

Poll: Should Teachers Be Allowed to Carry Guns?

A majority of American voters believe efforts to prevent trained teachers from being armed inside schools are detrimental, according to a new survey conducted after the deadly Uvalde school shooting.

In fact, the poll, conducted by the Convention of States Action and The Trafalgar Group, found that 58% of likely voters believe “preventing properly trained school teachers and school staff from carrying a firearm makes schools more dangerous.”

An additional 31% take the opposing view, believing preventing trained teachers and school staff from carrying a weapon actually makes schools less dangerous.

Perhaps most compelling about the results are the partisan breakdowns, which show nearly 68% of Republicans and 57% of independents believe it makes schools more dangerous to prevent “properly trained school teachers and school staff from carrying a firearm.”

 Nearly half of Democrats (48%) agree with this sentiment, which is notable.

Young people between the ages of 18 and 24—the closest in proximity to student bodies impacted by such policies—are the most likely age cohort (nearly 62%) to believe there are dangers in disallowing teachers and school staff from being armed.

The survey comes as the nation processes the horrific May 24 school shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, where a gun-wielding attacker killed 19 children and two teachers.

Politicians on both sides of the aisle are grappling with the next best steps to try and curb mass shootings, with the gun debate erupting into a chaotic cacophony.

Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives are quickly pushing legislative proposals. One such bill, the “Protecting Our Kids Act,” is an omnibus package that would increase the age to purchase semiautomatic rifles to 21 and bar new large-capacity magazines, among other provisions.

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