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# Brazilian firearms and ammunition referendum, 2005

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On October 23, 2005, **Brazil** held a country-wide **referendum on article 35 of the Disarmament Statute** to determine whether to approve or disapprove the article, which states in full, "The sale of **firearms** and **ammunition** is prohibited in the entire national territory, except to those entities provided in article 6 of this Law." ("Art. 35. É proibida a comercialização de arma de fogo e munição em todo o território nacional, salvo para as entidades previstas no art. 6º desta Lei."<sup>[1]</sup>) The referendum failed by nearly ⅔ and that part of the statute was not enacted.

The referendum and its date had been provided by the Disarmament Statute itself (art. 35, §1º).<sup>[1]</sup> During the drafting and development of the law, it had been decided that article 35 should be submitted to a referendum because of the importance of its subject. On July 7, 2005, the **Federal Senate of Brazil** promulgated legislative decree 780, which authorized the referendum. Article 2 of its decree stipulated that the public consultation should employ the following question: "Should commerce in firearms and ammunition be prohibited in Brazil?" ("O comércio de armas de fogo e munição deve ser proibido no Brasil?"<sup>[2]</sup>)

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## Results [edit]

No:	<div style="width: 63.94%; background-color: red; height: 20px;"></div>	Yes:
59,109,265		33,333,045
(63.94%)		(36.06%)

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Should commerce in firearms and ammunition be prohibited in Brazil?

**Count performed at the TSE as of 10:29 October 25, 2005**

Overall Results

	No	Yes	Blank	Invalid	Present	Absent
<b>Brazil</b>	<b>59,109,265</b> (63.94%)	<b>33,333,045</b> (36.06%)	<b>1,329,207</b> (1.39%)	<b>1,604,307</b> (1.68%)	<b>95,375,824</b> (78.15%)	<b>26,666,791</b> (21.85%)

Results by Region

	No	Yes	Blank	Invalid	Present	Absent
<b>Center-West</b>	<b>4,308,155</b> (68.60%)	<b>1,971,506</b> (31.40%)	<b>77,222</b> (1.20%)	<b>84,354</b> (1.31%)	<b>6,441,237</b> (75.38%)	<b>2,103,766</b> (24.62%)
<b>North</b>	<b>4,232,295</b> (71.13%)	<b>1,718,131</b> (28.87%)	<b>54,106</b> (0.89%)	<b>65,419</b> (1.08%)	<b>6,069,951</b> (72.10%)	<b>2,348,997</b> (27.90%)
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>13,735,686</b>	<b>10,147,793</b>	<b>341,464</b>	<b>446,868</b>	<b>24,671,811</b>	<b>8,319,598</b>

	(57.51%)	(42.49%)	(1.38%)	(1.81%)	(74.78%)	(25.22%)
<b>South</b>	<b>11,812,085</b> (79.59%)	<b>3,028,661</b> (20.41%)	<b>184,090</b> (1.21%)	<b>157,011</b> (1.03%)	<b>15,181,847</b> (81.78%)	<b>3,382,267</b> (18.22%)
<b>Southeast</b>	<b>25,021,044</b> (60.31%)	<b>16,466,954</b> (39.69%)	<b>672,325</b> (1.56%)	<b>850,655</b> (1.98%)	<b>43,010,978</b> (80.36%)	<b>10,512,163</b> (19.64%)

## Results by State

	No	Yes	Blank	Invalid	Present	Absent
<b>Acre</b>	<b>221,828</b> (83.76%)	<b>43,025</b> (16.24%)	<b>2,233</b> (0.83%)	<b>3,328</b> (1.23%)	<b>270,414</b> (69.49%)	<b>118,723</b> (30.51%)
<b>Alagoas</b>	<b>690,448</b> (54.86%)	<b>568,083</b> (45.14%)	<b>15,214</b> (1.17%)	<b>22,757</b> (1.76%)	<b>1,296,502</b> (73.05%)	<b>478,412</b> (26.95%)
<b>Amazonas</b>	<b>839,007</b> (69.16%)	<b>374,090</b> (30.84%)	<b>9,697</b> (0.79%)	<b>12,336</b> (1.00%)	<b>1,235,130</b> (73.16%)	<b>453,157</b> (26.84%)
<b>Amapá</b>	<b>181,764</b> (73.48%)	<b>65,593</b> (26.52%)	<b>1,782</b> (0.71%)	<b>2,334</b> (0.93%)	<b>251,473</b> (75.61%)	<b>81,116</b> (24.39%)
<b>Bahia</b>	<b>3,448,907</b> (55.45%)	<b>2,770,718</b> (44.55%)	<b>91,424</b> (1.42%)	<b>140,867</b> (2.18%)	<b>6,451,916</b> (72.07%)	<b>2,500,207</b> (27.93%)
<b>Ceará</b>	<b>2,090,103</b> (54.70%)	<b>1,730,922</b> (45.30%)	<b>57,806</b> (1.47%)	<b>58,271</b> (1.48%)	<b>3,937,102</b> (76.53%)	<b>1,207,414</b> (23.47%)
<b>Distrito Federal</b>	<b>695,328</b> (56.83%)	<b>528,169</b> (43.17%)	<b>16,249</b> (1.29%)	<b>16,434</b> (1.31%)	<b>1,256,180</b> (80.29%)	<b>308,320</b> (19.71%)
<b>Espírito Santo</b>	<b>952,056</b> (56.38%)	<b>736,510</b> (43.62%)	<b>28,458</b> (1.64%)	<b>22,512</b> (1.29%)	<b>1,739,536</b> (77.19%)	<b>513,908</b> (22.81%)
<b>Goiás</b>	<b>1,776,072</b> (67.90%)	<b>839,508</b> (32.10%)	<b>36,281</b> (1.35%)	<b>41,675</b> (1.55%)	<b>2,693,536</b> (74.39%)	<b>927,432</b> (25.61%)
<b>Maranhão</b>	<b>1,565,845</b> (61.13%)	<b>995,849</b> (38.87%)	<b>31,505</b> (1.19%)	<b>48,188</b> (1.82%)	<b>2,641,387</b> (70.72%)	<b>1,093,744</b> (29.28%)
<b>Minas Gerais</b>	<b>6,155,748</b> (61.28%)	<b>3,889,398</b> (38.72%)	<b>174,127</b> (1.67%)	<b>208,241</b> (2.00%)	<b>10,427,514</b> (78.28%)	<b>2,893,108</b> (21.72%)
<b>Mato Grosso do Sul</b>	<b>820,467</b> (73.33%)	<b>298,372</b> (26.67%)	<b>11,016</b> (0.96%)	<b>12,007</b> (1.05%)	<b>1,141,862</b> (75.87%)	<b>363,196</b> (24.13%)
<b>Mato Grosso</b>	<b>1,016,288</b> (76.89%)	<b>305,457</b> (23.11%)	<b>13,676</b> (1.01%)	<b>14,238</b> (1.05%)	<b>1,349,659</b> (72.78%)	<b>504,818</b> (27.22%)
<b>Pará</b>	<b>1,894,619</b> (67.12%)	<b>928,006</b> (32.88%)	<b>27,414</b> (0.95%)	<b>31,452</b> (1.09%)	<b>2,881,491</b> (72.04%)	<b>1,118,372</b> (27.96%)
<b>Paraíba</b>	<b>1,183,463</b> (63.14%)	<b>690,751</b> (36.86%)	<b>28,348</b> (1.47%)	<b>31,481</b> (1.63%)	<b>1,934,043</b> (78.34%)	<b>534,590</b> (21.66%)
<b>Pernambuco</b>	<b>2,296,510</b> (54.49%)	<b>1,918,048</b> (45.51%)	<b>64,458</b> (1.48%)	<b>68,283</b> (1.57%)	<b>4,347,299</b> (76.85%)	<b>1,309,371</b> (23.15%)
<b>Piauí</b>	<b>925,883</b> (62.91%)	<b>545,828</b> (37.09%)	<b>21,065</b> (1.38%)	<b>33,377</b> (2.19%)	<b>1,526,153</b> (76.65%)	<b>464,840</b> (23.35%)
<b>Paraná</b>	<b>3,988,689</b> (73.15%)	<b>1,463,776</b> (26.85%)	<b>72,281</b> (1.29%)	<b>65,217</b> (1.17%)	<b>5,589,963</b> (80.45%)	<b>1,358,474</b> (19.55%)
<b>Rio de Janeiro</b>	<b>5,124,572</b> (61.89%)	<b>3,155,897</b> (38.11%)	<b>147,610</b> (1.71%)	<b>212,872</b> (2.46%)	<b>8,640,951</b> (81.17%)	<b>2,004,229</b> (18.83%)
<b>Rio Grande do Norte</b>	<b>938,514</b> (61.98%)	<b>575,783</b> (38.02%)	<b>18,492</b> (1.19%)	<b>24,354</b> (1.56%)	<b>1,557,143</b> (76.99%)	<b>465,473</b> (23.01%)

<b>Rondônia</b>	<b>519,425</b> (78.28%)	<b>144,117</b> (21.72%)	<b>6,043</b> (0.89%)	<b>6,326</b> (0.94%)	<b>675,911</b> (70.83%)	<b>278,397</b> (29.17%)
<b>Roraima</b>	<b>132,928</b> (85.00%)	<b>23,453</b> (15.00%)	<b>1,079</b> (0.68%)	<b>1,297</b> (0.82%)	<b>158,757</b> (73.49%)	<b>57,265</b> (26.51%)
<b>Rio Grande do Sul</b>	<b>5,353,854</b> (86.83%)	<b>812,207</b> (13.17%)	<b>72,184</b> (1.15%)	<b>55,090</b> (0.88%)	<b>6,293,335</b> (82.88%)	<b>1,300,172</b> (17.12%)
<b>Santa Catarina</b>	<b>2,469,542</b> (76.64%)	<b>752,678</b> (23.36%)	<b>39,625</b> (1.20%)	<b>36,704</b> (1.11%)	<b>3,298,549</b> (82.01%)	<b>723,621</b> (17.99%)
<b>Sergipe</b>	<b>596,013</b> (62.88%)	<b>351,811</b> (37.12%)	<b>13,152</b> (1.34%)	<b>19,290</b> (1.97%)	<b>980,266</b> (78.68%)	<b>265,547</b> (21.32%)
<b>São Paulo</b>	<b>12,788,668</b> (59.55%)	<b>8,685,149</b> (40.45%)	<b>322,130</b> (1.45%)	<b>407,030</b> (1.83%)	<b>22,202,977</b> (81.32%)	<b>5,100,918</b> (18.68%)
<b>Tocantins</b>	<b>442,724</b> (75.99%)	<b>139,847</b> (24.01%)	<b>5,858</b> (0.98%)	<b>8,346</b> (1.40%)	<b>596,775</b> (71.15%)	<b>241,967</b> (28.85%)

## See also [edit]

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## Notes [edit]

- ↑ *a* ↑ *b* "LEI Nº 10.826, DE 22 DE DEZEMBRO DE 2003." . Retrieved 2011-10-06.
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- This article is based on material translated from the corresponding article in the Portuguese Wikipedia: pt:Referendo sobre a proibição da comercialização de armas de fogo e munições.*

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