

Sample 1000 Adult Interviews  
Conducted February 14 - 17, 2015  
Margin of Error ±4%

1. In general, do you think the police treat cases of domestic violence seriously enough when they are called, or do you think the police are more likely to treat domestic violence as just a family matter?

Treat cases of domestic violence seriously enough ..... 57%  
Treat domestic violence as just a family matter ..... 43%

2. Do you feel that domestic violence is usually handled best by the police and the courts, or usually handled just by the people involved?

The police and the courts ..... 73%  
Just by the people involved ..... 27%

3. Should the police and prosecutors always arrest and charge suspected perpetrators of domestic violence regardless of what the victim wants or should they allow the victim of domestic violence to decide whether or not to prosecute?

Perpetrators should always be arrested and prosecuted ..... 52%  
Victims should be able to decide whether or not to prosecute ..... 29%  
Not sure ..... 19%

4. If someone has committed domestic violence in the past do you think that they are capable of changing or do you think it is inevitable that they will be violent again?

People are capable of changing ..... 47%  
Further violence is inevitable ..... 37%  
Not sure ..... 16%

5. Have you ever been physically attacked by someone that you were in a romantic relationship with?

*Asked of those okay with being asked about personal experience with domestic violence*

Yes ..... 25%  
No ..... 73%  
Prefer not to say ..... 1%

6. Did you ever call the police when you were physically attacked by someone you were in a romantic relationship with?

*Asked of those who have ever been physically attacked by someone with whom they were in a romantic relationship*

Yes ..... 32%  
No ..... 66%  
Prefer not to say ..... 1%

7. Do you personally know anyone who has ever been physically attacked by someone they were in a romantic relationship with?

*Asked of those okay with being asked about personal experience with domestic violence*

Yes ..... 59%  
No ..... 40%  
Prefer not to say ..... 1%

8. Did the person you personally know who was physically attacked call the police?

*Asked of those who personally know anyone who has ever been physically attacked by someone with whom they were in a romantic relationship*

Yes ..... 39%  
No ..... 39%  
Don't know ..... 21%  
Prefer not to say ..... 1%

9. Did you or someone else call the police for the person you personally know who was physically attacked?

*Asked of those who personally know anyone who has ever been physically attacked by someone with whom they were in a romantic relationship*

Yes .....	29%
No .....	67%
Prefer not to say .....	4%