

NRA Research Suggestions

- Update on Defensive Gun Uses
 - Kleck and Gertz (1995)
 - Cook and Ludwig (1996)
 - Others more limited
 - Today:
 - Violent crime rate down 46%, 1994-2011
 - Right-to-carry law effect
 - 8 million permit holders (GAO, 2012)
 - U.S. population in RTC states: 29.1% (21 states) in 1994 to 67.6% (41 states) today
 - Unknown number of non-permit carriers (Alaska, Ariz., Vt., Wyo.) plus Exceptions in other states (vehicles, open carry, etc.)

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- Inmate surveys on deterrent effects:
 - Update to Wright and Rossi (1986), including:
 - Victim selection effects
 - Fear of injury
 - Decisions not to commit crime at all
 - Limited studies since:
 - Wright and Decker, *Burglars on the Job* (1994)
 - FBI, *Violent Encounters* (2006)

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- Lawful gun ownership and markets.
 - Many inmate surveys (BJS, etc.)
 - Little research on law-abiding since Cook and Ludwig (1994)
 - Gaps in key public debates:
 - How many magazines holding more than 7, more than 10, or more than 15 rounds? Gun capacity + number of magazines owned.
 - How many guns are acquired through private transfers? How and from whom?

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- Beneficial effects of firearm ownership/education:
 - Accident reduction
 - Benefits from participation in hunting, shooting sports, etc.
 - Socialization into lawful gun use

Priority research topics

1. Update on defensive gun uses
2. Update on deterrence
3. Update/fill gaps on lawful ownership/markets
4. Non-crime-related benefits