Figure 4: Reasons for purchasing guns during the pandemic

Estimates from linear regression with controls (not shown). 90% and 95% uncertainty intervals use robust standard errors.

Effect of New Gun Owner (vs. Pre−Existing Gun Owner)
Sample: Respondents who bought guns from March 2020 onwards

Hobbyist reasons: "hunting", "target shooting"
Threat reasons: "protection against crime," "protection against the government," "because of COVID−19," "because of lockdown and restrictions," "because of the election," "protection against someone I know personally"