minnesota?*

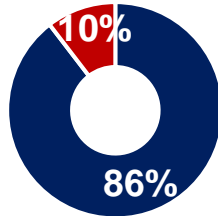


<sup>1</sup> This report covers the results of our research: 1300 total interviews in Minnesota with a sample of likely 2022 general election voters (900 interviews statewide and 100 interviews each in SDs 3, 4, 14, and 41). The interviews were conducted January 21-29, 2023. The margin of error for overall results is  $\pm 2.72\%$  and higher among subgroups.

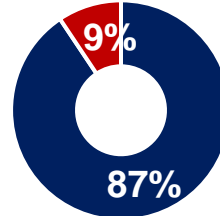
**2. There is widespread support for goals that would keep guns out of the hands of children, criminals, and those who pose a threat to themselves or others.**

Question: Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose:

**Children**

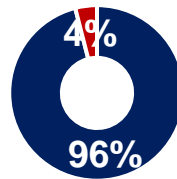


**Criminals**



■ Total Support ■ Total Oppose      ■ Total Support ■ Total Oppose

**Pose a Threat**



■ Total Support ■ Total Oppose

**Text of Goals**

**Children**

Keeping guns out of the hands of children.

**Criminals**

Making it harder for criminals to get guns.

**Pose a Threat (Extreme Risk Protection Orders)**

Keeping guns out of the hands of people who pose a threat to themselves or others, or people who are exhibiting signs of a mental health crisis.

- More than three-quarters of Independents, Republicans and gun owners support keeping guns out of the hands of children, criminals, and those who pose a threat to themselves or others.

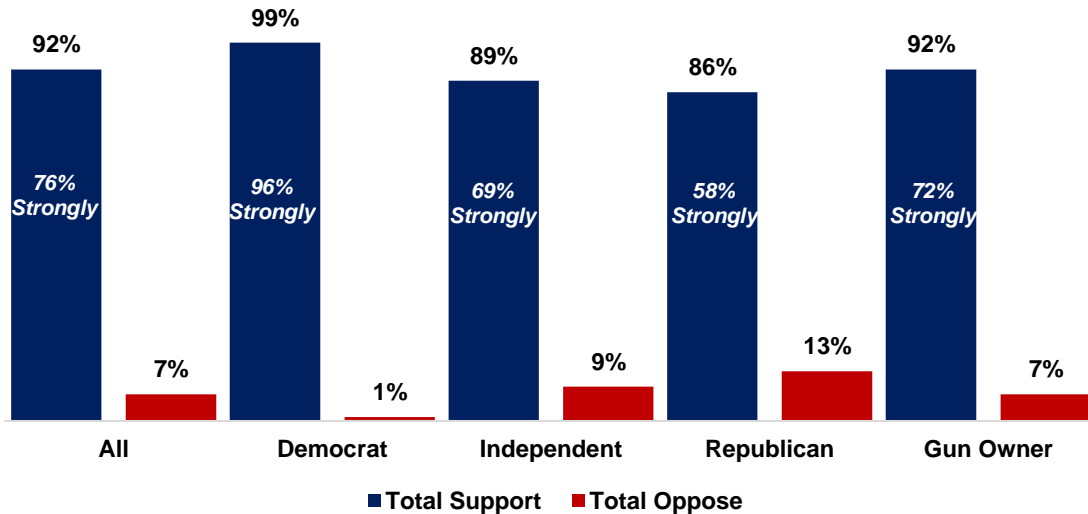
**Goals by Party and Gun Owners**

% Total Support / Total Oppose	Democrats	Independents	Republicans	Gun Owners
<b>Children</b>	97/2	82/13	77/16	84/13
<b>Criminals</b>	96/3	83/12	80/14	84/13
<b>Pose a Threat (Extreme Risk Protection Orders)</b>	98/1	81/11	79/20	88/10

**3. There is widespread and intense support for requiring a background check for all firearms sold in Minnesota. This includes support across all parties and among gun owners.**

*Question: Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose requiring a background check for all firearms sold in Minnesota?*

### Support for Universal Background Checks



- Among supporters of background checks, a majority say they support requiring them because they keep guns out of the hands of criminals, so they should apply to all sales.

*Question: Why do you support requiring a background check for all firearms sold in Minnesota, including those sold online or by private sellers? [ASKED IF SUPPORT UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS]*

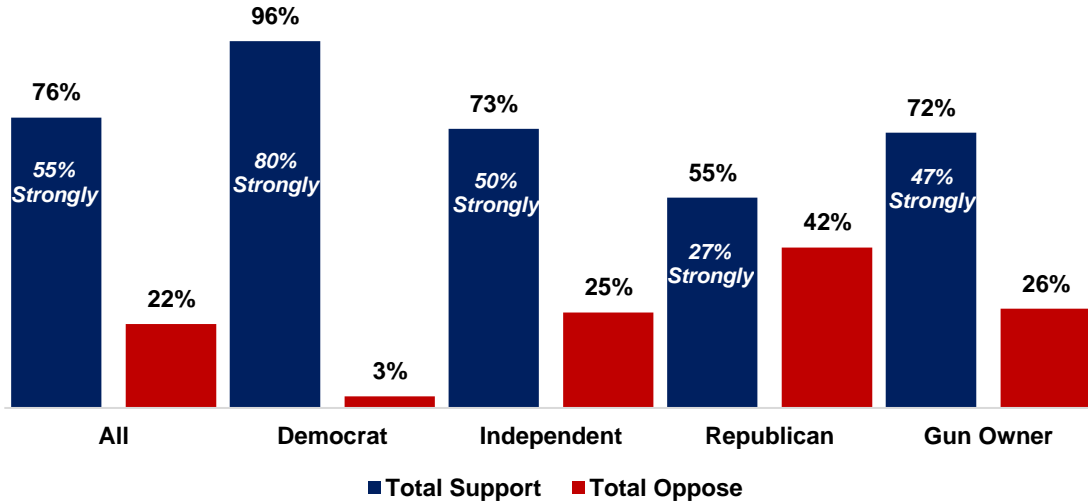
#### Why Support Background Checks

Why do you support requiring a background check for all firearms sold in Minnesota, including those sold online or by private sellers? [ASKED IF SUPPORT UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS]	
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Background checks help keep guns out of the hands of criminals, so the system should apply to all sales.	59
Criminals benefit from the loophole, so it should be closed.	21
Increasingly, sales are online, so it does not make sense to exempt those sales.	16
Don't know	5

4. When given a short description, three-quarters say they support “Extreme Risk Protection Order” laws; even a majority of Republicans say they support such laws.

Question: Red Flag laws allow courts to temporarily remove guns from someone who is openly considering harming themselves or others. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose enacting a Red Flag law in Minnesota?

### Support for Extreme Risk Protection Order Laws



5. Creating and funding community violence intervention programs in Minnesota has two-thirds support across parties and among gun owners.

### Support for Community Violence Intervention Programs

	All Voters	Democrats	Independents	Republicans	Gun Owners
% Strongly Support	50	77	43	22	40
% Total Support	83	98	78	58	77
% Total Oppose	18	1	19	37	20

## Conclusions

There are goals that unite Minnesotans when it comes to reducing gun-related violence – specifically keeping guns out of the hands of children, criminals, and people who pose a threat to themselves or others. Those shared goals lead to widespread and intense support for passing universal background checks, extreme risk protection order laws, and making our community safer by creating and funding community violence intervention programs. These goals and policies have support across party lines and among gun owners. If the Minnesota State Legislature acts to make our communities safer by passing these laws, it will be doing so with broad support from the public.