## Cato Institute Policing in America Survey

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### 1. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the police in your community?

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### 2. What do you think the top three priorities of law enforcement should be? (Select up to three)

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### 3. Do you think your community has the right number of police officers, needs more police officers, or has too many police officers?

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### 4. How good a job is the police department in your community doing for each of the following, using a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 means you think it’s doing a poor job and 5 means you think it’s doing an excellent job. *(High Rating)*

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- Net excellent/Very good: 57%
- Average: 26%
- Net fair/Poor: 16%
- 1-Poor job: 8%
- 2: 8%
- 3: 26%
- 4: 31%
- 5-Excellent job: 26%
- DK/Refused: 1%
- Total: 100%

12. Police department does a poor/excellent job - Not using excessive force on suspects

- Net excellent/Very good: 58%
- Average: 25%
- Net fair/Poor: 16%
- 1-Poor job: 9%
- 2: 7%
- 3: 25%
- 4: 28%
- 5-Excellent job: 30%
- DK/Refused: 1%
- Total: 100%

13. Police department does a poor/excellent job - Gaining the trust of local residents

- Net excellent/Very good: 53%
- Average: 27%
- Net fair/Poor: 20%
- 1-Poor job: 10%
- 2: 10%
- 3: 27%
- 4: 28%
- 5-Excellent job: 25%
- DK/Refused: 1%
- Total: 100%

14. Police department does a poor/excellent job - Caring about the people in your community

- Net excellent/Very good: 55%
- Average: 30%
- Net fair/Poor: 15%
- 1-Poor job: 7%
- 2: 8%
- 3: 30%
- 4: 27%
- 5-Excellent job: 28%
- DK/Refused: 1%
- Total: 100%

15. In your opinion, do most police officers think they are above the law, or not?

- Yes: 49%
- No: 51%
- Total: 100%

16. Is there a war on police in America today?

- Yes: 61%
- No: 39%
- DK/Refused: <1%
- Total: 100%

17. In recent years, do you think people show enough respect for police, too little respect, or too much respect?

- Too little respect: 58%
- Enough respect: 34%
- Too much respect: 9%
- DK/Refused: <1%
- Total: 100%

18. How dangerous do you think a police officer’s job is?

- Very dangerous: 65%
- Somewhat dangerous: 30%
- Not very dangerous: 4%
- Not dangerous at all: 1%
- Total: 100%
19. Have you or an immediate family member ever had an experience where a police officer helped keep you safe in a potentially dangerous situation?

- Yes 27%
- No 73%
- Total 100%

20. Do you know anyone who has ever been arrested?

- 63%
- N/A
- Total 100%

21. Been arrested
- 63%
- N/A
- Total 100%

22. Been in prison or jail
- 57%
- N/A
- Total 100%

23. Stopped and searched by a police officer
- 47%
- N/A
- Total 100%

24. Been a victim of a violent crime
- 37%
- N/A
- Total 100%

25. Been murdered
- 19%
- N/A
- Total 100%

26. None of these
- 25%
- N/A
- Total 100%

27. Has a police officer ever used abusive language or profanity in an interaction with you?

- Yes 17%
- No 83%
- Total 100%

28. Do you happen to know anyone who has been physically mistreated or abused by the police?

- Yes 23%
- No 77%
- Total 100%

29. Please rate your overall level of satisfaction with interactions you’ve had with police officers in the past 5 years on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 meaning you were highly dissatisfied and 5 meaning you were highly satisfied. (Asked of 80% who report having bad personal contact with police in past 5 years)

- Mean Rating 3.83
- Net satisfied 67%
- Average 18%
- Net dissatisfied 15%
- 1 - Highly dissatisfied 7%
- 2 8%
- 3 18%
- 4 30%
- 5 - Highly satisfied 37%
- Total 100%

30. If you had some trouble with the police—a traffic violation, or being accused of a minor offense—do you think that someone like you would be treated a little worse than other people, about the same as other people, a little better than other people?

- A little worse 10%
- About the same 75%
- A little better 15%
- DK/Refused 0%
- Total 100%

31. If you witnessed a violent crime, would you call the police? Do you think you...

- Definitely would 72%
- Probably would 20%
- Probably would not 5%
- Definitely would not 3%
- DK/Refused 0%
- Total 100%

32. If you were a police officer, how many of these factors do you think would be relevant when deciding who to stop and search for criminal activity? You don’t need to identify which ones, just how many.

- If the person is... (asked of half sample A only)
  1. Is acting strangely (fearful, agitated)
  2. Is making quick and secretive movements
  3. Is present in a high crime area
  4. Is male
  5. Is young

- Mean number of selected statements 3.87

- If the person is... (asked of half sample B only)
  1. Is acting strangely (fearful, agitated)
  2. Is making quick and secretive movements
  3. Is present in a high crime area
  4. Is male
  5. Is young
  6. Is black

- Mean number of selected statements 4.29
- Difference .42
33. Do you favor or oppose allowing the police in your area to stop and search a person for weapons or drugs if that person looks suspicious or out of place?

- NET Favor 66%
- NET-Oppose 34%
- Strongly favor 30%
- Somewhat favor 35%
- Somewhat oppose 21%
- Strongly oppose 13%
- DK/Refused <1%
- Total 100%

34. Based on what you know now, if during a traffic stop a police officer asks for your photo identification, are you legally required to provide it?

- Yes 86%
- No 14%
- DK/Refused <1%
- Total 100%

35. Based on what you know now, if during a traffic stop a police officer asks where you are going, are you legally required to answer?

- Yes 30%
- No 70%
- DK/Refused <1%
- Total 100%

36. Based on what you know now, if during a traffic stop a police officer asks to search your car, are you legally allowed to refuse?

- Yes 80%
- No 20%
- DK/Refused <1%
- Total 100%

38. The police should be allowed to search the houses of suspected drug dealers without a court order. (asked of half sample)

- Favor 34%
- Oppose 66%
- Total 100%

39. The police should be allowed to search the houses of people who might be sympathetic to terrorists without a court order. (asked of half sample)

- Favor 38%
- Oppose 62%
- Total 100%

40. The police should be allowed to monitor phone calls of anyone they suspect of criminal activity without a court order. (asked of half sample)

- Favor 24%
- Oppose 76%
- Total 100%

41. Would you favor or oppose a law requiring police officers to tell citizens if a stop is voluntary and that they do not need to consent to a search?

- Net Favor 73%
- Net-Oppose 27%
- Strongly favor 37%
- Somewhat favor 36%
- Somewhat oppose 18%
- Strongly oppose 9%
- DK/Refused <1%
- Total 100%

42. When police officers stop and search individuals, about how often do you think the search reveals evidence of criminal wrongdoing?

- Almost every time 3%
- Most of the time 20%
- Some of the time 54%
- Not that often 18%
- Hardly ever 5%
- Total 100%
43. Some police officers stop motorists or pedestrians of certain racial or ethnic groups because the officers believe that these groups are more likely than others to commit certain types of crimes. Do you support or oppose this practice by the police?

- **Net Favor**: 37%
- **Net Oppose**: 63%
- Strongly favor: 10%
- Somewhat favor: 26%
- Somewhat oppose: 29%
- Strongly oppose: 34%
- DK/Refused: <1%
- Total: 100%

44. Do you believe that this police practice is commonly used, or not? (The practice where police officers stop motorists and pedestrians of certain racial/ethnic groups because the officer believes that these groups are more likely than others to commit certain types of crimes)

- Yes, commonly used: 65%
- No, not commonly used: 35%
- Total: 100%

45. Do you think most police officers need additional training on how to handle confrontations with citizens or do most police officers have the appropriate training needed for dealing with that already?

- Yes, they need more training: 68%
- No, they have appropriate training needed: 32%
- Total: 100%

46. In general, are the tactics used by police officers too harsh, not harsh enough, or about right?

- Too harsh: 30%
- About right: 63%
- Not harsh enough: 7%
- DK/Refused: <1%
- Total: 100%

47. In general, do you think the police are too quick to use deadly force, or do they typically only use deadly force when necessary?

- Too quick: 42%
- Only when necessary: 58%
- Total: 100%

48. Do you think on-duty police officers should be allowed to or prohibited from using profanity (swearing) at citizens while on the job?

- Allowed: 25%
- Prohibited: 77%
- DK/Refused: <1%
- Total: 100%

49. Based on what you’ve read or heard, do you think police officers are generally held accountable for misconduct, or not?

- Yes: 54%
- No: 46%
- DK/Refused: <1%
- Total: 100%

50. When a police officer is suspected of criminal wrongdoing, do you think the police department should investigate the case itself or should an outside law enforcement agency take over the investigation?

- Police department investigate: 21%
- Outside agency investigate: 79%
- DK/Refused: <1%
- Total: 100%

51. Do you favor or oppose requiring police officers to wear body cameras that would record video of their interactions?

- **Net Favor**: 89%
- **Net Oppose**: 11%
- Strongly favor: 53%
- Somewhat favor: 35%
- Somewhat oppose: 9%
- Strongly oppose: 2%
- DK/Refused: <1%
- Total: 100%

52. Would you be willing to pay higher taxes in order to outfit your local police department with body cameras, or not? (asked of half sample)

- Yes: 51%
- No: 49%
- Total: 100%
53. Should police officers be allowed or not allowed to watch the body camera video footage after a violent encounter before making their official statement about the event? (asked of half sample)

- Allowed 52%
- Not allowed 48%
- Total 100%

54. Who will body cameras protect more — citizens who interact with the police, the police officers who wear them, or both equally?

- Protect the police 11%
- Protect citizens who interact with police 15%
- Protect both equally 74%
- Total 100%

55. Do you favor or oppose allowing police forces inside the United States to regularly use unmanned aircraft called ‘drones’ to assist in their police work?

- Net Favor 59%
- Net Oppose 41%
- Strongly favor 15%
- Somewhat favor 44%
- Strongly oppose 25%
- Somewhat oppose 17%
- DK/Refused <1%
- Total 100%

56. Are you concerned that police departments regularly using unmanned aircraft called ‘drones’ to assist in their police work may invade your privacy?

- Yes 54%
- No 46%
- Total 100%

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

- Necessary 46%
- Going too far 54%
- DK/Refused <1%
- Total 100%

58. Would you favor or oppose legalizing marijuana and the government regulating it like alcohol?

- Net Favor 57%
- Net Oppose 43%
- Strongly favor 35%
- Somewhat favor 22%
- Somewhat oppose 12%
- Strongly oppose 31%
- DK/Refused >1%
- Total 100%

59. Released separately

60. Would you favor or oppose re-categorizing drug offenses from felonies to civil offenses, meaning they would be treated like minor traffic violations rather than crimes?

- Net Favor 54%
- Net Oppose 46%
- Strongly favor 21%
- Somewhat favor 33%
- Somewhat oppose 23%
- Strongly oppose 23%
- DK/Refused <1%
- Total 100%

61-63. Released separately

64. Do you think police should be able take a person’s money or property that is suspected to have been involved in a drug crime before the person is convicted of a crime or should police only take the property if the person is convicted?

- Before conviction 16%
- Only if person is convicted 84%
- DK/Refused <1%
- Total 100%

65. When police departments take a person’s money or property involved in a drug crime, who should be allowed to keep the property?

- The local police department 24%
- The state general fund 48%
- A state level law enforcement fund 28%
- DK/Refused <1%
- Total 100%
68. Just your impression, do you think the criminal justice system in the United States treats white Americans more fairly than black and Hispanic Americans, treats black and Hispanic Americans more fairly than white Americans, or are they treated about the same?

- Treats white Americans more fairly: 45%
- Treats black and Hispanic Americans more fairly: 13%
- Treats all equally: 42%
- DK/Refused: <1%
- Total: 100%

(69-72 released separately)

73. What do you think would be worse: having 20,000 people in prison who are actually innocent, or 20,000 people not in prison but who are actually guilty?

- 20,000 innocent people in prison: 60%
- 20,000 guilty people who are free: 40%
- DK/Refused: <1%
- Total: 100%

(74-77 released separately)

78. How concerned are you, if at all, about becoming a victim of a crime?

- Extremely concerned: 10%
- Very concerned: 16%
- Somewhat concerned: 37%
- Not too concerned: 31%
- Not at all concerned: 6%
- Total: 100%

79. In general, do you think the criminal justice system in this country is too harsh, too lenient, or about right in its handling of crime? (asked of half sample)

- Net Too harsh: 34%
- About right: 27%
- Net Too lenient: 38%
- Far too harsh: 8%
- Too harsh: 10%
- A little too harsh: 16%
- About right: 27%
- A little too lenient: 22%
- Too lenient: 10%
- Far too lenient: 6%
- Total: 100%

80. Some people say we need a strong government to handle today’s complex economic problems, others say the free market can handle these problems with less government involvement. Which comes closer to your own view?

- We need a strong government to handle today’s complex economic problems: 46%
- The free market can handle these problems with less government involvement: 54%
- DK/Refused: <1%
- Total: 100%

81. Which of these two statements comes closer to your own view?

- The government should promote traditional values in our society: 54%
- The government should not favor any particular set of values: 46%
- DK/Refused: <1%
- Total: 100%

82. If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services or a bigger government providing more services?

- Smaller government providing fewer services: 54%
- Bigger government providing more services: 46%
- Total: 100%

(83-85 released separately)

Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements:

86. People who produce more should be rewarded more than those who just tried hard.

- Net Disagree: 24%
- Neither: 32%
- Net Agree: 43%
- Strongly disagree: 9%
- Somewhat disagree: 16%
- Neither: 32%
- Somewhat agree: 24%
- Strongly agree: 19%
- DK/Refused: <1%
- Total: 100%
87. People should be allowed to keep what they produce, even if there are others with greater needs

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88. The world would be a better place if we let unsuccessful people fail and suffer the consequences

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89. People who are successful have a right to enjoy their wealth as they see fit.

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93. Compassion for those who are suffering is the most crucial virtue.

- Net-Disagree: 11%
- Neither: 23%
- Net-Agree: 65%
- Strongly disagree: 4%
- Somewhat disagree: 7%
- Neither: 23%
- Somewhat agree: 37%
- Strongly agree: 28%
- DK/Refused: 1%
- Total: 100%

94. Respect for authority is something all children need to learn

- Net-Disagree: 8%
- Neither: 11%
- Net-Agree: 80%
- Strongly disagree: 4%
- Somewhat disagree: 5%
- Neither: 11%
- Somewhat agree: 22%
- Strongly agree: 58%
- DK/Refused: 1%
- Total: 100%

95. I think everyone should be free to do as they choose, so long as they don’t infringe upon the freedom of others

- Net-Disagree: 15%
- Neither: 19%
- Net-Agree: 65%
- Strongly disagree: 6%
- Somewhat disagree: 9%
- Neither: 19%
- Somewhat agree: 32%
- Strongly agree: 33%
- DK/Refused: <1%
- Total: 100%

96. People should be free to do dangerous and self-destructive things, as long as they don’t put others at risk

- Net-Disagree: 40%
- Neither: 19%
- Net-Agree: 40%
- Strongly disagree: 21%
- Somewhat disagree: 19%
- Neither: 19%
- Somewhat agree: 25%
- Strongly agree: 15%
- DK/Refused: 1%
- Total: 100%

97. I would call some acts wrong on the grounds that they are unnatural

- Net-Disagree: 19%
- Neither: 33%
- Net-Agree: 48%
- Strongly disagree: 9%
- Somewhat disagree: 10%
- Neither: 33%
- Somewhat agree: 28%
- Strongly agree: 20%
- DK/Refused: <1%
- Total: 100%

When you decide whether something is right or wrong, to what extent are the following considerations relevant to your thinking? Please use a 5-point scale in which 1 means it’s not at all relevant and 5 means it’s extremely relevant. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

98. Whether or not an action caused chaos or disorder

- Net-Not relevant: 9%
- Neither: 23%
- Net-Relevant: 68%
- 1-Not at all relevant: 3%
- 2: 6%
- 3: 23%
- 4: 31%
- 5-Extremely relevant: 37%
- DK/Refused: <1%
- Total: 100%
99. Whether or not someone showed a lack of respect for authority

- Net-Not relevant 16%
- Neither 28%
- Net-Relevant 56%
- 1- Not at all relevant 6%
- 2 10%
- 3 28%
- 4 28%
- 5 Extremely relevant 28%
- DK/Refused <1%
- Total 100%

100. Whether or not someone showed a lack of loyalty

- Net-Not relevant 22%
- Neither 37%
- Net-Relevant 41%
- 1- Not at all relevant 9%
- 2 13%
- 3 37%
- 4 22%
- 5 Extremely relevant 18%
- DK/Refused <1%
- Total 100%

101. Whether or not someone’s actions showed love for his or her country

- Net-Not relevant 23%
- Neither 31%
- Net-Relevant 46%
- 1- Not at all relevant 12%
- 2 11%
- 3 31%
- 4 23%
- 5 Extremely relevant 23%
- DK/Refused <1%
- Total 100%

102. Whether or not someone suffered emotionally

- Net-Not relevant 15%
- Neither 32%
- Net-Relevant 53%
- 1- Not at all relevant 7%
- 2 8%
- 3 32%
- 4 30%
- 5 Extremely relevant 23%
- DK/Refused <1%
- Total 100%

103. Whether or not someone violated standards of purity and decency

- Net-Not relevant 19%
- Neither 28%
- Net-Relevant 54%
- 1- Not at all relevant 7%
- 2 11%
- 3 28%
- 4 29%
- 5 Extremely relevant 25%
- DK/Refused <1%
- Total 100%

104. Do you live in a city, a suburb, or a rural area?

- City 32%
- Suburb 44%
- Rural area 24%
- Total 100%

105. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

- Very liberal 5%
- Liberal 16%
- Moderate 35%
- Conservative 28%
- Very conservative 7%
- Not sure 9%
- Total 100%
106. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

- Supporter: 32%
- Not a supporter: 68%
- DK/Refused: <1%
- Total: 100%

109. Would you describe yourself as libertarian, or not?

- Yes: 15%
- No: 56%
- Not sure: 29%
- Total: 100%

110. Gender

- Male: 48%
- Female: 52%
- Total: 100%

111. Age

- 18-29: 21%
- 30-44: 25%
- 45-64: 36%
- 65+: 16%
- DK/Refused: 2%
- Total: 100%

114. Education

- High School or Less: 41%
- Some College: 34%
- College Grad: 15%
- Post Grad: 9%
- Total: 100%

115. Race/Ethnicity

- White: 67%
- African-American: 12%
- Latino: 13%
- Other: 7%
- Total: 100%

116. Would you describe yourself as a ‘born-again’ or evangelical Christian?

- Yes: 33%
- No: 67%
- Total: 100%
117. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a...

- Democrat 32%
- Independent/Other/Not Sure 42%
- Republican 26%
- Total 100%

118. Party Identification

- Democrat/Lean Dem 39%
- Independent/Not Sure 24%
- Republican/Lean Rep 36%
- Total 100%

119. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family’s annual income?

- <30,000 30%
- 30,000-59,999 25%
- 60,000-99,999 17%
- 100,000-149,999 9%
- 150,000+ 5%
- DK/Refused 14%
- Total 100%

121. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

- Employed Full Time 34%
- Under/Unemployed 22%
- Retired 19%
- Other 26%
- DK/Refused 1%
- Total 100%
SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The Cato Institute/YouGov National Survey on Policing was conducted by the Cato Institute in collaboration with YouGov who conducted the survey. YouGov collected responses online June 6 to 22, 2016 from 2,188 Americans 18 years of age and older who were matched down to a sample of 2,000 to produce the final dataset. The survey included oversamples of 426 African-Americans and 416 Latinos. Results have been weighted to be representative of the national adult sample. The margin of error for the survey, which adjusts for the impact of weighting is +/- 3.19 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. This does not include other sources of non-sampling error, such as selection bias in panel participation or response to a particular survey.

YouGov conducted the surveys online with its proprietary Web-enabled survey software, using a method called Active Sampling. Restrictions are put in place to ensure that only the people selected and contacted by YouGov are allowed to participate.

The respondents in each survey were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, education, ideology, and political interest. The frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the full 2010 American Community Survey (ACS) sample with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements (using the person weights on the public use file). Data on voter registration status and turnout were matched to this frame using the November 2010 Current Population Survey. Data on interest in politics and party identification were then matched to this frame from the 2007 Pew Religious Life Survey. The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity (where appropriate), years of education, political interest, and ideology. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles.