

NATIONAL REGISTERED VOTER SURVEY

Interview Schedule



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N= 1000 Registered Voters Nationally

Credibility Interval: $\pm 3.53\%$

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1. Generally speaking, would you say that things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

26% Right direction

74% Wrong track

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2. And, if the election for President were held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were...

Donald Trump, Republican

...and...

Joe Biden, Democrat

37% DEFINITELY TRUMP

7% PROBABLY TRUMP

2% LEAN TRUMP

10% HARD UNDECIDED/NOT SURE

2% LEAN BIDEN

7% PROBABLY BIDEN

35% DEFINITELY BIDEN

44% TOTAL TRUMP

42% TOTAL BIDEN

14% TOTAL LEAN/UNDECIDED

3. And, if the election for U.S. Congress in your district were held today, for whom would you vote...

The Republican Candidate
...or the...
The Democratic Candidate

| | |
|------------|-------------------------------------|
| 34% | DEFINITELY THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE |
| 7% | PROBABLY THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE |
| 3% | LEAN THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE |
| 11% | HARD UNDECIDED/NOT SURE |
| 2% | LEAN THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE |
| 7% | PROBABLY THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE |
| 35% | DEFINITELY THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE |
| 42% | TOTAL REPUBLICAN |
| 42% | TOTAL DEMOCRATIC |
| 16% | TOTAL LEAN/UNDECIDED |

Now, turning to issues...

4. What TWO of the following do you think are the most important issues facing the country today?

Ranked By % Combined

| <u>1st</u> | <u>2nd</u> | <u>Comb</u> | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---|
| 26% | 24% | 50% | Inflation and rising costs |
| 25% | 14% | 39% | Illegal immigration and border security |
| 9% | 11% | 20% | The economy and jobs |
| 6% | 11% | 17% | Crime and public safety |
| 6% | 9% | 15% | Taxes and government spending |
| 7% | 7% | 14% | Climate change and the environment |
| 7% | 6% | 13% | Abortion |
| 5% | 8% | 13% | National security and foreign affairs |
| 5% | 6% | 11% | Health care |
| 1% | 2% | 3% | Criminal justice reform |
| 1% | 1% | 2% | K-12 education |
| 2% | 1% | 2% | Don't know |

And, thinking some more about the issue of crime and public safety...

(ASKED Q5 OF SAMPLE A ONLY)

5. Over the past few years, do you believe the level of crime is...

| | |
|-----|---|
| 70% | Rising across the country, |
| 10% | Falling across the country, ...or... |
| 20% | Has it stayed about the same? |

(ASKED Q6 OF SAMPLE B ONLY)

6. Over the past few years, do you believe the level of crime is...

| | |
|-----|--|
| 57% | Rising in your local community, |
| 10% | Falling in your local community, ...or... |
| 33% | Has it stayed about the same? |

7. And, which ONE of the following do you believe is most responsible for crime in your community?

- 15% Too many guns on the street
 - 14% Deterioration of the American family
 - 13% Lack of access to mental health or addiction treatment
 - 12% Not prosecuting enough crimes
 - 10% Poverty
 - 5% Not enough police on the streets
 - 5% Lack of good paying jobs
 - 5% Too many people released on bail
 - 4% Not enough opportunities for young people
 - 4% Too many people released early from prison
 - 4% Lack of affordable housing
 - 2% Racial inequality
 - 1% Police not solving enough crimes

 - 7% Don't know
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Moving on and thinking about criminal justice...

8. As you may know, the system of police, courts, jails, and prisons is sometimes called the criminal justice system...

Generally speaking, do you think the nation's criminal justice system...

- 89% Needs significant improvements
...or...
 - 11% Is working pretty well as it is
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Next, below is a list of things that some people say are important parts of the criminal justice system. Please indicate how effective the criminal justice system is currently at doing each of the following...

| | TOTAL | TOTAL | VERY | SMWT | NOT TOO | NOT | DON'T | |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|-----|
| | EFFECTIVE | NOT | EFFECTIVE | EFFECTIVE | EFFECTIVE | EFFECTIVE | KNOW | |
| | | EFFECTIVE | | | | AT ALL | | |
| Ranked By % Very Effective | | | | | | | | |
| 9. | Treating people fairly regardless of race | 42% | 54% | 13% | 29% | 29% | 25% | 4% |
| 12. | Holding people accountable for their crimes | 43% | 56% | 13% | 30% | 30% | 25% | 2% |
| 19. | Solving crimes | 56% | 41% | 12% | 44% | 28% | 13% | 3% |
| 10. | Treating people fairly regardless of income | 41% | 55% | 11% | 30% | 29% | 26% | 4% |
| 21. | Keeping families together | 34% | 54% | 10% | 24% | 35% | 20% | 12% |
| 20. | Protecting public safety | 48% | 50% | 9% | 38% | 33% | 16% | 3% |
| 14. | Providing fair sentences | 37% | 59% | 8% | 29% | 35% | 24% | 4% |
| 18. | Providing justice to victims and their families | 43% | 53% | 8% | 35% | 34% | 19% | 4% |
| 16. | Providing opportunities for people to turn their lives around | 39% | 56% | 8% | 31% | 35% | 21% | 5% |
| 15. | Using incarceration only when necessary | 29% | 64% | 7% | 22% | 33% | 31% | 7% |
| 11. | Preventing crime | 31% | 66% | 6% | 24% | 37% | 29% | 3% |
| 13. | Keeping costs low and using taxpayer money responsibly | 26% | 67% | 6% | 20% | 32% | 36% | 7% |
| 17. | Rehabilitating people who committed crimes in the past | 27% | 68% | 6% | 22% | 39% | 29% | 5% |

(ASKED Q22 OF SAMPLE A ONLY)

22. And, generally speaking, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose criminal justice reform?

34% Strongly support
48% Somewhat support
13% Somewhat oppose
5% Strongly oppose

82% TOTAL SUPPORT

18% TOTAL OPPOSE

23. Now, as you may know Congress is currently working on legislation called the VICTIM Act.

The VICTIM Act would authorize and release a total of \$360 million over six years to fund grants aimed at improving the rates of solved crimes such as homicides and firearm-related violent crimes.

It would do so by prioritizing some of the following: hiring, training, and retaining detectives to investigate homicides and shootings; acquiring and upgrading technology; incentivizing the development of agency best practices; and ensuring that victims of violent crimes and family members of homicide victims have access to resources, including mental health treatment, grief counseling, and more.

Now, that you've heard a little bit about the VICTIM Act, would you say you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the VICTIM Act?

35% Strongly support
53% Somewhat support
9% Somewhat oppose
4% Strongly oppose

87% TOTAL SUPPORT

13% TOTAL OPPOSE

Thinking about crime and your own personal safety, please say whether each change would make you feel much more safe, somewhat more safe, somewhat less safe, much less safe, or neither more nor less safe.

| TOTAL MORE SAFE | TOTAL LESS SAFE | MUCH MORE SAFE | SMWT MORE SAFE | SMWT LESS SAFE | MUCH LESS SAFE | NEITHER MORE NOR LESS SAFE |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
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Ranked By % Much More Safe

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|-----|--|------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|
| 29. | Increasing funding for police and other law enforcement agencies to solve more crimes | 78% | 13% | 40% | 38% | 8% | 5% | 9% |
| 24. | Increasing funding for addiction and mental health treatment | 81% | 10% | 38% | 43% | 7% | 4% | 9% |
| 28. | Increasing funding for affordable housing and programs to reduce homelessness | 72% | 14% | 33% | 39% | 10% | 5% | 14% |
| 25. | Increasing funding for education, childcare, and after school programs | 71% | 11% | 29% | 42% | 7% | 4% | 17% |
| 31. | Increasing funding for prisons to increase sentences or release fewer people | 63% | 20% | 26% | 37% | 13% | 7% | 17% |
| 26. | Increasing funding for job training programs | 75% | 11% | 26% | 49% | 7% | 3% | 15% |
| 30. | Increasing funding for jails to detain more people before trial | 65% | 18% | 25% | 39% | 10% | 7% | 18% |
| 27. | Increasing funding for reentry programs in the community to assist people leaving jail or prison | 69% | 18% | 22% | 47% | 14% | 4% | 13% |

Moving on...

32. In your community, how satisfied are you with the time it takes the police to respond to calls of an incident or reported crime?

19% Very satisfied
40% Somewhat satisfied
17% Not too satisfied
9% Not at all satisfied

16% Unsure

59% TOTAL SATISFIED
25% TOTAL NOT SATISFIED

33. In your community, how satisfied are you with how many crimes are solved by the police?

11% Very satisfied
39% Somewhat satisfied
23% Not too satisfied
7% Not at all satisfied

20% Unsure

50% TOTAL SATISFIED
29% TOTAL NOT SATISFIED

34. How much have you seen, read, or heard about the percentage of crimes solved by the police?

5% A lot
32% Some
46% Not too much
18% Nothing at all

36% TOTAL A LOT/SOME
64% TOTAL NOT MUCH/NOTHING

35. And, what do you think the percentage of reported crimes solved by the police is for violent crimes like assault and murder? Please indicate a number between 0% and 100% in the box below.

| | |
|-----|--------|
| 1% | 100 |
| 13% | 100-80 |
| 29% | 79-60 |
| 28% | 59-40 |
| 21% | 39-20 |
| 9% | 19-0 |

50.0 **MEDIAN**

50.0 **MODE**

36. And, do you think the percentage of reported crimes solved by the police for violent crimes like assault and murder are...

| | |
|-----|---|
| 46% | Higher, |
| 27% | Lower, |
| | ...or are they... |
| 28% | About the same as they were 10 years ago? |

37. And, what do you think the percentage of crimes solved by the police is for property crimes like larceny and theft? Please indicate a number between 0% and 100% in the box below.

| | |
|-----|--------|
| 1% | 100 |
| 9% | 100-80 |
| 23% | 79-60 |
| 28% | 59-40 |
| 25% | 39-20 |
| 15% | 19-0 |

43.0 **MEDIAN**

50.0 **MODE**

38. And, do you think the percentage of reported crimes solved by the police for property crimes like larceny and theft are...

| | |
|-----|---|
| 39% | Higher, |
| 30% | Lower, |
| | ...or are they... |
| 31% | About the same as they were 10 years ago? |

(ASKED Q39 OF SAMPLE B ONLY)

39. Generally speaking, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose efforts to increase the percentage of crimes solved by the police?

54% Strongly support
37% Somewhat support
7% Somewhat oppose
2% Strongly oppose

91% TOTAL SUPPORT
9% TOTAL OPPOSE

40. Now, as you may know, the percentage of crimes solved by the police - for both violent and property crimes have dropped to their lowest levels in decades, and police departments nationally solved 37% of violent crimes - including only about half of murders - and just 12% of property crimes in 2022.

Knowing this, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose efforts to increase the percentage of crimes solved by the police?

52% Strongly support
36% Somewhat support
9% Somewhat oppose
3% Strongly oppose

88% TOTAL SUPPORT
12% TOTAL OPPOSE

41. And, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose policies that would shift resources from other parts of the criminal justice system to increase the percentage of crimes solved by the police?

22% Strongly support
54% Somewhat support
17% Somewhat oppose
7% Strongly oppose

77% TOTAL SUPPORT
23% TOTAL OPPOSE

And, thinking some more about this issue, please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements:

| TOTAL AGREE | TOTAL DISAGREE | STRG AGREE | SMWT AGREE | SWMT DISAGREE | STRG DISAGREE | DON'T KNOW |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
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Ranked By % Strongly Agree

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----|--|------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 45. | We should invest more money in crime prevention strategies to prevent more crimes from happening in the first place. | 81% | 15% | 39% | 42% | 12% | 3% | 4% |
| 44. | We should invest more money in law enforcement to help solve more crimes. | 76% | 20% | 36% | 41% | 13% | 7% | 4% |
| 50. | It is more important to prevent crime than to punish crime. | 72% | 22% | 34% | 38% | 15% | 7% | 6% |
| 49. | I would rather spend more money on police budgets to increase the rate of solved crimes than reduce enforcement of traffic or drug laws. | 58% | 31% | 23% | 35% | 19% | 11% | 11% |
| 47. | I trust police and other law enforcement officials to do the right thing. | 67% | 29% | 22% | 45% | 17% | 13% | 3% |
| 46. | I sometimes question whether the police and other law enforcement officials are acting in the best interest of the community. | 59% | 36% | 19% | 39% | 22% | 14% | 5% |
| 42. | Low rates of solved crimes show that we are not supporting law enforcement. | 48% | 43% | 15% | 33% | 26% | 17% | 9% |
| 48. | I would rather spend less money on enforcement of traffic and drug laws to increase the rate of solved crimes than spend more money on police budgets. | 47% | 40% | 15% | 32% | 25% | 15% | 13% |
| 43. | Low rates of solved crimes show that law enforcement are not doing their jobs. | 44% | 49% | 14% | 30% | 32% | 17% | 7% |
| 51. | It is more important to punish crime than to prevent crime. | 34% | 61% | 12% | 22% | 34% | 26% | 5% |

52. Which of the following is closer to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right?

- 79% The best way to prevent crime is to ensure crimes are solved by the police and people are held accountable with sentences proportionate to the crime
...or...
21% The best way to prevent crime is to increase prison sentences so that people are deterred from committing crimes by the long sentences they could receive
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53. Which of the following is closer to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right?

- 61% I would rather policymakers spend my tax dollars on policies that will increase the share of crimes that are solved by the police
...or...
39% I would rather policymakers spend my tax dollars on policies that will increase prison sentences and the share of prison terms that must be served by people convicted of crimes
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54. In your opinion, how important is it to reduce the number of people who are in jail or prison?

- 21% Very important
39% Somewhat important
24% Not too important
17% Not at all important
- 60% TOTAL IMPORTANT**
40% TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT
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55. And, do you think there are...

- 52% Too many,
 - 33% Too few,
...or...
 - 16% About the right number of people in prison?
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Now, just a few more questions for statistical purposes only...

A1. First, in which state do you currently live?

- 21% NORTHEAST**
 - 5% NEW ENGLAND
 - 16% MID ATLANTIC
 - 21% MIDWEST**
 - 16% GREAT LAKES
 - 5% FARM BELT
 - 35% SOUTH**
 - 16% DEEP SOUTH
 - 19% OUTER SOUTH
 - 24% WEST**
 - 7% MOUNTAIN
 - 16% PACIFIC
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D1. In what year were you born?

- 4% 18 - 24
 - 16% 25 - 34
 - 18% 35 - 44
 - 14% 45 - 54
 - 23% 55 - 64
 - 25% 65 AND ABOVE
 - REFUSED
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D2B. Please record your gender.

- 48% Male
 - 52% Female
 - * Identify some other way
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D3A. And, what is the last grade you completed in school?

| | |
|------------|--|
| * | Some grade school (Grades 1-8) |
| 4% | Some high school (Grades 9-11) |
| 25% | Graduated high school (Grade 12) |
| 7% | Technical/vocational school |
| 26% | Some college |
| 24% | Graduated college (e.g. Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science) |
| 14% | Graduate/professional school (e.g. PhD, MD, JD, MA) |
| 29% | TOTAL HS OR LESS |
| 33% | TOTAL SOME COLLEGE |
| 38% | TOTAL COLLEGE+ |

D6A. What is your main racial or ethnic heritage?

| | |
|-----|--|
| 72% | Caucasian or White |
| 12% | African American or Black |
| 10% | Hispanic, Latino or some other Spanish speaking background |
| 4% | Asian or Pacific Islander |
| 2% | American Indian or Alaskan Native |
| * | Other/Mixed Race |

D4A. In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

| | |
|------------|------------------------------|
| 20% | Strong Republican |
| 10% | Not-so-strong Republican |
| 11% | Lean towards the Republicans |
| 19% | Something else/Independent |
| 11% | Lean towards the Democrats |
| 7% | Not-so-strong Democrat |
| 21% | Strong Democrat |
| 41% | TOTAL REPUBLICAN |
| 40% | TOTAL DEMOCRAT |

D5A. In politics today, do you consider yourself to be...

15% Very conservative
22% Somewhat conservative
38% Moderate
15% Somewhat liberal
11% Very liberal

37% TOTAL CONSERVATIVE
26% TOTAL LIBERAL

D11A. And how often would you say that you attend religious services...

4% More than once a week
15% Weekly
6% Almost every week
8% Once or twice a month
27% A few times a year
34% Never

4% Don't know
2% Refused

19% TOTAL FREQUENTLY
14% TOTAL OCCASIONALLY
61% TOTAL RARELY

D8A. Regardless of how you feel now, for whom did you vote in the 2020 Presidential election...

| Total | Voted | |
|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 43% | 47% | Donald Trump, |
| 47% | 51% | Joe Biden, |
| | ...or... | |
| 2% | 2% | Someone else? |
| 7% | – | Did not vote |
| 2% | – | Don't know/don't recall |

QINC. And, thinking some more about you, have you or someone close to you been incarcerated before?

- 11% Yes, I have been incarcerated
 - 25% Yes, a family member of mine has been incarcerated
 - 17% Yes, a friend of mine has been incarcerated
 - 55% No, neither I nor someone close to me has been incarcerated

 - 3% Don't know
 - 1% Refused

 - 41% TOTAL YES**
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QVIC. And, again thinking more about you, have you or someone close to you been victimized by a crime and/or a violent crime? Please select all that apply to you or someone close to you.

- 33% Yes, I have been a victim of a crime
 - 10% Yes, I have been a victim of a violent crime
 - 24% Yes, a family member of mine has been a victim of a crime
 - 12% Yes, a family member of mine has been a victim of a violent crime
 - 20% Yes, a friend of mine has been a victim of a crime
 - 12% Yes, a friend of mine has been a victim of a violent crime
 - 42% No, neither I nor someone close to me has been a victim of a crime or a violent crime

 - 4% Don't know
 - 2% Refused

 - 52% TOTAL YES**
 - 34% TOTAL YES, VICTIM OF A VIOLENT CRIME**
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EO1. GEOGRAPHY FROM ZIP CODE

- 33% URBAN
 - 51% SUBURBAN
 - 17% RURAL
-