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1. Favorability of the police

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of police officers in your community?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | Party ID |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Inde |  | Republican |
| Very favorable | 26\% | 27\% | 25\% | 17\% | 24\% | 28\% | 35\% | 20\% |  |  | 42\% |
| Somewhat favorable | 38\% | 38\% | 38\% | 37\% | 38\% | 39\% | 38\% | 40\% |  |  | 33\% |
| Somewhat unfavorable | 17\% | 15\% | 18\% | 12\% | 19\% | 19\% | 13\% | 18\% |  |  | 15\% |
| Very unfavorable | 11\% | 13\% | 10\% | 12\% | 12\% | 11\% | 10\% | 12\% |  |  | 8\% |
| Not sure | 8\% | 7\% | 8\% | 21\% | 7\% | 3\% | 3\% | 10\% |  |  | 2\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |  |  | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | $(1,000)$ | (479) | (521) | (195) | (256) | (388) | (161) | (331) |  |  | (234) |
|  |  |  | Race |  |  | ily Income |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Very favorable | 26\% | 28\% | 21\% | 19\% | 21\% | 26\% | 37\% | 21\% | 27\% | 29\% | 24\% |
| Somewhat favorable | 38\% | 41\% | 41\% | 23\% | 37\% | 42\% | 40\% | 40\% | 42\% | 37\% | 37\% |
| Somewhat unfavorable | 17\% | 15\% | 18\% | 23\% | 18\% | 17\% | 9\% | 22\% | 18\% | 13\% | 18\% |
| Very unfavorable | 11\% | 10\% | 7\% | 21\% | 12\% | 10\% | 11\% | 8\% | 9\% | 14\% | 11\% |
| Not sure | 8\% | 6\% | 13\% | 13\% | 13\% | 5\% | 3\% | 10\% | 4\% | 8\% | 9\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | $(1,000)$ | (740) | (117) | (143) | (409) | (298) | (156) | (156) | (192) | (391) | (261) |

## 2. Confidence in police to do the right thing

How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community doing the right thing most or all of the time?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | Party ID |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| A great deal | 26\% | 26\% | 26\% | 14\% | 22\% | 32\% | 37\% | 18\% | 25\% | 41\% |
| A fair amount | 36\% | 36\% | 37\% | 39\% | 30\% | 36\% | 43\% | 41\% | 34\% | 36\% |
| Just some | 18\% | 22\% | 15\% | 15\% | 24\% | 17\% | 16\% | 19\% | 19\% | 14\% |
| Very little | 10\% | 6\% | 14\% | 16\% | 12\% | 9\% | 2\% | 13\% | 11\% | 4\% |
| None | 6\% | 7\% | 5\% | 9\% | 8\% | 5\% | 2\% | 9\% | 6\% | 3\% |
| Not sure | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 7\% | 4\% | 2\% | 0\% | 1\% | 5\% | 1\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (997) | (478) | (519) | (194) | (254) | (388) | (161) | (331) | (433) | (233) |
|  |  | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  | Region |  |  |
|  | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest South | West |
| A great deal | 26\% | 29\% | 23\% | 14\% | 22\% | 25\% | 38\% | 22\% | 26\% 29\% | 25\% |
| A fair amount | 36\% | 39\% | 36\% | 22\% | 32\% | 38\% | 44\% | 33\% | 49\% 34\% | 33\% |
| Just some | 18\% | 17\% | 17\% | 25\% | 20\% | 20\% | 7\% | 24\% | 17\% 15\% | 19\% |
| Very little | 10\% | 8\% | 16\% | 16\% | 13\% | 9\% | 6\% | 13\% | 5\% 10\% | 12\% |
| None | 6\% | 5\% | 7\% | 11\% | 9\% | 4\% | 4\% | 7\% | 2\% 8\% | 6\% |
| Not sure | 3\% | 2\% | 1\% | 11\% | 5\% | 3\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% 5\% | 4\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (997) | (737) | (117) | (143) | (408) | (297) | (156) | (156) | (191) (389) | (261) |

## 3. Confidence in police not using excessive force

How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community to not use excessive force on suspects?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | Party ID |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| A great deal | 24\% | 27\% | 22\% | 13\% | 19\% | 27\% | 43\% | 16\% | 21\% | 43\% |
| A fair amount | 31\% | 28\% | 34\% | 26\% | 27\% | 37\% | 31\% | 36\% | 30\% | 26\% |
| Just some | 17\% | 19\% | 16\% | 21\% | 22\% | 16\% | 10\% | 18\% | 19\% | 14\% |
| Very little | 13\% | 12\% | 14\% | 16\% | 15\% | 11\% | 10\% | 15\% | 13\% | 10\% |
| None | 8\% | 7\% | 9\% | 11\% | 10\% | 6\% | 5\% | 10\% | 8\% | 4\% |
| Not sure | 6\% | 6\% | 6\% | 14\% | 7\% | 3\% | 2\% | 5\% | 8\% | 2\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (995) | (478) | (517) | (195) | (253) | (387) | (160) | (329) | (434) | (232) |


|  | Total | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| A great deal | 24\% | 27\% | 17\% | 15\% | 18\% | 29\% | 32\% | 29\% | 25\% | 24\% | 22\% |
| A fair amount | 31\% | 33\% | 27\% | 22\% | 32\% | 29\% | 38\% | 27\% | 38\% | 31\% | 29\% |
| Just some | 17\% | 17\% | 25\% | 12\% | 16\% | 23\% | 14\% | 17\% | 22\% | 16\% | 16\% |
| Very little | 13\% | 10\% | 15\% | 27\% | 14\% | 10\% | 6\% | 14\% | 8\% | 13\% | 17\% |
| None | 8\% | 6\% | 11\% | 13\% | 11\% | 6\% | 6\% | 6\% | 5\% | 9\% | 10\% |
| Not sure | 6\% | 5\% | 5\% | 10\% | 9\% | 3\% | 4\% | 6\% | 3\% | 7\% | 6\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (995) | (738) | (115) | (142) | (407) | (295) | (156) | (155) | (192) | (387) | (261) |

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## 4. Personal experience with the police

Have your personal experiences with the police been mostly good, mostly bad, or mixed?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | Party ID |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Mostly good | 47\% | 51\% | 43\% | 36\% | 44\% | 50\% | 60\% | 42\% | 43\% | 61\% |
| Mixed | 21\% | 19\% | 22\% | 20\% | 20\% | 26\% | 12\% | 20\% | 23\% | 16\% |
| Mostly bad | 10\% | 12\% | 8\% | 14\% | 15\% | 7\% | 2\% | 13\% | 11\% | 4\% |
| No experience with police | 20\% | 16\% | 24\% | 24\% | 19\% | 16\% | 26\% | 24\% | 19\% | 17\% |
| Not sure | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 6\% | 2\% | 1\% | - | 2\% | 4\% | 1\% |
| Totals <br> (Unweighted N ) | $100 \%$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (479) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 100 \% \\ & (521) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (195) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 100 \% \\ & (256) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (388) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (161) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 100 \% \\ & (331) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 100 \% \\ & (435) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 100 \% \\ & (234) \end{aligned}$ |


|  | Total | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Mostly good | 47\% | 51\% | 40\% | 31\% | 42\% | 52\% | 58\% | 43\% | 53\% | 45\% | 47\% |
| Mixed | 21\% | 19\% | 19\% | 32\% | 23\% | 20\% | 13\% | 26\% | 14\% | 19\% | 25\% |
| Mostly bad | 10\% | 9\% | 8\% | 18\% | 13\% | 9\% | 5\% | 5\% | 12\% | 11\% | 10\% |
| No experience with police | 20\% | 20\% | 31\% | 14\% | 20\% | 16\% | 23\% | 25\% | 20\% | 21\% | 16\% |
| Not sure | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 5\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 3\% | 2\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N ) | $(1,000)$ | (740) | (117) | (143) | (409) | (298) | (156) | (156) | (192) | (391) | (261) |

## 5. Targeted by the police

Have you personally ever felt you were targeted or treated unfairly by the police?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | Party ID |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Yes | 25\% | 31\% | 19\% | 24\% | 31\% | 25\% | 19\% | 30\% | 25\% | 18\% |
| No | 68\% | 63\% | 73\% | 68\% | 61\% | 69\% | 79\% | 66\% | 65\% | 80\% |
| Not sure | 7\% | 5\% | 8\% | 8\% | 8\% | 6\% | 3\% | 4\% | 10\% | 2\% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | $\begin{gathered} 100 \% \\ (1,000) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (479) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (521) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (195) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (256) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (388) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (161) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (331) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (435) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (234) \end{aligned}$ |


|  | Total | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Yes | 25\% | 23\% | 26\% | 37\% | 27\% | 30\% | 17\% | 21\% | 21\% | 28\% | 27\% |
| No | 68\% | 72\% | 66\% | 51\% | 66\% | 63\% | 81\% | 72\% | 74\% | 65\% | 66\% |
| Not sure | 7\% | 5\% | 8\% | 12\% | 8\% | 7\% | 2\% | 7\% | 5\% | 7\% | 7\% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | $\begin{gathered} 100 \% \\ (1,000) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (740) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (117) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (143) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (409) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & \text { (298) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (156) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (156) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (192) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (391) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (261) \end{aligned}$ |

6. Militarized police necessary or going too far

Do you think local police departments using military weapons and armored vehicles is necessary for law enforcement purposes, or are they going too far?


