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Subject: Maryland 6th District Voter Poll Results: State Issues

This new public opinion poll of 6th Congressional District voters documents the near consensus view that convicted felons, domestic abusers, and suspected terrorists in Maryland should be prohibited from possessing firearms. By a large majority, voters in this district would also prohibit firearms on public college campuses. It is unusual in today's politics to see such consensus on almost any issue. These proposals all enjoy extremely strong support, a fact made more striking by the rural and conservative nature of much of the 6th Congressional District.

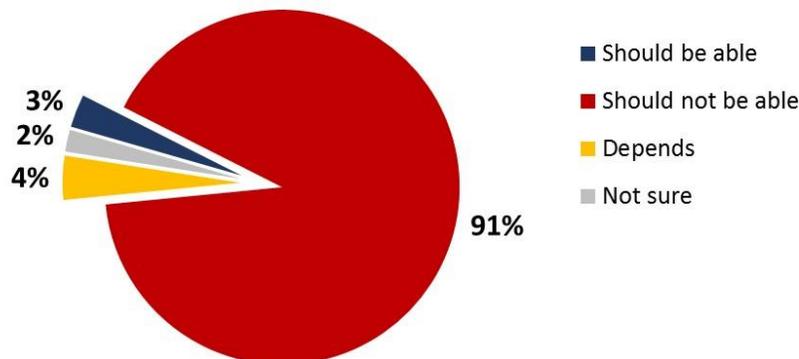
This telephone survey of 400 randomly-selected 6th Congressional District registered voters was conducted June 11-14, 2016, and carries a $\pm 4.9\%$ potential margin of sampling error. A detailed methodology statement is found at the end of this memorandum, following our summary of the poll's results.

Near-Universal View: Convicted Felons and Domestic Abusers Should Not Have Firearms

Voters in the 6th Congressional District overwhelmingly believe that convicted felons and domestic abusers in Maryland should not be able to be in possession of a firearm. In a result that approaches a societal consensus, 91% of voters believe felons and domestic abusers should not be able to be in possession of a firearm, compared to only 3% who think they should. The remaining 6% were not sure or said their position would depend on the circumstances.

Should Convicted Felons or Domestic Abusers Be Able to Be in Possession of a Firearm

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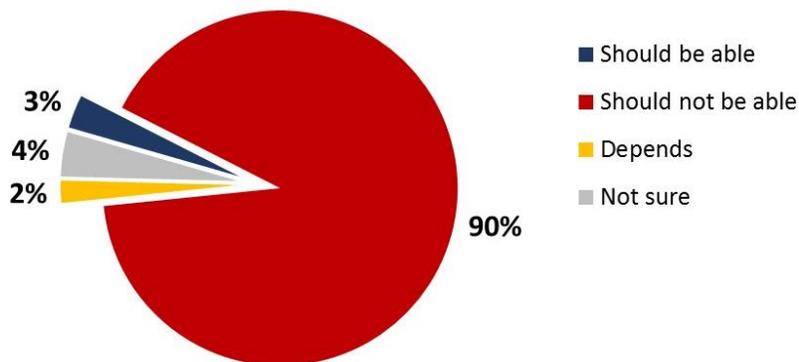
“Do you believe that a convicted felon or domestic abuser here in Maryland should or should not be able to be in possession of a firearm?”

Overwhelming Consensus That Suspected Terrorists Should Not Possess Firearms

In a similar result, 90% of voters in the 6th Congressional District believe that suspected terrorists, such as those on the Terrorist Watch List, should not be able to be in possession of a firearm. Only 3% thought they should, and 6% said they were not sure, or it would depend on the circumstances.

Should Suspected Terrorists Be Able to Be in Possession of a Firearm

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“Do you believe that suspected terrorists, such as those on the Terrorist Watch List, should or should not be able to be in possession of a firearm?”

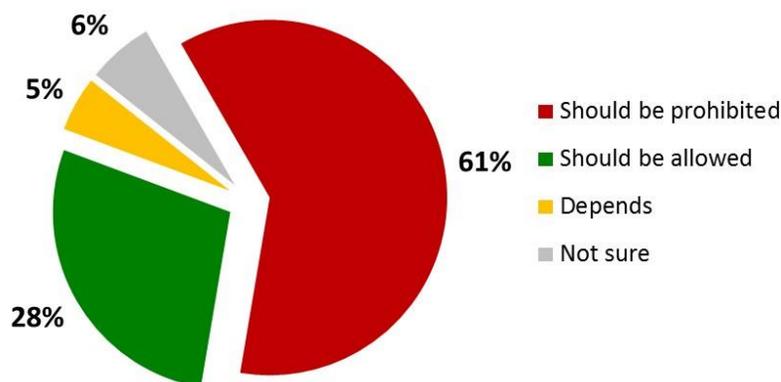
This result is all the more impressive given that the question deals with people who are only “suspected” terrorists. Nonetheless, the overwhelming majority of voters in the 6th District would prevent their ability to possess firearms.

Two-to-One Majority Would Prohibit Firearms on Public College Campuses

By a margin of more than two-to-one, 6th District voters would prohibit firearms on public college campuses. More than six voters in ten (61%) would prohibit firearms on campuses, while 28% would allow them.

Should Firearms Be Prohibited or Allowed on Public College Campuses

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“Do you believe that firearms should be prohibited or allowed on public college campuses?”

How This Poll Was Conducted

OpinionWorks interviewed 400 randomly-selected registered voters across Maryland's 6th Congressional District by telephone June 11-14, 2016. This poll has a maximum potential sampling error of no more than $\pm 4.9\%$ at the 95% confidence level, meaning that, at least 95% of the time, the survey results would differ by no more than that margin if *every* registered voter in the District had been interviewed.

Interviewees were drawn randomly from the a commercially-available database of registered voters, and matched with both landline and wireless telephone numbers. The sample was balanced geographically and by political party during the interviewing process, and respondents were screened to ensure that only registered voters were interviewed. Trained and supervised live interviewers conducted these calls. Weights were applied to bring the voter sample into close compliance with the demographic breakdown of the registered voter population.

Brief Background on OpinionWorks

OpinionWorks is a non-partisan, independent polling organization based in Annapolis, Maryland, conducting frequent opinion studies in Maryland and the surrounding states. We are the polling organization for *The Baltimore Sun*; we work frequently for public sector agencies at the state and local level measuring public attitudes about services; and we conduct audience research for a variety of non-profit and for-profit entities to test issues of perception, stewardship, and engagement.