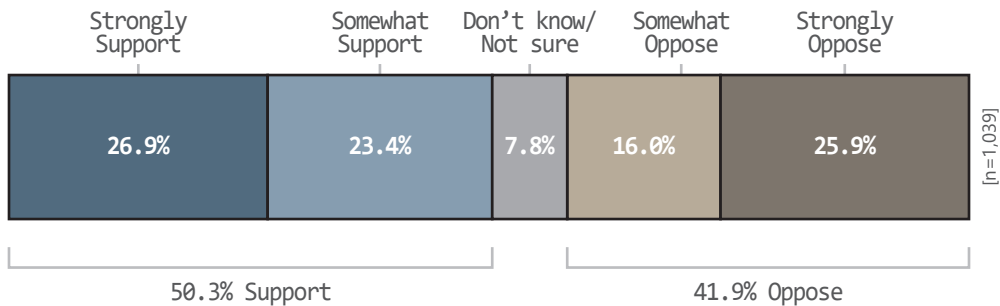


Pennsylvanians are divided on the role that guns should play in school safety.

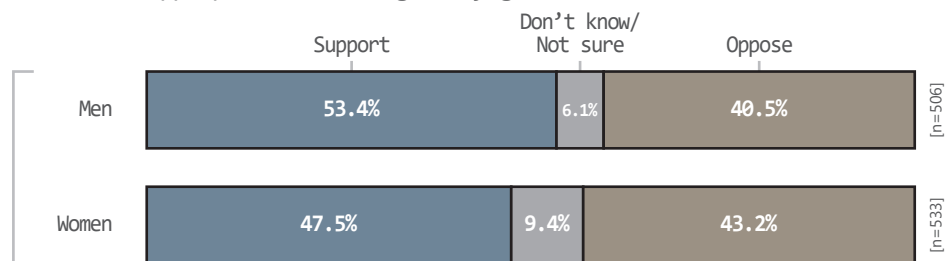
Half (50.3%) of Pennsylvania adults polled in Penn State Harrisburg’s statewide Lion Poll are supportive of allowing teachers or other school officials with appropriate training to carry guns at schools, while 41.9% are opposed.

Support for having teachers or other school officials with appropriate training carry guns at school



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Men were more likely to support teachers carrying guns at school than women.

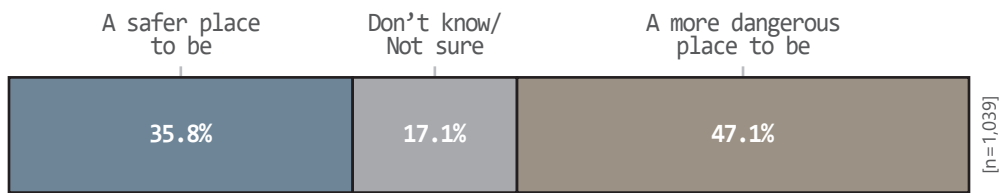


Note: Data were collected from 1,039 adult Pennsylvanians via web from August 30 to September 19, 2022. Margin of Error: ±3.0% with 95.0% confidence for full sample. For full methodology report, visit <https://bit.ly/F22LionPoll>

However, fewer Pennsylvanians believe that allowing teachers or school officials to carry guns would actually make schools safer.

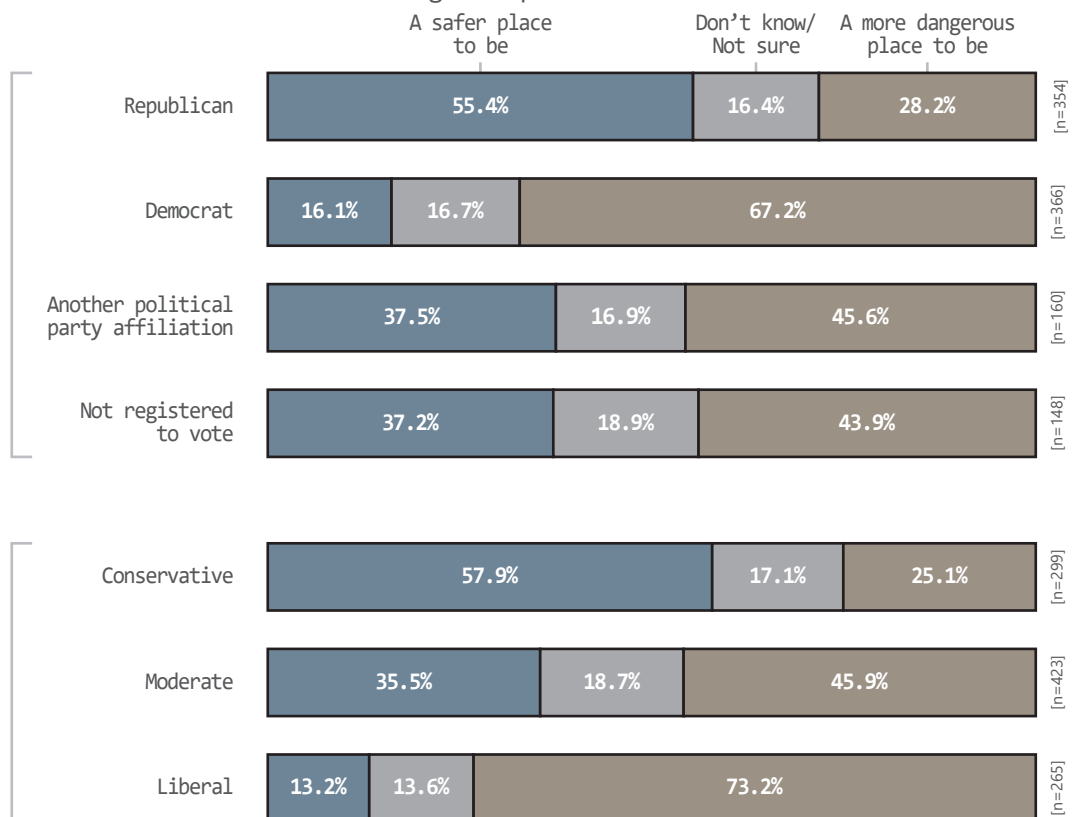
Just over one-third (35.8%) of Pennsylvanian adults believe that guns in schools would make schools safer places to be.

Do you think having teachers or other school officials carry guns makes schools a safer or more dangerous place to be?



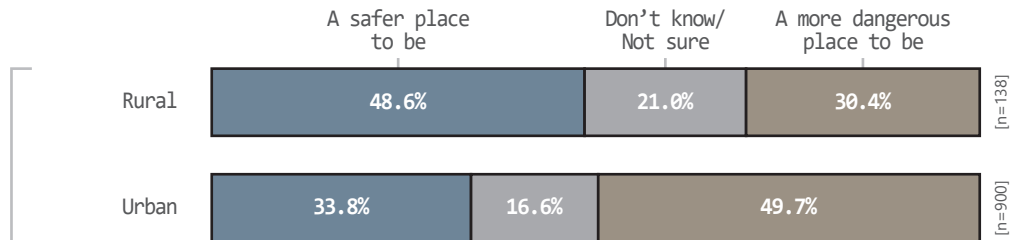
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Republicans and conservatives were significantly more likely to indicate a belief that guns would make schools safer than those of other political affiliations or ideologies.



Pennsylvanians who lived in rural zip codes were also more likely to say that arming teachers would improve school safety than those in urban communities.

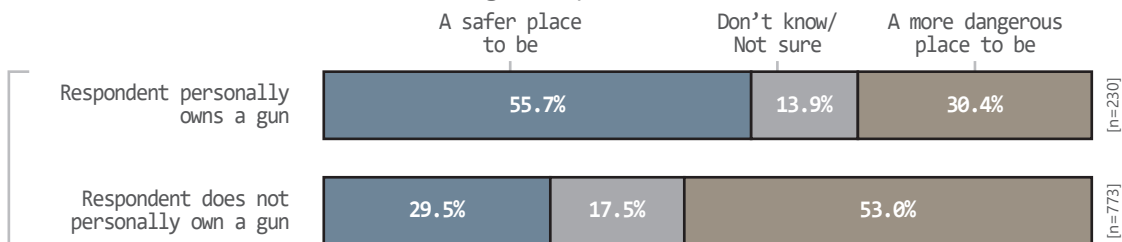
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Gun ownership was an important predictor of an individual's attitudes toward guns in schools.

Pennsylvanians who personally owned a gun were more likely to believe that arming teachers made schools safer than those who did not own a gun.

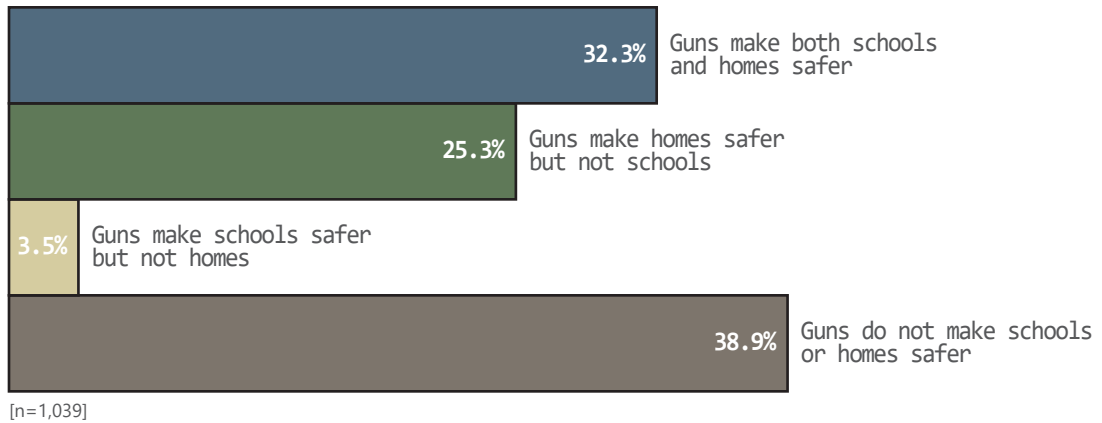
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Attitudes towards gun safety in schools diverge from their beliefs about guns in homes.

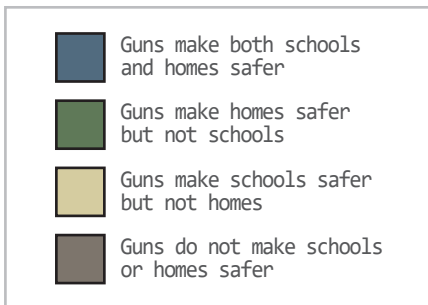
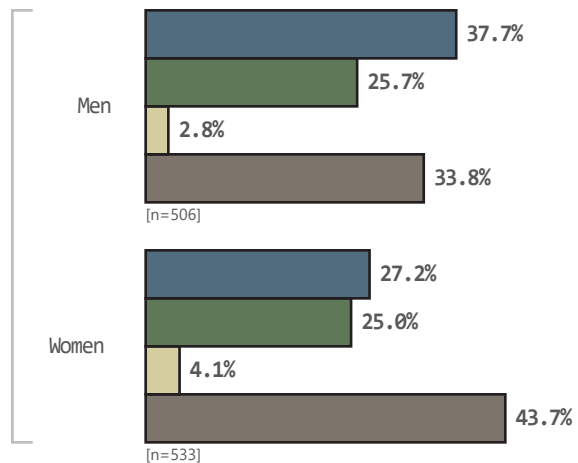
One-quarter of Pennsylvanians believed that guns make homes safer while also saying that arming teachers would make schools more *dangerous*.

Beliefs about gun safety in schools and homes



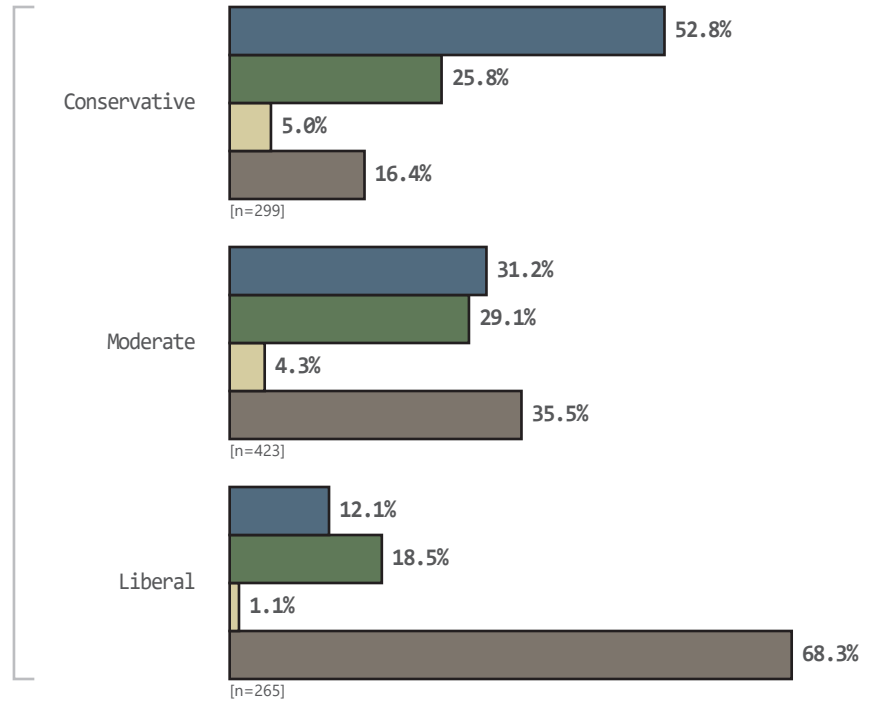
Women were more likely to say that guns make neither schools nor homes safer, while men were more likely to say that guns make homes — but not schools — safer, after accounting for other demographic differences in regression analysis.

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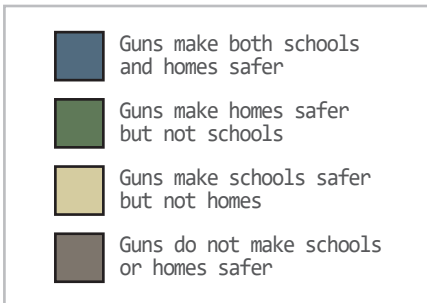
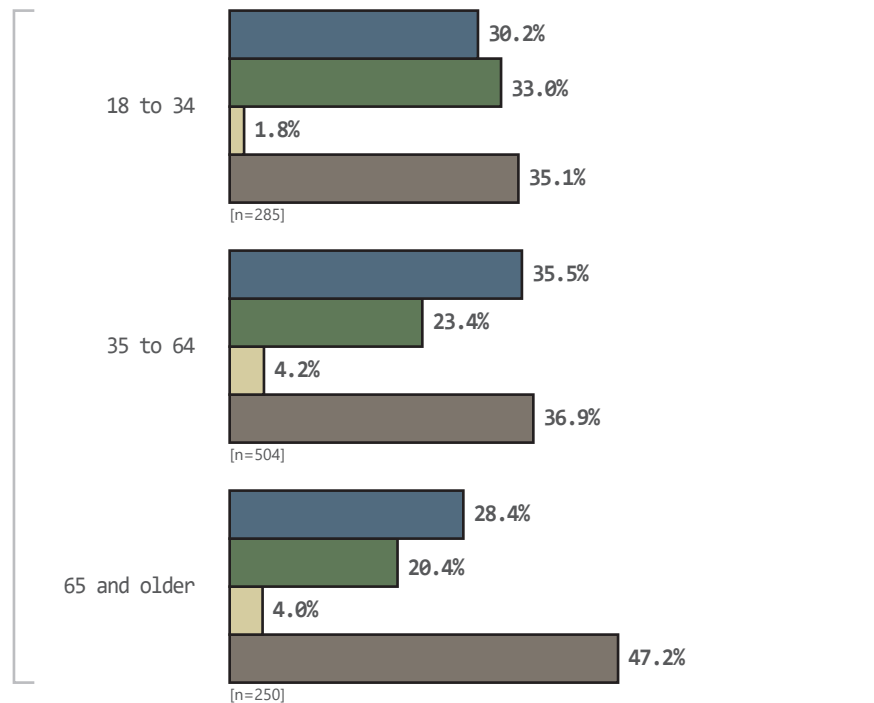


Beliefs about gun safety in schools and homes

While the majority of conservative Pennsylvanians believed guns make both schools and homes safer, a quarter of the conservative sample felt that guns made homes safer but not schools.

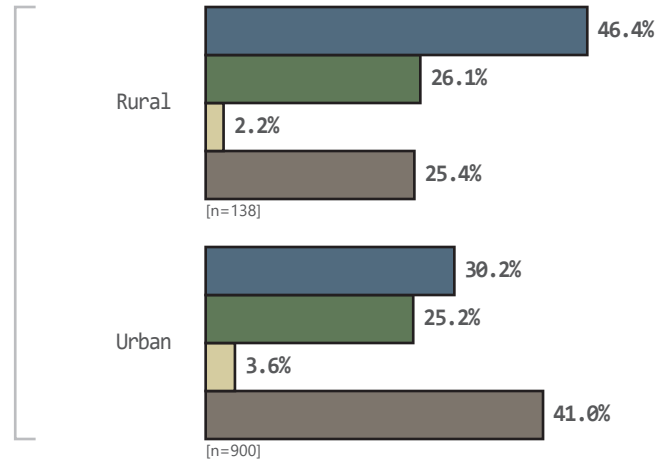


Those aged 18 to 34 were more likely to report that guns make homes safer but not schools, while those 65 and older were more likely to say that guns made neither location safe.



Beliefs about gun safety in schools and homes

Pennsylvanians in rural zip codes were more likely to report that guns make both schools and homes safer. Respondents in urban zip codes reported that guns made neither schools nor homes safer.



Lower levels of education were associated with a higher likelihood to say that guns make both schools and homes safer. Conversely, those with a college degree or higher were more likely to say that guns made neither location safer.

