

Attitudes Toward Police & Race Relations

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Please answer our URGENT **Police and Race Survey**, conducted by Reconnect Research and Roanoke College. Para español, presse número cinco. Your call could not be completed and was sent to this survey.

If you're in a risky or life-threatening situation press 9, otherwise don't miss this opportunity to have your voice heard! Let's begin!

Prompt: If you are in a risky or life-threatening situation hang up, check the number you are calling and try again. If you pressed 9 by mistake and want to help by answering the **Police and Race Survey**, press 1

If you're 18 or older, press 1. If 17 or younger, press 5. To learn more, press any other key ("AOK").

Thank you. This five-minute survey is voluntary, and your answers are confidential. Please listen to the entire question and answers before responding. For any question, if you would prefer not to answer, press 9.

Reconnect Research and the Roanoke College survey center, respected survey research organizations, are conducting an important national **Police and Race Survey** and we would greatly appreciate your feedback.

Reconnect Research and Roanoke College rely on good people like you to participate in this urgent confidential **Police and Race Survey**.

Q 1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?

Approve	46%
Disapprove	46%
Refused	8%

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Q 2. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction or the wrong direction? [ROTATED] Would you say things in the country are going in the wrong direction or the right direction?

Right direction	35%
Wrong direction	60%
Refused	5%

Q 3. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the job your local police department does? [ROTATED] Are you dissatisfied or satisfied with the job your local police department does?

Satisfied	47%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	33%
Dissatisfied	18%
Refused	2%

Q 3. a. [IF SATISFIED] If that's somewhat satisfied, press 1; If that's very satisfied, press 2

Somewhat satisfied	37%
Very satisfied	63%
Refused	1%

Q 3. b. [IF DISSATISFIED] If that's somewhat dissatisfied, press 1; If that's very dissatisfied, press 2

Somewhat dissatisfied	39%
Very dissatisfied	59%
Refused	2%

Q 4. Have you or an immediate family member ever been, or felt that you were being, harassed by the police? [ORDER OF Q.4 AND Q.5 ROTATED]

Yes	27%
No	72%
Refused	1%

Q 5. 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	41%
No	58%
Refused	1%

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Q 6. Some people think there are not enough police officers in their neighborhood, while others think there are too many. [ROTATED] Some people think there are too many police officers in their neighborhood, while others think there are not enough. Thinking about your neighborhood: If you think there are not enough police officers, press 1. If too many, press 2. If the right amount, press 3. If you are uncertain, press 4. [ROTATED] If you think there are too many, press 1. If you think there are not enough, press 2. If the right amount, press 3. If you are uncertain, press 4.

Not enough police	34%
Right amount	38%
Too many	18%
Unsure	9%
Refused	0%

Q 7. Do you think that racial and ethnic discrimination in the United States is a problem or is it not a problem? [ROTATED] Do you think that racial and ethnic discrimination in the United States is a not a problem or is it a problem?

Problem	69%
Not a problem	29%
Refused	2%

Q 7. a. [FOLLOW UP TO Q 7] Is it a big problem or a small problem? [ROTATED] Is it a small problem or a big problem?

Big problem	80%
Small problem	20%
Refused	0%

Q 8. Since Donald Trump became president, has race relations in the United States become better, worse, or has there been no change? [ROTATED] Since Donald Trump became president, have race relations in the United States become worse, better, or has there been no change?

Better	18%
No change	28%
Worse	52%
Refused	2%

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Q 9. In a difficult or dangerous situation, are police officers more likely to use excessive force if the person is black, or are they just as likely to use excessive force against black and white people? [ROTATED] In a difficult or dangerous situation, are police officers just as likely to use excessive force against black and white people, or are they more likely to use excessive force if the person is black?

More likely if person is black	43%
Just as likely black or white	55%
Refused	2%

Q 10. Have you heard about the protests across the country in reaction to a recent incident where a black man named George Floyd in Minneapolis, died when a police officer kneeled on his neck?

Yes	92%
No	7%
Refused	1%

Q 10. a. [IF YES TO Q 10] Do you think the ANGER that led to the protests across the country was fully justified, partially justified, or not at all justified? [ROTATED] Do you think the ANGER that led to the protests across the country was not at all justified, partially justified, fully justified?

Fully justified	36%
Partially justified	33%
Not at all justified	30%
Refused	2%

Q 10. b. [IF YES TO Q 10] Do you think that the recent looting of businesses was fully justified, partially justified, or not at all justified? [ROTATED] Do you think that the recent looting of businesses was not at all justified, partially justified, or fully justified?

Fully justified	12%
Partially justified	16%
Not at all justified	70%
Refused	2%

Q 10. c. [IF YES TO Q 10] Since the protests started, have the words and actions of President Trump made the situation, worse, better or had no effect? [ROTATED] Since the protests started, have the words and actions of President Trump made the situation, better, worse, or had no effect?

Better	18%
No change	32%
Worse	48%
Refused	2%

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Q 11. Thanks. For statistical purposes only, if you are MALE, press one. If FEMALE press two.

Male	49%
Female	51%
Refused	1%

Q 12. Did you go to college, tech school or vocational school?

- Yes
- No

Q 12. a. [IF NO TO Q 12] Did you graduate from high school?

- Yes
- No

Q 12. b. [IF YES TO Q 12] Did you receive a bachelor's degree or higher?

- Yes
- No

EDUCATION COMBINED

Less than high school	9%
High school	26%
Some college, tech school, etc.	25%
Bachelor's degree or above	31%
Refused	10%

Q 13. How old are you? If 18 to 24 Press 1. If 25 to 34 press 2. If 35 to 49 press 3. If 50 to 64 press 4. 65 or older press 5.

18-24	13%
25-34	15%
35-49	23%
50-64	26%
65 or older	22%
Refused	1%

Q 14. Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?

Yes	19%
No	79%
Refused	2%

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Q 15. Which of the following best represents your race? If White press 1. If Black press 2. If Asian press 3. another race or more than one race press 4.

White	68%
Black	15%
Asian	5%
Other/multi-racial	10%
Refused	2%

Q 16. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent? [ROTATE] In politics today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, or Independent?

Democrat	30%
Republican	28%
Independent	39%
Refused	3%

Q 17. Census region [NOT ASEKD; BASED ON PHONE NUMBER AREA CODE]

Northeast	19%
South	36%
Midwest	21%
West	24%

That completes the survey. Thank you for participating in this urgent **Police and Race Survey** by Reconnect Research and Roanoke College. Have a wonderful day. Goodbye.

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Select Crosstabs

Item	Male	Female	White	Black	Hispanic	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Trump job approval	50%	42%	53%	24%	42%	20%	43%	80%
Country right direction	39%	32%	40%	16%	36%	18%	34%	60%
Satisfied w/ local police	46%	50%	54%	24%	46%	36%	45%	67%
Harassed by police	31%	22%	22%	44%	20%	29%	33%	15%
Helped by police	36%	45%	41%	38%	35%	35%	37%	54%
Too many police	22%	14%	16%	20%	19%	18%	21%	13%
Not enough police	34%	35%	34%	37%	37%	35%	32%	36%
Race discrimination is a problem	66%	73%	66%	83%	76%	87%	67%	51%
Race relations worse since Trump as Pres.	47%	56%	46%	74%	59%	77%	56%	16%
Police more likely use force against Blacks	40%	44%	32%	78%	48%	61%	45%	17%
Protestors anger justified	67%	69%	64%	79%	70%	79%	70%	53%
Looting justified	26%	30%	23%	41%	27%	31%	31%	20%
Trump made situation worse	46%	51%	42%	73%	50%	72%	53%	14%

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Select Crosstabs

Item	HS or less	More than HS	18-44	45 or older	Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Trump job approval	48%	45%	44%	48%	51%	48%	45%	40%
Country right direction	36%	35%	36%	35%	39%	37%	30%	35%
Satisfied w/ local police	47%	48%	42%	54%	47%	46%	48%	47%
Harassed by police	23%	28%	32%	20%	25%	25%	28%	29%
Helped by police	35%	45%	45%	38%	43%	41%	42%	37%
Too many police	18%	18%	25%	11%	15%	17%	23%	19%
Not enough police	37%	33%	29%	41%	32%	37%	34%	33%
Race discrimination is a problem	65%	71%	67%	70%	69%	71%	66%	69%
Race relations worse since Trump as Pres.	51%	52%	55%	47%	49%	50%	55%	56%
Police more likely use force against Blacks	39%	44%	46%	37%	43%	43%	39%	45%
Protestors anger justified	62%	72%	68%	68%	67%	66%	67%	72%
Looting justified	29%	27%	33%	22%	29%	31%	26%	25%
Trump made situation worse	46%	50%	52%	44%	48%	48%	48%	50%