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1. Trust in judicial system - Judges

How often can you trust the following people in the criminal justice system to do the right thing?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | Party ID |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Always | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 10\% | 2\% | 3\% | 0\% | 6\% | 2\% | 3\% |
| Nearly always | 30\% | 30\% | 29\% | 25\% | 24\% | 30\% | 43\% | 33\% | 24\% | 36\% |
| Some of the time | 51\% | 50\% | 53\% | 45\% | 52\% | 56\% | 47\% | 49\% | 53\% | 51\% |
| Almost never | 8\% | 10\% | 6\% | 8\% | 11\% | 7\% | 5\% | 6\% | 10\% | 5\% |
| Never | 3\% | 4\% | 3\% | 3\% | 5\% | 1\% | 4\% | 2\% | 5\% | 4\% |
| Not sure | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% | 9\% | 6\% | 3\% | 0\% | 4\% | 6\% | 2\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (944) | (436) | (508) | (137) | (245) | (375) | (178) | (331) | (396) | (217) |


|  | Total | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80-100 | 100+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Always | 4\% | 3\% | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 1\% | 2\% | 7\% | 3\% | 4\% | 3\% | 5\% |
| Nearly always | 30\% | 31\% | 27\% | 27\% | 27\% | 32\% | 39\% | 35\% | 28\% | 28\% | 30\% | 32\% |
| Some of the time | 51\% | 54\% | 49\% | 40\% | 50\% | 54\% | 48\% | 46\% | 53\% | 55\% | 52\% | 47\% |
| Almost never | 8\% | 6\% | 7\% | 15\% | 9\% | 7\% | 6\% | 7\% | 7\% | 5\% | 8\% | 10\% |
| Never | 3\% | 3\% | 7\% | 5\% | 5\% | 2\% | - | 2\% | 7\% | 2\% | 4\% | 2\% |
| Not sure | 4\% | 4\% | 6\% | 7\% | 5\% | 3\% | 5\% | 3\% | 3\% | 6\% | 4\% | 5\% |
| Totals (Unweighted N ) | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (944) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (759) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 100 \% \\ (94) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 100 \% \\ (91) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (349) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (267) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 100 \% \\ (61) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (120) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (186) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (203) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (290) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (265) \end{aligned}$ |

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## 2. Trust in judicial system - Police

How often can you trust the following people in the criminal justice system to do the right thing?


## 3. Trust in judicial system - Crime scene investigators

How often can you trust the following people in the criminal justice system to do the right thing?


## 4. Trust in judicial system - Juries

How often can you trust the following people in the criminal justice system to do the right thing?

|  | Total | Gender |  |  |  | Age |  |  |  |  |  | Party ID |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female |  | 18-29 |  | 30-44 |  |  | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent |  | Republican |
| Always | 3\% | 3\% |  | 3\% |  | 7\% |  | 1\% |  | 2\% | 1\% | 4\% |  |  | 2\% |
| Nearly always | 29\% | 29\% |  | 30\% |  | 21\% |  | 27\% |  | 30\% | 43\% | 23\% |  |  | 42\% |
| Some of the time | 54\% | 54\% |  | 54\% |  | 46\% |  | 55\% |  | 59\% | 48\% | 60\% |  |  | 47\% |
| Almost never | 8\% | 8\% |  | 8\% |  | 10\% |  | 11\% |  | 5\% | 6\% | 9\% |  |  | 4\% |
| Never | 2\% | 3\% |  | 2\% |  | 6\% |  | 2\% |  | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% |  |  | 4\% |
| Not sure | 4\% | 4\% |  | 4\% |  | 9\% |  | 5\% |  | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% |  |  | 2\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% |  | 100\% |  | 100\% |  | 100\% |  | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |  |  | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N ) | (939) | (437) |  | (502) |  | (138) |  | (242) |  | (376) | (174) | (332) |  |  | (211) |
|  | Total | Race |  |  |  | Family Income |  |  |  |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic |  | Under 40 |  | 40-80 |  | 80-100 | 100+ | Northeast | Midwes | South | West |
| Always | 3\% | 2\% | 7\% |  | 0\% |  | 5\% |  | 1\% | - | 1\% | 5\% | 4\% | 2\% | 1\% |
| Nearly always | 29\% | 32\% | 14\% |  | 27\% |  | 25\% |  | 31\% | 40\% | 41\% | 25\% | 27\% | 29\% | 34\% |
| Some of the time | 54\% | 54\% | 53\% |  | 52\% |  | 54\% |  | 59\% | 49\% | 47\% | 53\% | 57\% | 54\% | 51\% |
| Almost never | 8\% | 6\% | 12\% |  | 13\% |  | 8\% |  | 6\% | 8\% | 7\% | 10\% | 5\% | 9\% | 8\% |
| Never | 2\% | 1\% | 9\% |  | 2\% |  | 4\% |  | 1\% | - | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% | 1\% |
| Not sure | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% |  | 6\% |  | 4\% |  | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% | 4\% | 7\% | 2\% | 5\% |
| Totals | 100\% | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (755) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 100 \% \\ (94) \end{gathered}$ |  | 100\% |  | 100\% |  | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (939) |  |  |  | (90) |  | (347) |  | (261) | (59) | (124) | (186) | (201) | (289) | (263) |

## 5. Trust in judicial system - Prosecutors

How often can you trust the following people in the criminal justice system to do the right thing?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | Party ID |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Always | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% | 4\% | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% |
| Nearly always | 22\% | 24\% | 20\% | 23\% | 18\% | 22\% | 31\% | 23\% | 17\% | 32\% |
| Some of the time | 54\% | 48\% | 58\% | 46\% | 55\% | 55\% | 53\% | 57\% | 51\% | 52\% |
| Almost never | 11\% | 16\% | 7\% | 8\% | 13\% | 13\% | 10\% | 10\% | 14\% | 7\% |
| Never | 5\% | 6\% | 4\% | 7\% | 5\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 7\% | 4\% |
| Not sure | 5\% | 4\% | 7\% | 11\% | 7\% | 4\% | 1\% | 4\% | 8\% | 3\% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (935) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (435) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (500) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (139) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (242) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (371) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (174) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (330) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (390) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (215) \end{aligned}$ |


|  | Total | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80-100 | 100+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Always | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | - | 5\% | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% |
| Nearly always | 22\% | 23\% | 15\% | 25\% | 19\% | 23\% | 30\% | 25\% | 18\% | 24\% | 23\% | 23\% |
| Some of the time | 54\% | 54\% | 62\% | 45\% | 55\% | 54\% | 66\% | 53\% | 56\% | 53\% | 55\% | 51\% |
| Almost never | 11\% | 11\% | 7\% | 16\% | 11\% | 16\% | 1\% | 9\% | 11\% | 9\% | 11\% | 14\% |
| Never | 5\% | 4\% | 9\% | 4\% | 7\% | 1\% | - | 5\% | 8\% | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% |
| Not sure | 5\% | 5\% | 4\% | 8\% | 5\% | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 3\% | 7\% | 4\% | 7\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (935) | (751) | (92) | (92) | (347) | (262) | (61) | (122) | (185) | (201) | (287) | (262) |

## 6. Trust in judicial system - Defense attorneys

How often can you trust the following people in the criminal justice system to do the right thing?


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## 7. Frequency of wrongful convictions

How often do you think innocent people are wrongly convicted of committing a crime?


|  | Total | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80-100 | 100+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Always | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 4\% | 2\% | 1\% | - | 1\% | 4\% | 0\% | 1\% | - |
| Nearly always | 6\% | 2\% | 17\% | 13\% | 9\% | 5\% | - | 2\% | 4\% | 4\% | 7\% | 6\% |
| Some of the time | 72\% | 73\% | 71\% | 66\% | 72\% | 74\% | 71\% | 64\% | 70\% | 71\% | 74\% | 70\% |
| Almost never | 17\% | 20\% | 7\% | 11\% | 13\% | 16\% | 25\% | 28\% | 18\% | 21\% | 13\% | 20\% |
| Never | 0\% | 1\% | - | - | 1\% | - | - | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% | - |
| Not sure | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 4\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N ) | (999) | (798) | (103) | (98) | (378) | (279) | (61) | (129) | (193) | (221) | (312) | (273) |

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## 8. Biggest reason for wrongful convictions

What do you think is the biggest reason why some people are wrongly convicted of committing a crime?

|  |  | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | Party ID |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Incompetent attorneys | 15\% | 19\% | 11\% | 10\% | 11\% | 18\% | 20\% | 13\% | 14\% | 21\% |
| Judicial misconduct | 5\% | 5\% | 6\% | 6\% | 7\% | 3\% | 6\% | 5\% | 6\% | 4\% |
| Prosecutorial misconduct | 9\% | 13\% | 5\% | 7\% | 10\% | 9\% | 12\% | 10\% | 10\% | 6\% |
| Police misconduct | 9\% | 11\% | 7\% | 10\% | 8\% | 9\% | 9\% | 10\% | 9\% | 6\% |
| Biased jury | 9\% | 7\% | 12\% | 14\% | 13\% | 5\% | 8\% | 12\% | 9\% | 6\% |
| Bad luck | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% | 5\% | 3\% | 2\% | 1\% | 3\% | 2\% | 4\% |
| Incomplete evidence | 34\% | 27\% | 41\% | 28\% | 33\% | 40\% | 31\% | 36\% | 30\% | 40\% |
| Wrongful convictions never happen | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 2\% | 0\% | 0\% | - | 1\% | 0\% | - |
| Not sure | 15\% | 14\% | 16\% | 18\% | 15\% | 14\% | 15\% | 9\% | 20\% | 13\% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (999) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (467) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 100 \% \\ & (532) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (150) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (259) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (398) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (183) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 100 \% \\ & (355) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (417) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (227) \end{aligned}$ |


|  | Total | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80-100 | 100+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Incompetent attorneys | 15\% | 16\% | 10\% | 13\% | 14\% | 17\% | 20\% | 18\% | 17\% | 15\% | 16\% | 13\% |
| Judicial misconduct | 5\% | 5\% | 8\% | 6\% | 6\% | 6\% | 3\% | 5\% | 5\% | 3\% | 7\% | 5\% |
| Prosecutorial misconduct | 9\% | 10\% | 5\% | 10\% | 9\% | 9\% | 10\% | 11\% | 6\% | 7\% | 10\% | 12\% |
| Police misconduct | 9\% | 8\% | 13\% | 10\% | 8\% | 11\% | 6\% | 7\% | 10\% | 5\% | 8\% | 14\% |
| Biased jury | 9\% | 9\% | 13\% | 8\% | 9\% | 11\% | 12\% | 10\% | 10\% | 11\% | 8\% | 10\% |
| Bad luck | 3\% | 2\% | 4\% | 3\% | 4\% | 1\% | 2\% | 3\% | 5\% | 2\% | 1\% | 3\% |
| Incomplete evidence | 34\% | 33\% | 35\% | 38\% | 39\% | 29\% | 29\% | 30\% | 31\% | 36\% | 37\% | 31\% |
| Wrongful convictions never happen | 0\% | 1\% | - | - | 1\% | - | - | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% | - |
| Not sure | 15\% | 16\% | 11\% | 11\% | 11\% | 16\% | 19\% | 15\% | 17\% |  |  | 13\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N ) | (999) | (797) | (104) |  |  | (279) | (61) |  |  | (221) | (312) | (273) |

