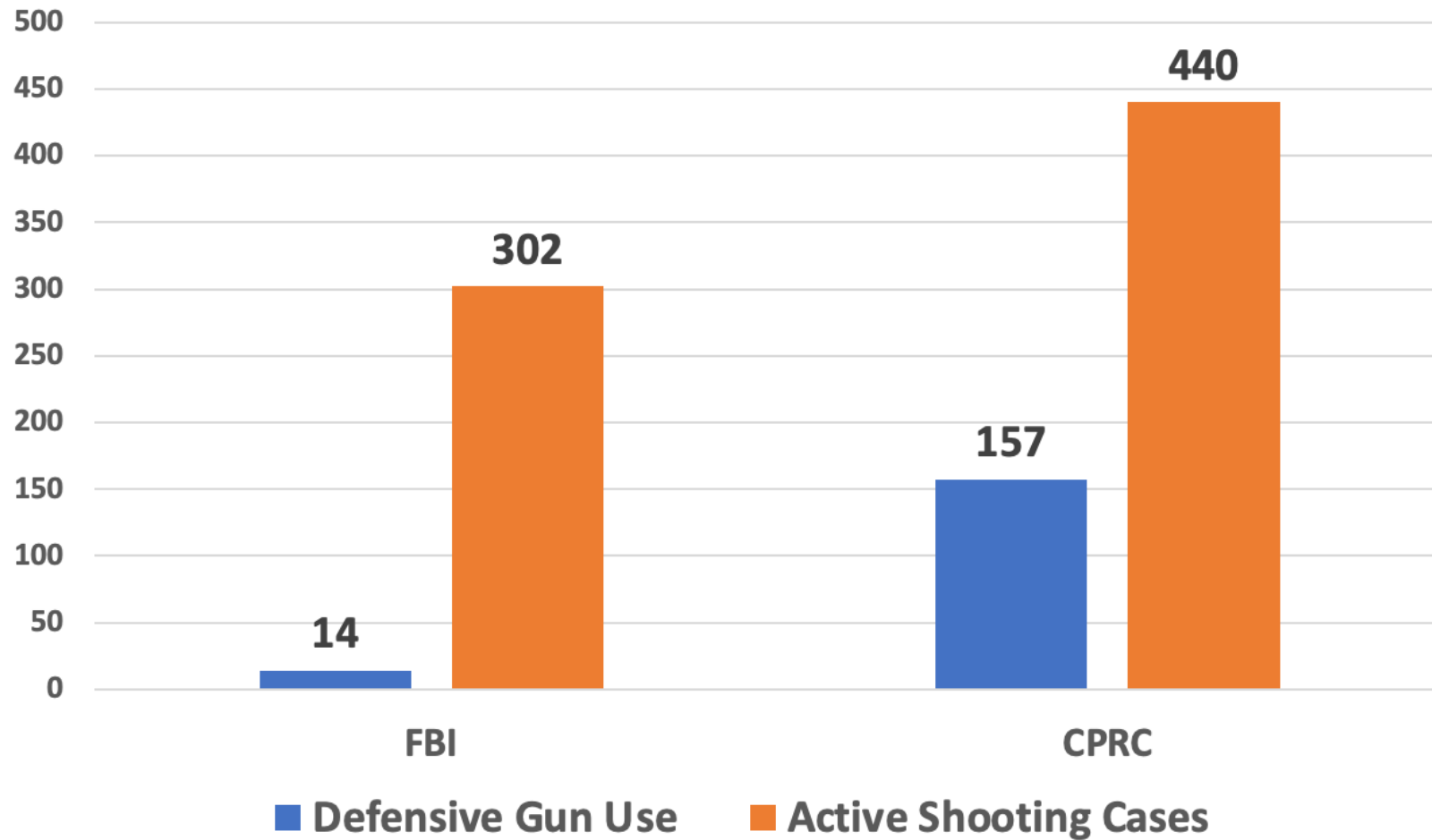


# More Gun Control Myths

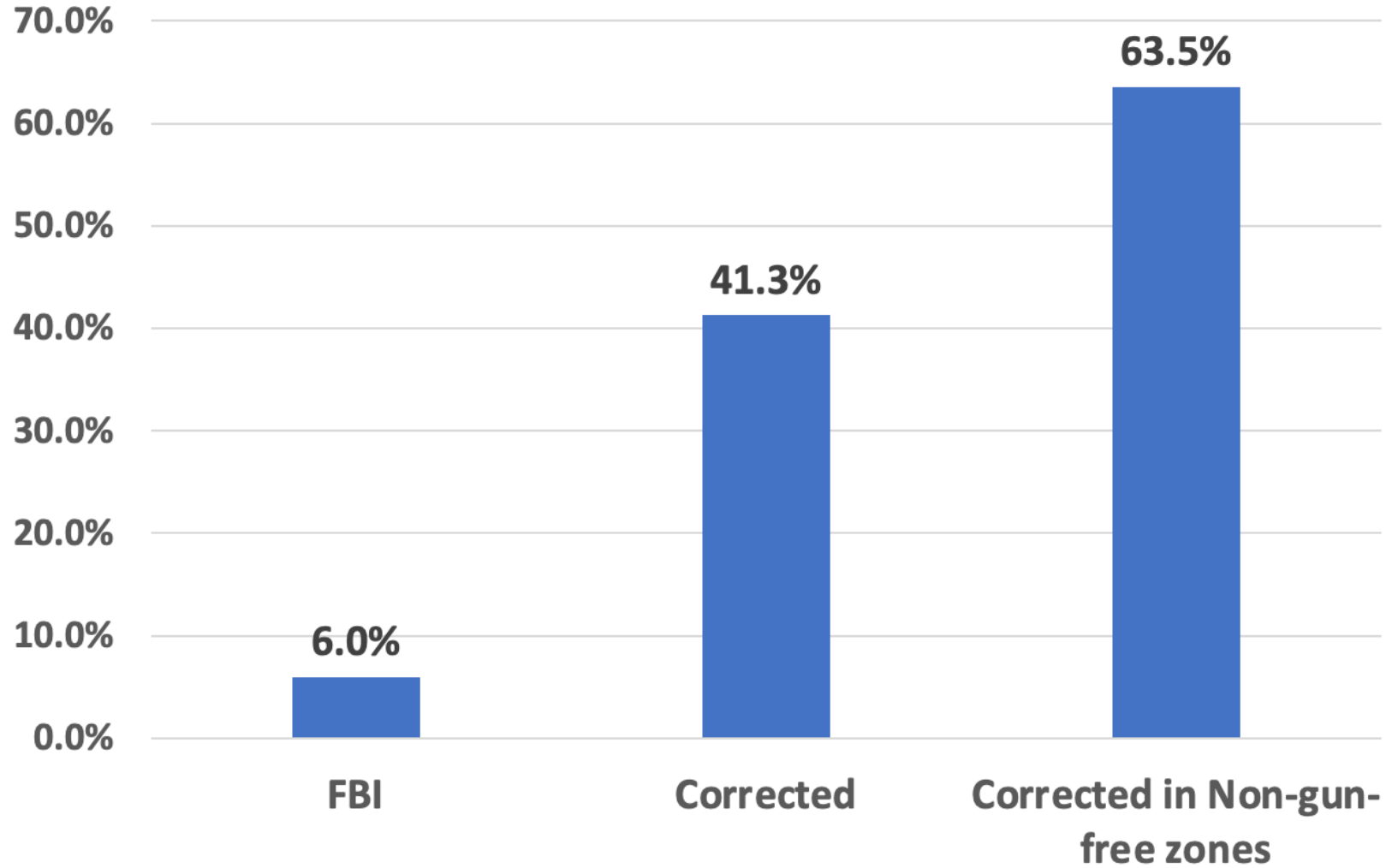
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## Correcting the Errors in the FBI Active Shooting Reports: 2014-2022



## Rate of Defensive Gun Uses in 2022

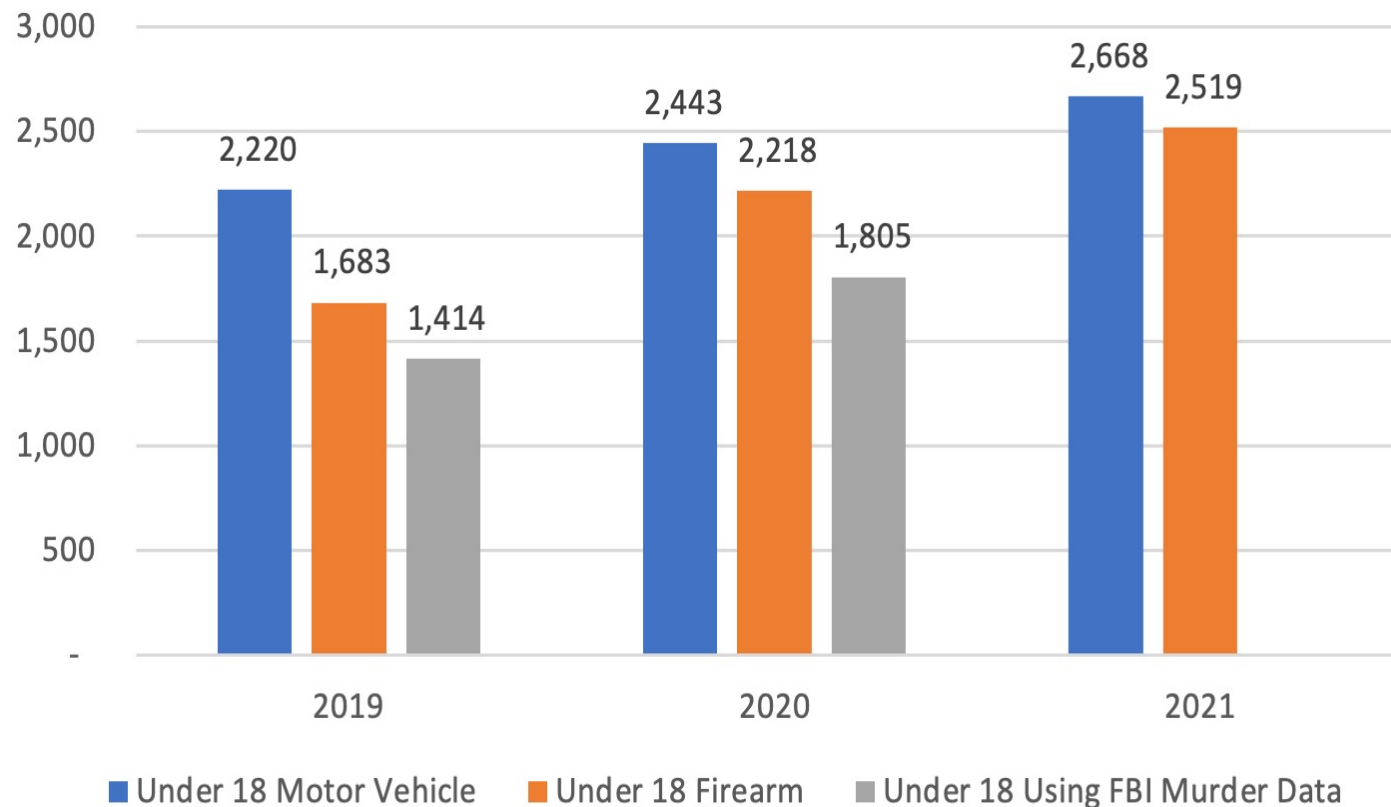


# New Mexico Governor Gun Ban

- None of the attacks that Grisham can point to involved permit holders.
- Permit holders in New Mexico and the rest of the country are exceptionally law-abiding.
  - In 2021, there was just one revocation out of 45,000 permit holders in New Mexico. Nor was that an outlier. In 2019 and 2020, there were no revocations.
- The Albuquerque police department doesn't have enough officers to answer every call for help.
- And by the end of 2021, Albuquerque had only 70% of the number of police officers that it should have.
- When the police cannot protect people, the solution is not to disarm law-abiding citizens.

# Guns Are Not the Leading Cause of Children's Deaths

Comparing total Vehicle Deaths to total Firearm Deaths for those under Age 18 (Homicide or Murder, Unintentional, and Suicide)

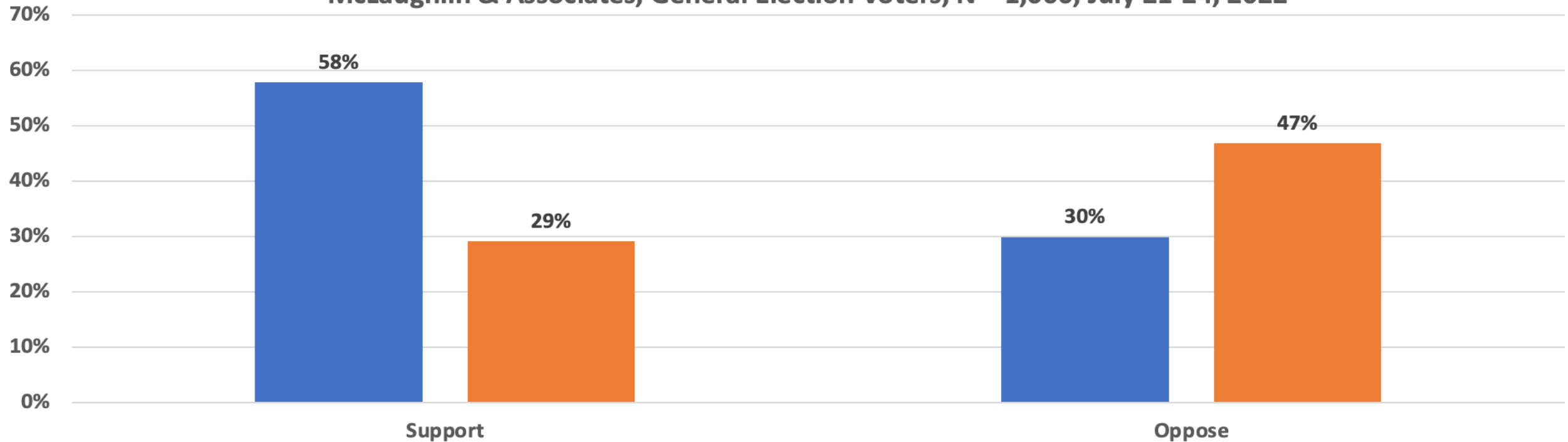


# What is the point of this myth?

- Would banning guns reduce murders?
  - Indeed, a ban on guns, even a handgun ban like the ones we've seen in Washington and Chicago, inevitably makes things much worse. After every gun ban, murder rates have gone up.
- Would banning guns eliminate firearm suicides?
  - When gun bans are enacted, there are many other effective ways to commit suicide, such as hanging, walking in front of a train, jumping from a height, using explosives, or taking cyanide. Indeed, while gun bans are associated with drops in firearm suicides, there is no change in total suicides.

# Does Support for Red Flag Laws Depend on Americans Understanding How Red Flag Laws Work?

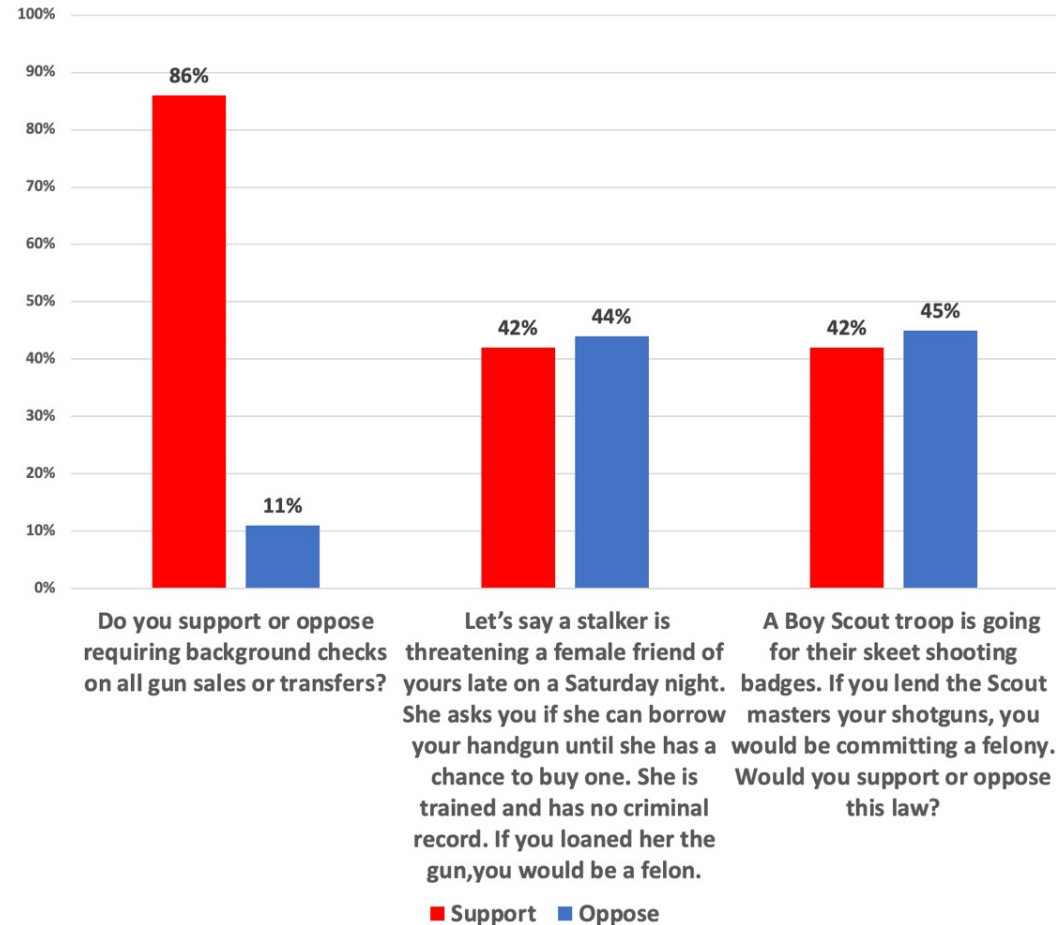
McLaughlin & Associates, General Election Voters, N = 1,000, July 21-24, 2022



- Do you support Red Flag Laws?: Q: When gun safety legislation, do you support or oppose “Red Flag Laws” knowing their primary purpose is to allow judges to take away a person’s gun based on a single complaint when there is a concern about that individual committing suicide?
- Does support change when they learn more about Red Flag Laws? Q: Would you be more likely or less likely to support “Red Flag Laws” if you knew there are no hearings before an individual’s guns are taken away and there are no mental health care experts involved in the process?

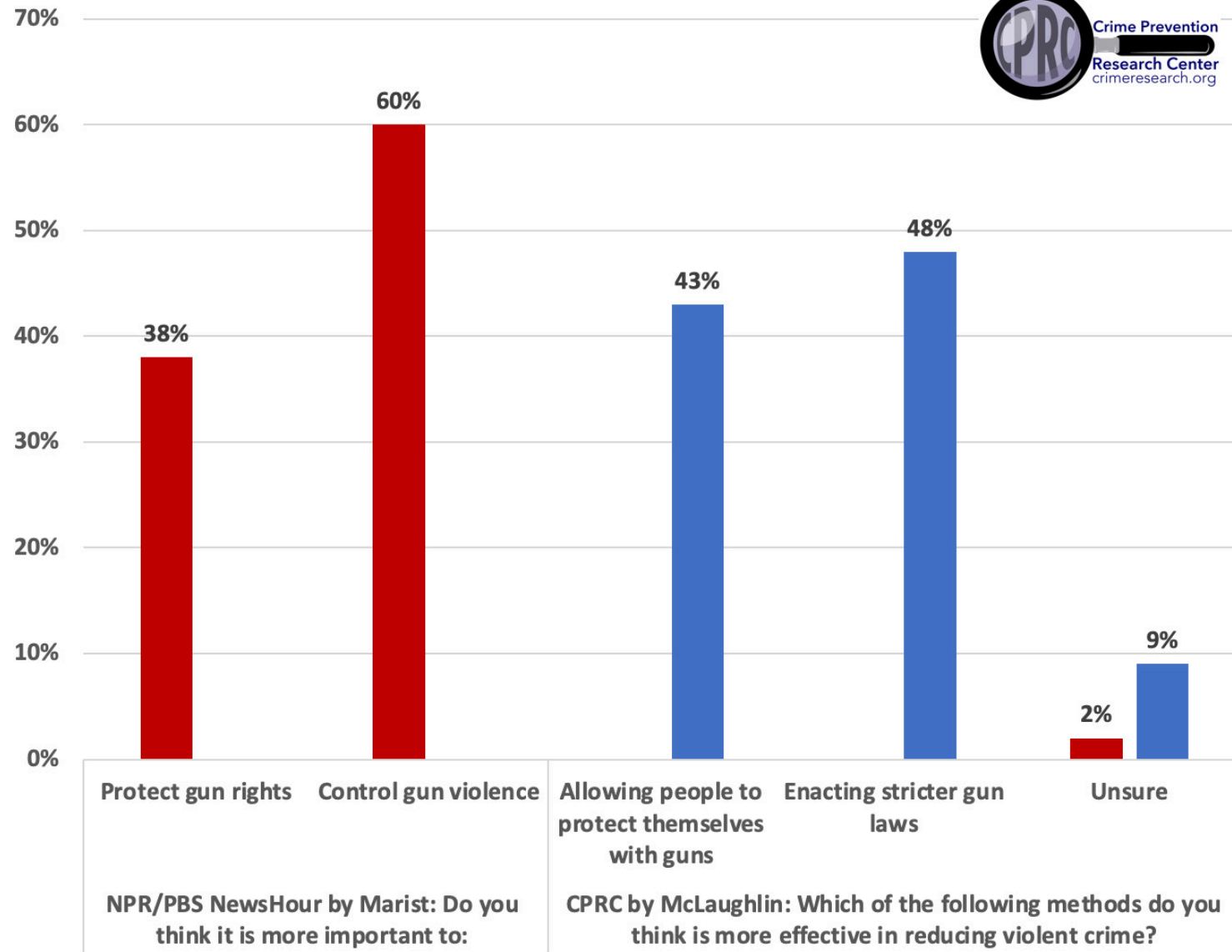
## How Support for Universal Background Checks Depends on the Question Asked

1,000 Likely Voters, McLaughlin & Associates, February 17th-22nd, 2023



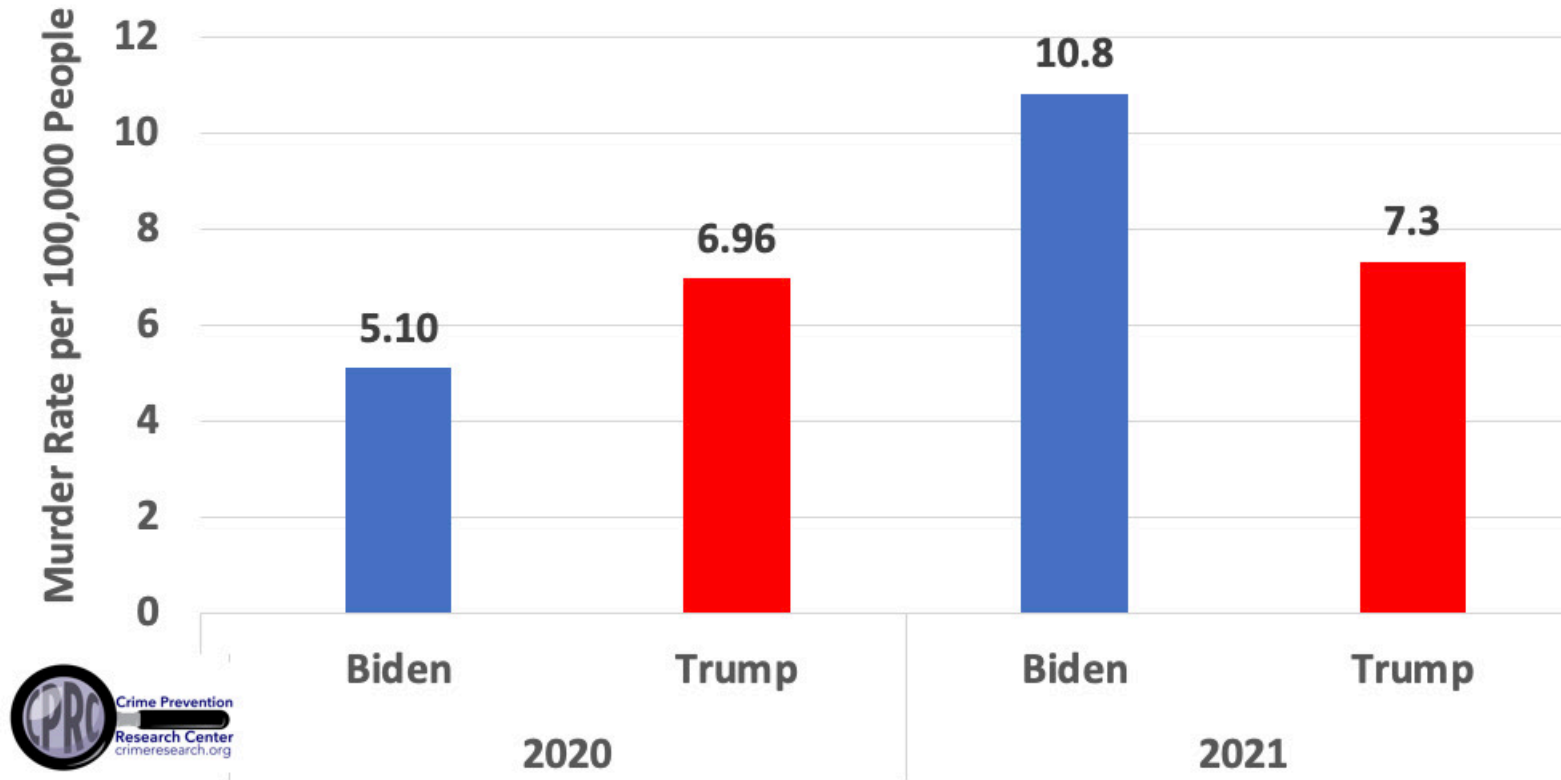


# How asking Gun Control Questions Differently Changes the Results: Comparing NPR/PBS versus the Crime Prevention Research Center



# Figure 1: Murder Rates in Biden and Trump States in 2020 and 2021

(Excluding Washington, DC)



# Figure 2: Murder Rates in Biden and Trump Counties in 2020

(Excluding Washington, DC)

