

Majority of Voters Support Training and Arming Teachers, Young People Agree Most

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57.5% of American voters believe that preventing properly trained school teachers and school staff from carrying a firearm makes schools more dangerous, compared to only 30.8% who believe that preventing trained teachers staff from carrying a gun makes schools less dangerous. The poll showed that 61.8% of young voters, age 18-24, believe that preventing properly trained school teachers and school staff from carrying a firearm makes schools more dangerous. 21% say less dangerous, and 17.2% are not sure. Schools that are gun free zones are targets.

Nearly Half of Democrats Agree with Majority of Independents and Republicans on Arming Teachers;

18-24 Year Olds Want Teachers Armed by Wide Margins

(Austin, TX–June 2, 2022) Convention of States Action, in partnership with The Trafalgar Group—one of America’s most accurate pollsters in 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2021—is releasing the results of a new national survey. Results were from surveys conducted May 25th through May 29th of over 1,000 likely 2022 election voters.

“No shooting at a school is going to be stopped by gun control laws. They are going to be stopped by a variety of fairly simple on-site measures, including arming law-abiding citizens—in this case specifically teachers—and empowering them to protect our children,

schools, and communities. A majority of voters see this clearly, despite the relentless propaganda by people who want to confiscate the guns of law-abiding citizens,” said Mark Meckler, President of Convention of States Action.

“Self-defense is a bedrock of this Republic and our Constitution. The Founders were clear that defending those we love is the responsibility of the citizen first. So many deaths have been prevented by armed citizens, so why would we question the voluntary training and arming of teachers to protect those we love and care for the most?”

For complete details on the poll, including graphics, please visit:

<https://www.thetrafalgroup.org/news/nat-issues-arming-teachers-0531/>

KEY INSIGHT: Majority of Voters Say Preventing Teachers and School Staff from Being Armed is Making Schools More Dangerous:

- 57.5 percent of American voters believe that preventing properly trained school teachers and school staff from carrying a firearm makes schools more dangerous:
 - 37.4 percent say much more dangerous
 - 20.1 percent say somewhat more dangerous
- 30.8 percent of American voters believe that preventing properly trained school teachers and school staff from carrying a firearm makes schools less dangerous:
 - 22.1 percent say much less dangerous
 - 8.7 percent say somewhat less dangerous
- 11.6 percent were not sure

KEY INSIGHT: Majority of Independents and Republicans, and Nearly Half of Democrats Say Preventing Teachers and Schools Staff from Being Armed is Making Schools More Dangerous:

- 57.1 percent of Independent voters believe that preventing properly trained school teachers and school staff from carrying a firearm makes schools more dangerous. 31.6 percent say less dangerous, and 11.3 percent are not sure.
- 67.5 percent of Republican voters believe that preventing properly trained school teachers and school staff from carrying a firearm makes schools more dangerous. 19.4 percent say less dangerous, and 13.1 percent are not sure.
- 48.2 percent of Democratic voters believe that preventing properly trained school teachers and school staff from carrying a firearm makes schools more dangerous. 41.3 percent say less dangerous, and 10.5 percent are not sure.

KEY INSIGHT: 18-24 Year Olds Largest Demographic Saying Preventing Teachers and School Staff from Being Armed is Making Schools More Dangerous:

- 61.8 percent of 18-24 year old voters believe that preventing properly trained school teachers and school staff from carrying a firearm makes schools more dangerous. 21 percent say less dangerous, and 17.2 percent are not sure.
- 55.8 percent of 25-34 year old voters believe that preventing properly trained school teachers and school staff from carrying a firearm makes schools more dangerous. 18.5 percent say less dangerous, and 25.7 percent are not sure.
- 59 percent of 35-44 year old voters believe that preventing properly trained school teachers and school staff from carrying a firearm makes schools more dangerous. 41 percent say less dangerous.
- 60 percent of 45-64 year old voters believe that preventing properly trained school teachers and school staff from carrying a firearm makes schools more dangerous. 27.9 percent say less dangerous, 12.1 percent are not sure.
- 53.6 percent of 65+ year old voters believe that preventing properly trained school teachers and school staff from carrying a firearm makes schools more dangerous. 38.3 percent say less dangerous, 8.1 percent are not sure.

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