

# Crime Victimization and Gun Ownership

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## HYPOTHESIS

- Students with higher victimization score responses will be more likely to own a gun in the future



## RESULTS

- Victimization and Gun Ownership  
 $t(49) = 4.802, p = .000$ , significant, students who reported being a victim of a crime or witnessing a crime were more likely to own a gun in the future for their safety



## PARTICIPANTS

- ❖ 54 Social Science Students
- ❖ Classification
  - ❖ Freshman (N=1)
  - ❖ Sophomore (N=1)
  - ❖ Junior (N=9)
  - ❖ Senior (N=43)
- ❖ 49 Women/ 5 Men
- ❖ Race
  - ❖ African American (N = 51),
  - ❖ White, (N= 0),
  - ❖ Latino (N =1),
  - ❖ Asian/Pacific Islander (N =1),
  - ❖ Middle Eastern (N=1)



## MEASURES

- ❖ Safety (Never Been A Victim of Crime N= 16, Been A Victim of Crim N= 37)
- ❖ Used Gun ( Yes N=10 , No N= 44)

## DISCUSSION

The results of this study suggest the following:

- ❖ Students who have been a victim of a crime or know someone who has been a victim would be more likely to own a gun than students who have not been a victim of a crime.
- ❖ Students who feel more unsafe in their neighborhoods would be more likely to own a gun than students who feel safe in their neighborhoods.
- ❖ Most students do not currently own a gun and their perceptions of crime victimization has an influence on their decision to own a gun in the future.

