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Subject: 82% of Americans Support Preventing Domestic Abusers From Buying Guns

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that 82% of Americans would support legislation prohibiting anyone convicted of stalking or domestic abuse against a dating partner from buying a gun. Only 11% are opposed to such a bill. What is particularly striking is the broad support across all demographic lines for keeping guns out of these people's hands.

Key findings from the survey include:

-There's a broad bipartisan consensus in support of this change to the law. Democrats support it 92/3, independents do 82/10, and Republicans do by a 68/23 spread. It is very hard to find any policy proposal that more than two thirds of both Democrats and Republicans support these days.

-Gun owners have no problem with this bill- in fact they strongly support it. 80% of gun owners think it's a good idea, compared to only 12% who are opposed to it. Those numbers are little different from the 87/7 support it has with non-gun owners.

-There's also an overwhelming mandate for this legislation across gender lines. Women are particularly supportive of it, with 87% favoring it to only 6% who are opposed. But attitudes among men aren't much different- 77% of them are in support with only 16% against.

-Greater than 80% support for the proposal exists across all racial groups. Hispanics (92/6) and African Americans (89/1) both give it near unanimous support, with whites (80/13) overwhelmingly in favor as well.

In this era of divisive politics, there is little that 82% of Americans agree about. But prohibiting people convicted of stalking or domestic abuse against a dating partner is something that brings every segment of the electorate together. This would be a unifying and popular law to pass.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 636 registered voters on June 19th and 20th on behalf of the Center for American Progress Action Fund. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.9%.

