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Memo To Interested Parties
 Memo From SurveyUSA
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 Subject **Missouri Likely Voters Strongly Oppose Concealed Carry Without a Permit;
 Do Not Want Any Felons in the State to Be Allowed to Own a Gun**

Likely voters in Missouri are overwhelmingly opposed to proposals that would allow felons to own guns and make it legal for people to carry concealed handguns in public without a permit, according to a SurveyUSA opinion poll conducted earlier this month on behalf of Everytown for Gun Safety. The findings come at a time when Missouri lawmakers are considering legislation that would change state law to allow certain felons to own guns, and would repeal Missouri's existing requirement to obtain a permit to carry concealed weapons in public.

Missouri Voters Oppose Allowing Felons to Have Guns

Sixty-three percent of likely voters in the state of Missouri say no felons should be allowed to own a gun. Opposition exists across all subgroups, including:

- 56% of people who identify as "conservative," 64% of "moderates," and 73% of "liberals";
- 66% of voters who live in a household where at least one person owns a gun;
- 62% of voters who live in a household where at least one person has a permit to carry a concealed weapon;
- Voters from all regions of the state, including 69% in the Kansas City region and 68% in the "collar counties" of St. Louis (St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and Jefferson County).

Voters are also much less likely to vote for a candidate for office who supports allowing certain MO felons to be allowed to own a gun, with 55% of likely voters saying they would be less likely to vote for that candidate;

1 Currently in Missouri, a person convicted of a felony crime may not own a gun. Some want to change this law, and allow certain Missouri felons to own a gun. What do you think? Should some convicted felons be allowed to own a gun? Or should no felons be allowed to own a gun?

515 1/2 Split Sample	All	Ideology			Gun-Ownng House		CCW Household?		Region					
		Conserva	Moderate	Liberal	Yes	No	Yes	No	Northern	Kansas C	Southwes	St. Loui	Collar C	Southeas
Margin of Sampling Error: ± 4.3%														
Some Convicted Felons Should Be Allowed	27%	39%	25%	11%	28%	27%	31%	27%	26%	22%	37%	25%	25%	31%
No Felons Should Be Allowed	63%	56%	64%	73%	66%	59%	62%	64%	67%	69%	51%	51%	68%	65%
Not Sure	10%	5%	11%	16%	6%	14%	8%	8%	7%	9%	11%	24%	7%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of 1/2 Split Sample	100%	33%	43%	17%	52%	43%	25%	69%	14%	21%	19%	11%	27%	8%



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2 Let's say a candidate for office wanted certain felons to be allowed to own a gun. Would you be more likely to vote for that candidate? Less likely? Or, would it not make a difference in your vote?

1013 Likely Voters	All	Ideology			Gun-Ownng House		CCW Household?		Region						
		Conserva	Moderate	Liberal	Yes	No	Yes	No	Northern	Kansas C	Southwes	St. Loui	Collar C	Southeas	
Margin of Sampling Error: ± 3.1%															
More Likely	13%	20%	10%	8%	15%	10%	15%	12%	12%	12%	21%	10%	9%	12%	
Less Likely	55%	43%	57%	73%	50%	59%	48%	57%	52%	58%	41%	54%	62%	55%	
Make No Difference	24%	29%	24%	14%	27%	21%	31%	21%	26%	17%	28%	31%	22%	28%	
Not Sure	9%	8%	10%	5%	7%	9%	7%	9%	9%	13%	9%	5%	7%	5%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	33%	42%	19%	51%	43%	25%	69%	15%	20%	19%	10%	28%	10%	

Missouri Voters Support Concealed Carry Permit System, Overwhelmingly Oppose Concealed Carry Without a Permit

Regarding Missouri's current requirement to obtain a permit to carry a concealed weapon in public, voters are content with the existing law. Sixty-three percent of likely voters statewide support the current law, which allows people to carry concealed handguns in public if they have a permit to do so.

However, the tables are turned when voters are asked whether Missourians should be allowed to carry a concealed weapon without a permit. Voters overwhelmingly oppose changing Missouri law to allow people to carry concealed handguns without a permit, including:

- 76% of likely voters statewide (51% strongly oppose);
- 60% of self-identified conservatives;
- 72% of voters in gun-owning households;
- 72% of voters in concealed carry permit households; and
- 83% of voters in the St Louis collar counties.

Sixty-three percent of voters statewide - including a majority of gun owners and concealed-carry permit owners - would be more likely to vote against a candidate for public office who supported changing Missouri law to make it legal to carry a concealed weapon without a permit.

3 Do you ... strongly support? Support? Oppose? Or strongly oppose ... allowing people to carry concealed handguns in public places if they have a permit to do so?

1013 Likely Voters	All	Ideology			Gun-Ownng House		CCW Household?		Region					
		Conserva	Moderate	Liberal	Yes	No	Yes	No	Northern	Kansas C	Southwes	St. Loui	Collar C	Southeas
Margin of Sampling Error: ± 3.1%														
Strongly Support	38%	58%	33%	17%	47%	25%	56%	32%	45%	32%	45%	29%	37%	41%
Support	25%	24%	31%	20%	29%	21%	31%	24%	29%	25%	21%	25%	27%	22%
Oppose	15%	9%	14%	23%	9%	23%	6%	18%	14%	17%	11%	19%	15%	16%
Strongly Oppose	18%	5%	18%	40%	13%	25%	6%	22%	6%	24%	19%	21%	17%	17%
Not Sure	4%	4%	4%	1%	2%	6%	2%	5%	5%	3%	4%	5%	4%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	33%	42%	19%	51%	43%	25%	69%	15%	20%	19%	10%	28%	10%



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4 Do you ... strongly support? Support? Oppose? Or strongly oppose ... a law that would allow people to carry concealed handguns in public places without a permit?

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Margin of Sampling Error: ± 3.1%		Conserva	Moderate	Liberal	Yes	No	Yes	No	Northern	Kansas C	Southwes	St. Loui	Collar C	Southeast
Strongly Support	11%	21%	7%	3%	13%	9%	14%	10%	13%	12%	18%	7%	6%	10%
Support	8%	13%	7%	2%	11%	5%	12%	6%	8%	9%	7%	9%	8%	10%
Oppose	25%	30%	23%	17%	26%	24%	28%	25%	23%	20%	31%	26%	26%	26%
Strongly Oppose	51%	30%	59%	77%	46%	59%	44%	54%	48%	54%	40%	57%	57%	50%
Not Sure	4%	6%	4%	1%	4%	3%	2%	5%	7%	5%	4%	1%	3%	3%
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Composition of Likely Voters	100%	33%	42%	19%	51%	43%	25%	69%	15%	20%	19%	10%	28%	10%

5 Let's say a candidate for office wanted to allow Missourians to carry concealed handguns without a permit in public places. Would you be more likely to vote for that candidate? Less likely? Or, would it not make a difference in your vote?

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Make No Difference	16%	20%	15%	7%	18%	12%	21%	14%	16%	13%	14%	20%	17%	14%
Not Sure	7%	7%	6%	9%	8%	5%	4%	7%	5%	10%	8%	2%	7%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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About: SurveyUSA interviewed 1,225 adults in the state of Missouri 04/06/15 through 04/13/15. Of the adults, 1,068 were registered to vote. Of the registered voters, 1,013 were determined by SurveyUSA to be likely to vote in the 2016 general election. Of the 1,013 likely general election voters, 428 were judged to be likely to vote in the MO Republican Primary, 431 were judged to be likely to vote in the MO Democratic Primary. This research was conducted using blended sample, mixed mode. Respondents reachable on a home telephone were interviewed on their home telephone in the recorded voice of a professional announcer. Respondents not reachable on a home telephone were shown a questionnaire on their smartphone, tablet or other electronic device.