Gun Reform is Wildly Popular

The vast majority of Wisconsinites and Americans support stronger gun laws. Polls consistently show that support for some lifesaving gun laws tops 80%.

Background Checks on All Gun Sales
- 87% of Wisconsinites support universal background checks.[1]
- This makes background checks more popular than beer or cheese.[2]
- A June 2022 poll by Quinnipiac University revealed that 92 percent of Americans support background checks for all buyers, calling this number "near unanimous."[3]

Extreme Risk Laws
- A Marquette Law School poll from May 2023 shows that 85% of Americans want extreme risk laws, including 83% of gun owning households.[4]
- Wisconsinites are no different; 81% support extreme risk laws.[5]

Disarming Domestic Abusers
- 81% of people support temporarily removing guns from someone subject to a domestic violence restraining order.
- 79% of gun owners polled support this policy.[6]

Arming School Staff
- Most Americans do not favor arming teachers and school administrators, even if the law requires them to be trained.[7]
- Only 20% of educators believe schools would be safer if teachers carried guns.[8]

Reducing Gun Violence
- In an AP/NORC national poll conducted in August of 2023, 78% of respondents said reducing gun violence is extremely or very important.[9]
- 85% of Americans say it's extremely or very important to them to prevent mass shootings. This includes 81% of Republicans.[10]

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