

YouGov Survey Results

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How proud, if at all, are you of your job?

Very proud	36	35	37	37	33	35	36
Fairly proud	48	45	52	44	53	49	47
TOTAL PROUD	84	80	89	81	86	84	83
Not very proud	12	15	8	14	10	12	12
Not proud at all	3	4	1	4	2	3	3
TOTAL NOT PROUD	15	19	9	18	12	15	15
Don't know	1	1	2	1	2	1	1

In general, to what extent do you feel appreciated for the job you do by the general public?

Very appreciated	3	2	5	3	3	3	3
Fairly appreciated	26	23	30	27	24	23	28
TOTAL APPRECIATED	29	25	35	30	27	26	31
Not very appreciated	44	46	41	42	48	48	40
Not appreciated at all	25	29	19	28	22	24	26
TOTAL APPRECIATED	69	75	60	70	70	72	66
Don't know	2	0	4	1	3	1	2

In general, how accurate, or inaccurate, do you think the portrayal of police officers and the police force is on each of the following?

News reports

Very accurate	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
Fairly accurate	17	9	30	17	17	12	23
TOTAL ACCURATE	17	9	31	17	18	13	23
Fairly inaccurate	50	53	45	51	49	51	48
Very inaccurate	29	36	18	31	27	31	27
TOTAL INACCURATE	79	89	63	82	76	82	75
Don't know	4	2	7	2	7	6	2

Social media

Very accurate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fairly accurate	4	2	8	2	7	3	5
TOTAL ACCURATE	4	2	8	2	7	3	5
Fairly inaccurate	30	25	38	27	34	30	31
Very inaccurate	60	70	45	67	52	61	59
TOTAL INACCURATE	90	95	83	94	86	91	90
Don't know	6	4	9	4	8	7	5

Fictional films and TV programmes

Very accurate	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Fairly accurate	14	11	20	12	17	16	13
TOTAL ACCURATE	14	11	21	13	17	16	14
Fairly inaccurate	47	50	42	46	47	44	49
Very inaccurate	36	39	31	40	31	37	35
TOTAL INACCURATE	83	89	73	86	78	81	84
Don't know	3	1	6	1	5	3	2

Amongst the public in general

Very accurate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fairly accurate	13	9	20	13	13	11	15
TOTAL ACCURATE	13	9	20	13	13	11	15
Fairly inaccurate	58	62	51	63	51	59	56
Very inaccurate	24	28	20	23	26	23	26
TOTAL INACCURATE	82	90	71	86	77	82	82
Don't know	5	2	10	1	10	7	2

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Thinking about your role, how supported, if at all, do you feel by each of the following?
Your immediate team?

Very supported	57	58	54	56	58	55	58
Fairly supported	37	37	37	39	34	37	37
TOTAL SUPPORTED	94	95	91	95	92	92	95
Not very supported	6	5	8	5	7	8	4
Not supported at all	1	0	2	1	1	1	1
TOTAL NOT SUPPORTED	7	5	10	6	8	9	5
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Senior officers?

Very supported	4	1	9	2	7	4	4
Fairly supported	35	33	38	31	39	35	35
TOTAL SUPPORTED	39	34	47	33	46	39	39
Not very supported	39	43	33	42	35	40	38
Not supported at all	19	23	13	23	14	19	19
TOTAL NOT SUPPORTED	58	66	46	65	49	59	57
Don't know	3	1	6	2	4	2	3

Your Chief Constable?

Very supported	10	8	14	9	12	11	10
Fairly supported	36	33	42	35	38	34	38
TOTAL SUPPORTED	46	41	56	44	50	45	48
Not very supported	29	33	24	31	27	30	29
Not supported at all	17	19	12	21	12	16	17
TOTAL NOT SUPPORTED	46	52	36	52	39	46	46
Don't know	8	7	8	4	11	9	6

The UK Government?

Very supported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fairly supported	11	7	17	11	10	13	9
TOTAL SUPPORTED	11	7	17	11	10	13	9
Not very supported	37	36	40	32	44	39	36
Not supported at all	48	56	36	56	39	45	51
TOTAL NOT SUPPORTED	85	92	76	88	83	84	87
Don't know	3	1	7	1	6	3	3

Compared to five years ago, would you say it has got easier or harder to be a police officer or is there no real difference?

[Only asked to police officers, N=273]

A lot easier	1	1	0	1	1	0	2
A little easier	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL EASIER	2	2	0	2	1	0	3
No real difference	11	11	0	11	9	10	11
A little harder	26	26	0	27	25	30	23
A lot harder	60	60	0	58	65	58	62
TOTAL HARDER	86	86	0	85	90	88	85
Don't know	1	1	0	1	0	1	0

Do you think you will or will not be in the police force in 5 years time?

Yes, I definitely will	18	22	13	16	21	22	15
Yes, I probably will	37	37	36	35	39	40	33
TOTAL YES I WILL	55	59	49	51	60	62	48
No, I probably will not	17	15	20	19	14	14	19
No, I definitely will not	14	13	14	17	9	6	22
TOTAL NO I WILL NOT	31	28	34	36	23	20	41
Not sure	15	13	16	13	16	18	11

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Why do you not think you'll be in the police force in five years time?

[Please see Tab 1]

Thinking very generally, would you say each of the following do a good job or bad job in their roles?

Police officers in your police force

Very good job	33	33	33	30	36	36	29
Fairly good job	59	61	56	62	56	57	62
TOTAL GOOD JOB	92	94	89	92	92	93	91
Fairly bad job	5	5	6	6	4	4	7
Very bad job	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
TOTAL BAD JOB	6	6	6	7	4	5	7
Don't know	2	1	5	1	4	3	2

Support staff in your police force

Very good job	34	28	43	30	39	36	33
Fairly good job	56	58	52	59	51	55	57
TOTAL GOOD JOB	90	86	95	89	90	91	90
Fairly bad job	6	10	1	7	6	6	7
Very bad job	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
TOTAL BAD JOB	6	11	1	8	6	7	7
Don't know	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

Senior officers in your police force

Very good job	4	1	10	2	7	4	4
Fairly good job	46	40	55	41	51	47	45
TOTAL GOOD JOB	50	41	65	43	58	51	49
Fairly bad job	30	37	19	34	26	29	32
Very bad job	13	17	6	18	6	13	13
TOTAL BAD JOB	43	54	25	52	32	42	45
Don't know	7	5	10	4	9	7	6

Your Chief Constable

Very good job	11	7	19	9	15	11	12
Fairly good job	48	44	55	47	49	46	50
TOTAL GOOD JOB	59	51	74	56	64	57	62
Fairly bad job	19	25	9	22	15	19	19
Very bad job	10	13	6	15	5	9	11
TOTAL BAD JOB	29	38	15	37	20	28	30
Don't know	12	12	12	8	16	15	9

Your Police and Crime Commissioner

[Only asked to those in areas with a PCC, N=475]

Very good job	3	1	6	3	4	2	4
Fairly good job	16	12	21	16	15	17	14
TOTAL GOOD JOB	19	13	27	19	19	19	18
Fairly bad job	22	24	19	21	23	20	25
Very bad job	31	36	21	38	21	27	34
TOTAL BAD JOB	53	60	40	59	44	47	59
Don't know	28	26	32	22	36	33	24

Which of the following comes closest to your view?

There is too much bureaucracy in the police force that gets in the way of officers doing their job	74	82	61	81	66	71	78
It's vital that the proper processes are in place in the police force to protect officers and the public, even if that means more bureaucracy	18	13	27	16	20	20	16
Neither of these	4	3	6	2	7	3	5
Don't know	3	2	6	1	6	6	1

Thinking specifically about your own police force, would you say it is currently overstuffed, understaffed, or is the current staffing level about right?

Overstuffed	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Understaffed	90	93	85	90	90	88	91
About right	7	5	11	8	7	9	6
Don't know	2	1	4	1	3	3	1

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And taking into account all the various funding priorities the country faces, would you say the police force in general is currently overfunded, underfunded, or is currently funded about right?

Overfunded	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Underfunded	93	93	93	92	94	94	92
About right	4	4	4	6	3	3	5
Don't know	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

Thinking about your role, would you say you spend too much, too little, or about the right amount of time on each of the following?

[Only asked to police officers, PCOs and special constables, N=293]

Time in the community

Too much	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
Too little	51	50	54	51	49	55	46
About the right amount	12	10	46	10	15	11	14
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
N/A - I am not required to do this as part of my role	36	38	0	37	35	33	40

Admin and desk work

Too much	71	71	63	73	66	68	74
Too little	3	3	0	2	4	3	3
About the right amount	24	23	37	21	29	25	22
Don't know	1	1	0	1	0	1	1
N/A - I am not required to do this as part of my role	2	2	0	3	1	3	1

Patrolling the local area

Too much	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Too little	44	44	36	46	40	47	40
About the right amount	12	10	64	12	12	9	16
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
N/A - I am not required to do this as part of my role	43	46	0	41	47	44	43

Using social media

Too much	9	9	15	9	9	6	12
Too little	5	5	5	6	4	5	5
About the right amount	16	14	52	15	17	14	17
Don't know	1	1	5	1	1	0	2
N/A - I am not required to do this as part of my role	69	72	23	70	68	75	63

Investigating cases

Too much	12	13	9	15	8	14	10
Too little	32	33	20	32	33	30	34
About the right amount	34	34	38	32	39	38	31
Don't know	1	1	0	0	2	1	1
N/A - I am not required to do this as part of my role	20	19	33	21	17	16	24

And in general, do you think social media makes your job easier or harder?

Much easier	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A little easier	3	3	3	2	4	4	2
TOTAL EASIER	3	3	3	2	4	4	2
No difference	11	6	20	12	11	11	12
A little harder	25	24	26	23	28	23	27
Much harder	58	65	46	61	54	59	56
TOTAL HARDER	83	89	72	84	82	82	83
Don't know	3	2	4	2	4	3	3

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For the next question, please think broadly about interactions with the public, rather than interactions specifically with suspects or victims of crime.

In general, do you find your interactions with the public to be positive or negative experiences,

[Only asked to police officers, N=273]

Nearly always positive	3	3	14	3	4	4	3
More positive than negative	35	34	45	38	29	35	34
TOTAL POSITIVE	38	37	59	41	33	39	37
Equally positive and negative	36	36	36	34	40	33	39
More negative than positive	20	21	5	21	19	22	18
Nearly always negative	2	2	0	2	2	2	3
TOTAL NEGATIVE	22	23	5	23	21	24	21
Don't know	4	4	0	2	7	5	3

For the next question please think about your police force overall rather than you specifically.

Taking into account all the different priorities and limited resources available, do you think your police force spends too much, too little, or about the right amount of time on each of the following crimes?

Shoplifting

Too much time	15	18	11	16	15	19	11
Too little time	43	42	45	48	38	33	53
About the right amount of time	31	31	31	31	31	33	28
Don't know	11	9	13	5	17	14	7

Vandalism

Too much time	4	4	4	4	4	3	5
Too little time	39	40	38	46	31	33	46
About the right amount of time	37	37	36	37	37	39	35
Don't know	20	18	23	13	28	26	14

Phone theft

Too much time	6	6	5	4	7	7	4
Too little time	36	35	37	41	31	35	37
About the right amount of time	40	45	33	40	40	41	40
Don't know	18	14	24	15	22	17	19

Online fraud

Too much time	8	9	6	8	8	9	7
Too little time	36	38	34	39	34	35	37
About the right amount of time	32	29	38	34	31	31	34
Don't know	23	24	22	20	27	25	21

Burglary

Too much time	1	1	1	0	1	1	0
Too little time	52	56	47	55	49	51	53
About the right amount of time	38	37	39	38	38	35	40
Don't know	9	7	14	7	12	12	7

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Knife crime							
Too much time	2	2	1	2	2	2	2
Too little time	38	44	30	46	30	36	41
About the right amount of time	52	48	58	48	56	53	51
Don't know	8	6	11	5	12	9	7
Violent assault							
Too much time	2	2	1	2	2	2	1
Too little time	30	33	25	36	23	28	33
About the right amount of time	61	61	62	59	65	62	61
Don't know	7	4	12	4	11	8	6
Sexual assault							
Too much time	3	4	2	4	2	2	4
Too little time	35	35	35	35	36	35	35
About the right amount of time	53	55	50	54	52	52	54
Don't know	8	6	13	6	11	10	7
Rape							
Too much time	4	6	2	6	2	4	4
Too little time	31	32	30	30	32	29	33
About the right amount of time	57	58	57	60	55	58	57
Don't know	8	5	12	4	11	9	6
Drug offences							
Too much time	16	18	12	17	14	18	13
Too little time	35	38	30	40	29	31	39
About the right amount of time	42	38	47	38	46	41	42
Don't know	7	5	12	4	11	9	6
Dangerous driving							
Too much time	2	1	4	3	2	1	4
Too little time	41	45	36	49	32	41	42
About the right amount of time	42	41	45	37	49	43	41
Don't know	14	13	16	11	18	15	13
Thinking about the police force in general, which of the following comes closest to your view?							
There is a real problem with offensive attitudes & language in the police force that police are right to take seriously	15	13	19	11	21	17	14
Banter and humour are a way of coping with the pressures of the job, and officers are being persecuted for something that isn't really hurting anyone	55	62	45	67	42	52	59
Neither of these	26	23	31	22	31	27	24
Don't know	3	2	6	1	6	4	3
To what extent, if at all, do you think each of the following is a problem in the police force today?							
Sexism and misogyny							
A very big problem	4	4	6	2	8	6	3
A fairly big problem	25	23	29	17	34	26	24
TOTAL VERY / FAIRLY BIG PROBLEM	29	27	35	19	42	32	27
Not really a problem	45	52	36	52	37	42	49
Not a problem at all	15	16	14	22	7	16	15
TOTAL NOT A PROBLEM	60	68	50	74	44	58	64
Don't know	8	4	15	7	11	9	8
Prefer not to say	1	2	1	1	3	2	1
Racism							
A very big problem	2	2	2	2	3	3	2
A fairly big problem	12	8	17	8	16	11	12
TOTAL VERY / FAIRLY BIG PROBLEM	14	10	19	10	19	14	14
Not really a problem	45	48	40	45	45	41	48
Not a problem at all	29	35	21	40	17	32	27
TOTAL NOT A PROBLEM	74	83	61	85	62	73	75
Don't know	11	6	18	5	17	11	10
Prefer not to say	1	1	1	0	3	2	1

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Homophobia

A very big problem	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
A fairly big problem	8	5	12	7	9	7	9
TOTAL VERY / FAIRLY BIG PROBLEM	9	6	13	8	10	8	9
Not really a problem	45	48	40	44	46	42	48
Not a problem at all	35	39	27	43	25	38	31
TOTAL NOT A PROBLEM	80	87	67	87	71	80	79
Don't know	11	6	19	6	17	11	11
Prefer not to say	1	1	1	0	3	2	1

Bullying

A very big problem	4	4	5	4	5	5	3
A fairly big problem	21	19	24	20	22	20	23
TOTAL VERY / FAIRLY BIG PROBLEM	25	23	29	24	27	25	26
Not really a problem	47	55	34	51	42	44	50
Not a problem at all	14	15	12	15	12	16	11
TOTAL NOT A PROBLEM	61	70	46	66	54	60	61
Don't know	12	6	23	8	17	13	11
Prefer not to say	2	1	2	1	3	2	2

And do you think each of the following problems is, or is not, institutionalised in the police force?

Sexism and misogyny

[Asked to those who think this issue is a problem, N=151]

Is institutionalised	64	63	65	59	67	65	63
Is not institutionalised	23	26	20	36	17	19	28
Don't know	12	11	14	6	16	16	8

Racism

[Asked to those who think this issue is a problem, N=75]

Is institutionalised	67	64	71	69	66	71	64
Is not institutionalised	21	27	16	23	20	18	24
Don't know	12	10	14	8	14	12	12

Homophobia

[Asked to those who think this issue is a problem, N=46]

Is institutionalised	59	64	56	74	45	59	60
Is not institutionalised	30	36	26	22	38	29	31
Don't know	11	0	18	4	17	12	9

Bullying

[Asked to those who think this issue is a problem, N=134]

Is institutionalised	54	48	61	47	60	53	54
Is not institutionalised	35	43	26	44	27	37	33
Don't know	11	9	13	9	13	10	12

Thinking specifically about your own experiences, have you personally experienced, and/or witnessed each of the following while working in the police force?

Sexism and misogyny

Yes, I have personally experienced this	17	19	13	3	33	18	16
Yes, I have witnessed this happening to another officer / member of staff	25	24	26	25	25	28	22
No, I have never experienced or witnessed this happening in the police force	60	59	61	72	45	56	64
Prefer not to say	3	3	2	2	4	4	2

Racism

Yes, I have personally experienced this	4	5	2	4	4	5	3
Yes, I have witnessed this happening to another officer / member of staff	8	8	9	8	9	7	10
No, I have never experienced or witnessed this happening in the police force	87	86	88	88	86	87	87
Prefer not to say	2	2	2	2	2	2	1

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Homophobia

Yes, I have personally experienced this	2	2	2	2	2	3	1
Yes, I have witnessed this happening to another officer / member of staff	7	6	7	7	6	8	5
No, I have never experienced or witnessed this happening in the police force	89	90	89	88	91	87	92
Prefer not to say	2	2	2	2	2	4	1

Bullying

Yes, I have personally experienced this	18	19	17	17	20	13	24
Yes, I have witnessed this happening to another officer / member of staff	33	35	29	34	32	35	31
No, I have never experienced or witnessed this happening in the police force	51	49	56	52	50	54	48
Prefer not to say	3	3	3	2	4	3	3

Do you think that efforts to create fair and equal access to jobs within the police force for the following groups of people have gone too far, not gone far enough or are about right?

Women

Gone too far	14	18	6	21	5	15	13
Are about right	67	65	72	68	66	64	71
Not gone far enough	12	11	12	6	19	12	11
Don't know	7	6	10	5	9	9	5

People from ethnic minority backgrounds

Gone too far	26	31	18	36	15	23	28
Are about right	50	48	52	46	55	48	52
Not gone far enough	17	14	21	12	22	20	14
Don't know	7	7	9	7	9	9	6

Disabled people

Gone too far	14	17	9	20	6	15	12
Are about right	50	50	52	50	51	45	56
Not gone far enough	19	15	25	13	25	19	18
Don't know	17	19	15	17	18	22	13

People from working class backgrounds

Gone too far	3	4	2	4	2	4	3
Are about right	60	60	60	59	61	57	63
Not gone far enough	25	26	23	28	21	26	23
Don't know	12	11	14	10	15	13	11

LGBTQIA+ people

Gone too far	25	27	20	33	15	20	29
Are about right	56	57	54	52	60	56	56
Not gone far enough	7	5	11	5	10	10	5
Don't know	12	10	15	9	15	14	10

In general, is Artificial Intelligence (AI) more of a help or a hindrance to your job?

More of a help	27	31	22	30	24	33	21
More of a hindrance	18	16	20	17	19	14	22
Neither	19	20	17	21	17	17	21
N/A - I do not interact with AI in my role	36	33	41	32	40	36	36

Do you support or oppose the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for each of the following in the police force?

Live facial recognition

Strongly support	41	47	31	45	36	44	38
Tend to support	38	35	44	36	41	32	45
TOTAL SUPPORT	79	82	75	81	77	76	83
Tend to oppose	8	8	8	9	6	8	7
Strongly oppose	6	4	9	4	8	8	4
TOTAL OPPOSE	14	12	17	13	14	16	11
Don't know	7	6	9	5	10	8	6

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Crime mapping

Strongly support	37	45	24	40	33	42	31
Tend to support	47	43	54	48	46	41	53
TOTAL SUPPORT	84	88	78	88	79	83	84
Tend to oppose	5	3	7	4	6	5	4
Strongly oppose	3	2	4	3	3	3	3
TOTAL OPPOSE	8	5	11	7	9	8	7
Don't know	9	7	10	6	12	8	9

Analysing data

Strongly support	35	43	21	39	30	40	29
Tend to support	45	42	48	47	42	39	50
TOTAL SUPPORT	80	85	69	86	72	79	79
Tend to oppose	9	7	12	7	11	7	10
Strongly oppose	4	1	8	3	5	5	3
TOTAL OPPOSE	13	8	20	10	16	12	13
Don't know	8	7	10	5	12	8	8

In the police's day-to-day functions in general

Strongly support	17	21	10	20	13	24	10
Tend to support	35	35	36	33	38	32	39
TOTAL SUPPORT	52	56	46	53	51	56	49
Tend to oppose	23	26	19	23	24	21	26
Strongly oppose	11	6	17	10	12	11	10
TOTAL OPPOSE	34	32	36	33	36	32	36
Don't know	14	11	18	14	14	12	15

Currently most police forces are organised at the county level.
Would you support or oppose merging some police forces together, so there are more police forces that cover several counties?

Strongly support	14	14	14	18	9	14	14
Tend to support	31	32	29	32	29	26	35
TOTAL SUPPORT	45	46	43	50	38	40	49
Tend to oppose	26	27	25	24	28	27	24
Strongly oppose	21	19	24	19	23	22	21
TOTAL OPPOSE	47	46	49	43	51	49	45
Don't know	9	9	9	7	11	11	6

Since 2012 police forces have been accountable to directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners. From 2028, Police and Crime Commissioners will be abolished, with police forces instead being accountable to local councils or elected mayors.
Do you support or oppose PCC roles being abolished?

Strongly support	47	53	39	57	36	46	49
Tend to support	25	25	25	25	25	21	29
TOTAL SUPPORT	72	78	64	82	61	67	78
Tend to oppose	8	7	8	7	8	9	6
Strongly oppose	4	3	6	4	4	2	6
TOTAL OPPOSE	12	10	14	11	12	11	12
Don't know	16	12	22	7	26	21	10

Generally speaking, do you think neighbourhood watches and other community associations to tackle crime have a positive or negative impact on preventing crime in the area you work?

Very positive	7	8	6	8	6	7	7
Fairly positive	42	39	47	38	46	41	43
TOTAL POSITIVE	49	47	53	46	52	48	50
Make no difference either way	35	37	32	41	28	32	39
Fairly negative	2	2	1	3	1	2	1
Very negative	1	1	0	1	0	1	1
TOTAL NEGATIVE	3	3	1	4	1	3	2
Don't know	8	6	11	4	12	11	5
N/A – these don't exist in my area	5	7	3	5	6	6	4

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Do you ever carry a firearm as part of your role?

[Only asked to police officers, N=273]

Yes I do	15	15	0	19	8	17	13
No I do not	84	84	0	79	92	82	86
Prefer not to say	1	1	0	2	0	1	1

Which of the following comes closest to your view?

[Only asked to police officers who do carry a fire arm, N=232]

I am glad I carry a gun as part of my role	47	47	0	50	37	47	48
I would prefer not to carry a gun as part of my role	11	11	0	13	0	6	19
I don't mind either way	42	42	0	37	63	47	33

Which of the following comes closest to your view?

[Only asked to police officers who do not carry a fire arm, N=232]

I am glad I do not carry a gun as part of my role	73	73	0	63	87	77	68
I would prefer to carry a gun as part of my role	13	13	0	18	6	13	13
I don't mind either way	14	14	0	19	7	10	19

Why do you say that?

[See Tab 2]

Thinking about a scenario where a firearms officer kills someone in the line of duty, do you think the current law makes it too easy or too difficult for that officer to face criminal charges, or are the current laws about right?

Too easy	69	84	46	79	57	67	71
Too difficult	2	1	5	2	4	3	2
About right	20	12	32	16	25	20	21
Don't know	9	3	17	4	15	11	6

Would you support or oppose the following policies?

Police officers being granted anonymity if they face a criminal trial as a result of a police shooting, unless they are subsequently found guilty

Strongly support	76	83	65	79	72	76	76
Tend to support	17	13	23	16	19	14	20
TOTAL SUPPORT	93	96	88	95	91	90	96
Tend to oppose	2	1	2	1	2	2	1
Strongly oppose	1	0	3	1	2	1	1
TOTAL OPPOSE	3	1	5	2	4	3	2
Don't know	4	2	7	3	6	6	2

Police officers being granted immunity from murder if they discharge their weapons while on duty

Strongly support	27	32	20	28	26	31	23
Tend to support	27	28	25	28	26	24	30
TOTAL SUPPORT	54	60	45	56	52	55	53
Tend to oppose	20	20	20	21	18	14	25
Strongly oppose	15	15	15	16	14	19	11
TOTAL OPPOSE	35	35	35	37	32	33	36
Don't know	11	5	21	7	16	12	10

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Changing the standard of proof required for a verdict of unlawful killing by a police officer from a civil standard to a criminal standard

Strongly support	40	52	20	49	29	43	36
Tend to support	21	17	26	24	17	16	25
TOTAL SUPPORT	61	69	46	73	46	59	61
Tend to oppose	8	8	8	5	10	8	8
Strongly oppose	5	5	6	5	6	3	8
TOTAL OPPOSE	13	13	14	10	16	11	16
Don't know	27	18	40	17	38	30	23

**Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.*