

Final Frequencies (n=600)
ILLINOIS STATEWIDE SURVEY
March 23-27, 2011

Hello. This is (caller name). I'm calling for _____. I would like to speak with (NAME ON LIST). (IF NOT HOME, SCHEDULE CALL BACK. YOU MAY SPEAK TO ANOTHER RESPONDENT ONLY IF NAME IS ON LIST) We are conducting a public opinion survey and I would like to ask you some questions. We are not selling anything, and I will not ask you for a contribution or donation. First, are you registered to vote at this address? **[IF NO, TERMINATE AND MARK TQ1 ON SAMPLE SHEET]**

[RECORD, BUT DO NOT ASK, GENDER:]

male..... 46
female..... 54

1. How likely would you say you are to vote in the November 2012 general election for President, Congress and other political offices -- are you almost certain to vote in the election, very likely, about 50-50, not too likely, not at all likely, or aren't you sure?

almost certain 86
very likely..... 14
about 50-50 **[TERMINATE]**
not too likely **[TERMINATE]**
not at all likely..... **[TERMINATE]**
dk/not sure..... **[TERMINATE]**

Overall, do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression of _____? **[READ NAME FROM LIST BELOW]** If you haven't heard of the person or group **{6}**, or if you don't know enough about that person or group to have an impression, **{5}**, just say so and we will move on.

	very fav	smwt fav	smwt unfav	very unfav	don't know	never heard
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[ROTATE BY QUESTION Q.2-Q.4]

2.	__The NRA or National Rifle Association.....	32	19	10	20	16	2
3.	__Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence.....	30	19	3	7	20	21
4.	__Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence.....	28	14	5	10	21	22

[SPLIT SAMPLE A]

5. Do you feel that laws covering the sale and possession of firearms should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now? **[IF MORE/LESS ASK:]** Is that much (more/less) or somewhat (more/less)?

Much more strict 49 **58**
Somewhat more strict..... 10
Kept as are now 28
Somewhat less strict..... 5
Much less strict 4 **9**
[VOL] Undecided/Don't know..... 4

[SPLIT SAMPLE B]

6. In general, do you feel that gun control laws should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now? **[IF MORE/LESS ASK:]** Is that much (more/less) or somewhat (more/less)?

Much more strict	43	52
Somewhat more strict.....	9	
Kept as are now	27	
Somewhat less strict.....	7	
Much less strict	11	18
[VOL] Undecided/Don't know	3	

[SPLIT SAMPLE A]

7. Currently Illinois law does not allow people, other than law enforcement personnel, to carry concealed, loaded handguns in public places. Do you favor or oppose changing the law in order to allow private citizens, not working for law enforcement, to carry concealed, loaded handguns in public places in Illinois, or don't you have an opinion about this? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:]** Is that (favor/oppose) strongly or not so strongly?

Favor, strongly	25	29
Favor, not so strongly.....	4	
[VOL] Undecided	4	
Oppose, not so strongly.....	9	
Oppose, strongly	56	65
[VOL] Don't know	2	

[SPLIT SAMPLE B]

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Favor, strongly	30	34
Favor, not so strongly.....	5	
[VOL] Undecided	8	
Oppose, not so strongly.....	5	
Oppose, strongly	51	56
[VOL] Don't know	2	

[RESUME ASKING EVERYONE]

9. If Illinois did change the law to allow people who are of age, take gun safety classes and pass background checks to carry loaded concealed handguns in public places, which would you prefer?

[ROTATE STATEMENTS]

Statement A: Law enforcement should decide who would and who would not qualify to get a permit to carry a concealed handgun, based on their evaluation of the danger that individual represents and on the individual's stated reason for needing to carry a concealed handgun.

OR

Statement B: Anyone who is of age, passes a criminal background check, and attends gun safety classes should be able to get a permit to carry a concealed handgun in public places.

[IF STATEMENT A/B, ASK:] Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Statement A, strongly.....	49	59
Statement A, not so strongly	10	
Statement B, not so strongly	8	
Statement B, strongly	22	30
[VOL] Not sure/DK.....	11	

10. If your state representative supported a proposal to allow carrying of concealed handguns in Illinois would that make you feel more favorably toward them, less favorably or would it make no difference to how you feel about your state representative?

[IF MORE/ LESS ASK:] Is that much **[MORE/LESS]** or somewhat **[MORE/LESS]** favorable?

Much more favorable.....	18	25
Somewhat more favorable	7	
No difference	32	
Somewhat less favorable.....	22	
Much less favorable	22	43

11. If your state representative opposed a proposal to allow the carrying of concealed handguns in Illinois would that make you feel more favorably toward them, less favorably or would it make no difference to how you feel about your state representative?

[IF MORE/ LESS ASK:] Is that much **[MORE/LESS]** or somewhat **[MORE/LESS]** favorable?

Much more favorable.....	31	43
Somewhat more favorable	11	
No difference	37	
Somewhat less favorable.....	11	
Much less favorable	9	21

[SPLIT SAMPLE A]

12. Now I am going to tell you what supporters and opponents have to say about this issue:

[ROTATE STATEMENTS]

___ **Supporters** of the proposal say that because everyone has a right to defend themselves and a Constitutional right to bear arms, everyone who is of age, passes a criminal background check and attends gun safety classes should be able to get a permit to carry a concealed weapon in public places. They say citizens in every state except two are already allowed to carry concealed weapons and law-abiding citizens in Illinois ought to have the same rights as the vast majority of U.S. citizens, to defend themselves and their families against crime, which will be reduced if criminals don't know who is armed.

___ **Opponents** of the proposal say it will endanger ordinary citizens by allowing people with no connection to law enforcement to carry concealed, loaded handguns in sensitive places like schools, parks, government buildings, places of worship, and public gatherings where families and children congregate. They say that in other states, thousands of convicted criminals have been able to legally get a permit to carry concealed, loaded handguns. Over the last few years, hundreds of people have been killed by those legally carrying concealed, loaded handguns, including victims of a number of mass shootings and murder-suicides.

Sometimes over the course of a survey, people change their minds. Do you favor or oppose changing the law in order to allow private citizens, not working for law enforcement, to carry concealed, loaded handguns in public places in Illinois, or don't you have an opinion about this? **[IF**

FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:] Is that (favor/oppose) strongly or not so strongly?

Favor, strongly	26	33
Favor, not so strongly.....	7	
[VOL] Undecided	5	
Oppose, not so strongly.....	5	
Oppose, strongly	54	60
[VOL] Don't know	1	

[SPLIT SAMPLE B]

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FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:] Is that (favor/oppose) strongly or not so strongly?

Favor, strongly	27	34
Favor, not so strongly.....	6	
[VOL] Undecided	5	
Oppose, not so strongly.....	6	
Oppose, strongly	53	60
[VOL] Don't know	1	

[RESUME ASKING EVERYONE]

- 14. ****Held for future release.**
- 15. ****Held for future release.**
- 16. ****Held for future release.**

THANK YOU. THE FEW REMAINING QUESTIONS ARE FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY.

17. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else? **[IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT ASK:]** Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not so strong (Republican/Democrat)? **[IF INDEPENDENT ASK:]** Would you say that you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

strong Republican.....	17	29
not so strong Republican	6	
independent leans Republican	6	
independent.....	24	
independent leans Democratic.....	6	
not so strong Democrat.....	8	
strong Democrat	26	41
dk/na/other.....	6	

18. Do you consider yourself very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative or very conservative? **[IF MODERATE, ASK:]** Do you tend to lean toward the liberal or conservative side?

very liberal.....	14	33
somewhat liberal.....	13	
moderate leans liberal.....	7	
moderate	26	
moderate leans conservative.....	7	
somewhat conservative.....	14	
very conservative	14	35
DK/ref.....	5	

19. What is your age? **[CODE ACTUAL AGE. REFUSED=99]** _____

18-29.....	17
30-39.....	16
40-49.....	23
50-59.....	21
60+	23
na/ref.....	0

20. What was the last level of schooling you completed?

less than high school graduate	2	28
high school graduate	25	
some college	29	
college graduate	30	
post-graduate	12	43
na	1	

21. Are you Latino, Hispanic, or of Spanish descent?

yes.....	6
no	94
dk	0

22. Are you black, white, Asian, Native American or some other race?
- | | | |
|----------------------|----|--|
| black | 15 | |
| white | 75 | |
| Asian..... | 2 | |
| Native American..... | 0 | |
| other | 5 | |
| ref..... | 2 | |
23. If you were asked to use one of these names for the economic class you belong to, which would you say you belong in—upper class, upper middle-class, middle class, working class, or lower class?
- | | | |
|-------------------------|----|----|
| upper class | 2 | 17 |
| upper middle-class..... | 15 | |
| middle-class | 53 | |
| working class | 21 | |
| lower class | 4 | 26 |
| [VOL] don't know | 1 | |
| [VOL] other..... | 3 | |
24. How often do you attend religious services—more than weekly, weekly, a few times a month, seldom, or never?
- | | | |
|-------------------------|----|----|
| more than weekly..... | 6 | 37 |
| weekly..... | 32 | |
| few times a month | 17 | |
| seldom..... | 27 | |
| never | 15 | 42 |
| [VOL] dk/refused..... | 4 | |
25. Have you, or anyone you know personally, ever been a victim of a crime involving a gun? **[IF YES:]** Is that you personally or someone you know?
- | | | |
|------------------------------|----|----|
| Yes, individual..... | 6 | 29 |
| Yes, someone they know | 21 | |
| Yes, both..... | 2 | |
| No | 70 | |
| [VOL] Don't know..... | 1 | |
26. Does any member of your household own a firearm? **[IF YES:]** Is that you personally or someone in your household?
- | | | |
|-----------------------|----|----|
| Yes, individual..... | 14 | 33 |
| Yes, household | 14 | |
| Yes, both..... | 4 | |
| No | 64 | |
| [VOL] Don't know..... | 3 | |

[IF Q.26=1,2,3 ASK:]

27. What type of firearms does your household own: a long gun, a hand gun, or both?
- | | |
|-----------------------|----|
| Long gun..... | 26 |
| Hand gun..... | 28 |
| Both | 39 |
| [VOL] Don't know..... | 7 |

[RESUME ASKING EVERYONE]

28. Do you hunt?
- | | |
|--------------------|----|
| Yes | 21 |
| No | 79 |
| dk/ref [VOL] | 1 |
29. Are you or is any member of your household a member of the NRA?
- | | | |
|-----------------------|----|----|
| Yes, individual..... | 7 | 14 |
| Yes, household | 6 | |
| Yes, both..... | 1 | |
| No | 84 | |
| [VOL] Don't know..... | 2 | |
30. What is your zip code? _____

Thank you for answering these questions.