Cato Institute Summer 2020 National Survey

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1. [ASK FORM A] Do you favor or oppose defunding police departments?

		Race					Party ID (Leaners Sorted)			Self-Identified Ideology				
	Total	White	Black	Latino	Asian	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
Net-favor	43%	37%	61%	49%	64%	36%	66%	37%	15%	83%	68%	42%	12%	15%
Net-oppose	57%	62%	39%	51%	36%	64%	34%	62%	85%	17%	32%	58%	88%	85%
Strongly favor	18%	16%	28%	18%	24%	21%	30%	15%	5%	58%	23%	12%	4%	11%
Somewhat favor	24%	21%	33%	31%	40%	14%	36%	22%	10%	25%	45%	30%	7%	3%
Somewhat oppose	18%	15%	26%	24%	25%	12%	20%	22%	11%	9%	21%	26%	12%	4%
Strongly oppose	39%	48%	13%	26%	11%	52%	14%	40%	74%	8%	11%	32%	76%	82%
Don't know/Refused	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Ideology Typology				Political Interest				Gender	
	Total	Liberal	Libertarian	Conservative	Communitarian	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	Male	Female
Net-favor	43%	70%	42%	15%	42%	46%	42%	34%	35%	43%	42%
Net-oppose	57%	30%	58%	85%	57%	54%	58%	65%	65%	57%	58%
Strongly favor	18%	33%	20%	7%	11%	24%	13%	7%	20%	21%	16%
Somewhat favor	24%	37%	21%	8%	31%	22%	29%	26%	15%	23%	26%
Somewhat oppose	18%	17%	17%	12%	28%	10%	25%	30%	27%	17%	18%
Strongly oppose	39%	12%	42%	73%	30%	44%	34%	35%	39%	39%	39%
Don't know/Refused	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Education				Income					Age					Self Describes as...
	Total	High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post-Grad	<$20K	$20K-$39K	$40K-$59K	$60K-$99K	$100K+	18-29	30-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Libertarian
Net-favor	43%	41%	37%	50%	51%	47%	38%	40%	43%	52%	60%	53%	45%	32%	23%	48%
Net-oppose	57%	58%	63%	50%	49%	53%	62%	59%	57%	48%	40%	47%	55%	68%	77%	52%
Strongly favor	18%	19%	14%	21%	22%	23%	21%	20%	15%	22%	25%	29%	19%	12%	6%	20%
Somewhat favor	24%	22%	23%	29%	29%	24%	17%	21%	29%	30%	35%	24%	26%	21%	17%	28%
Somewhat oppose	18%	19%	19%	15%	16%	23%	19%	16%	21%	11%	19%	20%	19%	15%	17%	14%
Strongly oppose	39%	40%	44%	35%	33%	29%	43%	43%	36%	37%	21%	27%	35%	53%	60%	37%
Don't know/Refused	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

2. [ASK FORM B] Do you favor or oppose defunding the police department in your community?

	Total	Race					Party ID (Leaners Sorted)			Self-Identified Ideology				
		White	Black	Latino	Asian	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
Net-favor	46%	39%	63%	56%	51%	49%	64%	46%	22%	85%	72%	39%	18%	28%
Net-oppose	54%	61%	37%	44%	49%	51%	36%	54%	78%	15%	28%	61%	82%	72%
Strongly favor	20%	16%	31%	25%	33%	27%	25%	24%	11%	56%	27%	12%	5%	24%
Somewhat favor	26%	24%	32%	32%	18%	22%	38%	23%	11%	30%	45%	26%	14%	4%
Somewhat oppose	17%	14%	28%	23%	23%	6%	21%	21%	8%	10%	18%	20%	12%	6%
Strongly oppose	38%	47%	9%	21%	26%	44%	15%	33%	70%	4%	10%	41%	69%	66%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Ideology Typology				Political Interest				Gender	
		Liberal	Libertarian	Conservative	Communitarian	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	Male	Female
Net-favor	46%	71%	42%	19%	44%	44%	46%	50%	51%	44%	48%
Net-oppose	54%	29%	58%	81%	56%	56%	54%	50%	49%	56%	52%
Strongly favor	20%	32%	14%	13%	17%	22%	17%	15%	38%	20%	20%
Somewhat favor	26%	39%	28%	6%	28%	22%	29%	36%	13%	23%	28%
Somewhat oppose	17%	16%	17%	8%	28%	12%	23%	18%	21%	16%	17%
Strongly oppose	38%	13%	40%	73%	27%	44%	31%	32%	27%	40%	35%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Education				Income					Age					Self Describes as…
		High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post-Grad	<$20K	$20K-$39K	$40K-$59K	$60K-$99K	$100K+	18-29	30-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Libertarian
Net-favor	46%	44%	44%	48%	51%	49%	46%	46%	44%	43%	59%	55%	40%	35%	33%	48%
Net-oppose	54%	56%	56%	52%	49%	51%	54%	54%	56%	57%	41%	45%	60%	65%	67%	52%
Strongly favor	20%	21%	18%	23%	17%	19%	20%	19%	18%	20%	25%	28%	15%	15%	14%	24%
Somewhat favor	26%	23%	26%	25%	34%	30%	26%	27%	26%	23%	35%	28%	26%	20%	20%	24%
Somewhat oppose	17%	20%	17%	12%	10%	27%	18%	10%	19%	11%	19%	16%	17%	15%	16%	9%
Strongly oppose	38%	36%	39%	40%	39%	25%	36%	44%	38%	46%	21%	28%	43%	50%	51%	43%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

3. Have you heard of qualified immunity or have you not heard of this?

	Total	Race					Party ID (Leaners Sorted)			Self-Identified Ideology				
		White	Black	Latino	Asian	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
Yes, I've heard of this	47%	50%	35%	38%	36%	61%	50%	40%	46%	67%	60%	42%	46%	44%
No, I've not heard of this	53%	50%	65%	62%	64%	39%	50%	60%	54%	33%	40%	58%	54%	56%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Ideology Typology				Political Interest				Gender	
		Liberal	Libertarian	Conservative	Communitarian	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	Male	Female
Yes, I've heard of this	47%	59%	47%	45%	30%	65%	35%	21%	19%	57%	37%
No, I've not heard of this	53%	41%	53%	55%	70%	35%	65%	79%	81%	43%	63%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Education				Income					Age					Self Describes as...
		High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post-Grad	<$20K	$20K-$39K	$40K-$59K	$60K-$99K	$100K+	18-29	30-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Libertarian
Yes, I've heard of this	47%	35%	48%	58%	66%	32%	39%	47%	54%	62%	48%	47%	45%	48%	45%	64%
No, I've not heard of this	53%	65%	52%	42%	34%	68%	61%	53%	46%	38%	52%	53%	55%	52%	55%	36%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

4. As you may know, qualified immunity protects police officers from being sued for misconduct unless there is a previous legal case with similar facts ruling that officers may not engage in that particular conduct.

Would you favor or oppose eliminating qualified immunity so that police officers could be sued for misconduct even if there is no previous legal case with similar facts?

	Total	Race					Party ID (Leaners Sorted)			Self-Identified Ideology				
		White	Black	Latino	Asian	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
Net-favor	63%	62%	69%	69%	72%	50%	79%	64%	42%	90%	82%	66%	39%	38%
Net-oppose	37%	38%	30%	31%	28%	50%	21%	36%	58%	10%	18%	34%	61%	62%
Strongly favor	38%	36%	48%	37%	42%	32%	54%	37%	15%	78%	55%	32%	14%	17%
Somewhat favor	26%	26%	21%	32%	30%	17%	24%	27%	27%	13%	27%	33%	25%	20%
Somewhat oppose	20%	21%	13%	19%	20%	22%	12%	20%	30%	4%	10%	20%	34%	29%
Strongly oppose	17%	17%	17%	12%	8%	28%	9%	16%	27%	6%	8%	14%	26%	33%
Don't know/Refused	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Ideology Typology				Political Interest				Gender	
		Liberal	Libertarian	Conservative	Communitarian	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	Male	Female
Net-favor	63%	84%	62%	40%	65%	62%	66%	63%	68%	61%	65%
Net-oppose	37%	16%	38%	60%	35%	38%	34%	37%	32%	39%	35%
Strongly favor	38%	60%	36%	14%	35%	42%	36%	30%	29%	38%	37%
Somewhat favor	26%	23%	26%	26%	30%	21%	30%	33%	38%	23%	29%
Somewhat oppose	20%	10%	24%	28%	20%	18%	21%	24%	20%	21%	18%
Strongly oppose	17%	7%	13%	32%	15%	20%	12%	14%	12%	17%	16%
Don't know/Refused	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Net-favor	63%	61%	62%	70%	67%	65%	64%	64%	63%	65%	74%	71%	64%	57%	49%	64%
Net-oppose	37%	39%	38%	30%	33%	35%	36%	36%	37%	35%	26%	29%	36%	43%	51%	36%
Strongly favor	38%	35%	38%	42%	38%	39%	36%	38%	38%	39%	48%	45%	38%	29%	25%	38%
Somewhat favor	26%	26%	25%	27%	28%	26%	28%	27%	24%	27%	27%	26%	26%	28%	24%	26%
Somewhat oppose	20%	22%	20%	16%	17%	16%	24%	20%	21%	17%	18%	16%	17%	21%	27%	19%
Strongly oppose	17%	17%	18%	14%	16%	19%	12%	15%	17%	17%	8%	13%	19%	22%	24%	17%
Don't know/Refused	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

5. Do you favor or oppose allowing police officers to avoid lawsuits for misconduct by arguing they did not know they had acted illegally?

		Race					Party ID (Leaners Sorted)			Self-Identified Ideology				
	Total	White	Black	Latino	Asian	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
Net-favor	23%	24%	13%	22%	23%	28%	11%	20%	40%	10%	13%	18%	36%	44%
Net-oppose	77%	76%	87%	78%	77%	72%	89%	80%	60%	90%	87%	82%	64%	56%
Strongly favor	7%	8%	4%	6%	7%	11%	4%	7%	11%	7%	4%	3%	10%	17%
Somewhat favor	16%	17%	9%	16%	17%	17%	7%	13%	29%	4%	9%	15%	25%	27%
Somewhat oppose	29%	30%	21%	30%	41%	29%	22%	33%	36%	8%	21%	36%	39%	33%
Strongly oppose	48%	45%	66%	48%	36%	43%	66%	47%	24%	81%	66%	46%	26%	23%
Don't know/Refused	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Ideology Typology				Political Interest				Gender	
	Total	Liberal	Libertarian	Conservative	Communitarian	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	Male	Female
Net-favor	23%	9%	25%	39%	19%	25%	20%	21%	17%	25%	20%
Net-oppose	77%	91%	75%	61%	81%	75%	80%	79%	83%	74%	80%
Strongly favor	7%	3%	8%	12%	5%	9%	6%	4%	4%	8%	6%
Somewhat favor	16%	7%	17%	27%	14%	17%	14%	16%	13%	17%	14%
Somewhat oppose	29%	20%	35%	36%	31%	24%	33%	39%	31%	27%	31%
Strongly oppose	48%	71%	40%	25%	50%	51%	47%	40%	53%	47%	49%
Don't know/Refused	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Education				Income					Age					Self Describes as…
	Total	High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post-Grad	<$20K	$20K-$39K	$40K-$59K	$60K-$99K	$100K+	18-29	30-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Libertarian
Net-favor	23%	25%	21%	22%	19%	22%	23%	24%	21%	23%	21%	19%	21%	27%	26%	35%
Net-oppose	77%	75%	79%	78%	81%	78%	77%	76%	79%	77%	79%	81%	79%	73%	74%	65%
Strongly favor	7%	8%	6%	8%	7%	9%	6%	8%	6%	8%	4%	7%	8%	9%	9%	13%
Somewhat favor	16%	18%	16%	14%	12%	13%	17%	16%	15%	15%	18%	12%	14%	18%	17%	22%
Somewhat oppose	29%	29%	30%	29%	30%	27%	30%	30%	32%	31%	28%	27%	28%	29%	35%	25%
Strongly oppose	48%	46%	49%	49%	51%	52%	47%	47%	47%	46%	51%	55%	51%	43%	39%	40%
Don't know/Refused	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

6. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

"If we eliminate qualified immunity for police officers, they may be too afraid to do their jobs effectively because they will fear being sued or harassed."

		Race					Party ID (Leaners Sorted)			Self-Identified Ideology				
	Total	White	Black	Latino	Asian	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
Net-agree	55%	57%	40%	55%	55%	55%	37%	49%	82%	23%	31%	54%	83%	82%
Net-disagree	45%	43%	60%	45%	45%	45%	63%	51%	18%	77%	69%	46%	17%	18%
Strongly agree	26%	30%	12%	19%	11%	31%	10%	22%	50%	11%	8%	19%	49%	58%
Somewhat agree	29%	27%	28%	35%	44%	24%	27%	27%	32%	12%	24%	35%	33%	24%
Somewhat disagree	23%	23%	25%	23%	20%	23%	29%	27%	12%	20%	37%	28%	11%	10%
Strongly disagree	22%	20%	34%	22%	26%	22%	34%	24%	6%	57%	32%	18%	7%	8%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Ideology Typology				Political Interest				Gender	
	Total	Liberal	Libertarian	Conservative	Communitarian	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	Male	Female
Net-agree	55%	30%	58%	81%	54%	52%	57%	62%	51%	55%	54%
Net-disagree	45%	70%	42%	19%	46%	48%	43%	38%	49%	45%	46%
Strongly agree	26%	8%	24%	50%	21%	32%	20%	19%	19%	29%	22%
Somewhat agree	29%	22%	34%	30%	34%	21%	37%	43%	32%	26%	31%
Somewhat disagree	23%	30%	26%	11%	27%	22%	23%	24%	29%	22%	24%
Strongly disagree	22%	40%	16%	9%	19%	26%	20%	14%	20%	23%	22%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Education				Income					Age					Self Describes as…
	Total	High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post-Grad	<$20K	$20K-$39K	$40K-$59K	$60K-$99K	$100K+	18-29	30-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Libertarian
Net-agree	55%	60%	53%	48%	48%	54%	58%	58%	54%	51%	46%	48%	51%	61%	67%	68%
Net-disagree	45%	40%	47%	52%	52%	46%	42%	42%	46%	49%	54%	52%	49%	39%	33%	32%
Strongly agree	26%	27%	25%	26%	25%	21%	28%	25%	26%	26%	13%	17%	24%	34%	42%	35%
Somewhat agree	29%	34%	29%	23%	23%	33%	30%	33%	29%	25%	33%	31%	27%	27%	25%	33%
Somewhat disagree	23%	19%	23%	28%	29%	20%	21%	22%	24%	28%	23%	26%	27%	20%	19%	15%
Strongly disagree	22%	21%	23%	23%	22%	26%	21%	21%	21%	22%	31%	25%	22%	19%	13%	17%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

7. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

"If we're too critical of the police, they may be reluctant to do their jobs effectively and crime could go up."

	Total	Race					Party ID (Leaners Sorted)			Self-Identified Ideology				
		White	Black	Latino	Asian	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
Net-agree	55%	59%	46%	51%	44%	52%	37%	53%	82%	25%	35%	54%	82%	81%
Net-disagree	45%	41%	54%	49%	56%	48%	63%	47%	18%	75%	65%	46%	18%	19%
Strongly agree	27%	32%	14%	21%	12%	29%	12%	23%	51%	11%	9%	23%	48%	63%
Somewhat agree	28%	27%	32%	29%	33%	23%	25%	30%	31%	14%	27%	32%	34%	18%
Somewhat disagree	21%	19%	24%	24%	35%	18%	27%	23%	11%	13%	33%	26%	11%	10%
Strongly disagree	24%	22%	30%	25%	21%	30%	37%	24%	7%	62%	32%	20%	7%	9%
Don't know/Refused	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Ideology Typology				Political Interest				Gender	
		Liberal	Libertarian	Conservative	Communitarian	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	Male	Female
Net-agree	55%	31%	61%	81%	53%	53%	56%	65%	53%	56%	55%
Net-disagree	45%	69%	39%	19%	47%	47%	44%	35%	47%	44%	45%
Strongly agree	27%	9%	31%	50%	22%	33%	22%	25%	22%	29%	26%
Somewhat agree	28%	21%	31%	31%	31%	20%	34%	41%	31%	26%	29%
Somewhat disagree	21%	26%	24%	10%	25%	18%	23%	20%	29%	20%	21%
Strongly disagree	24%	44%	14%	9%	22%	28%	21%	15%	18%	24%	24%
Don't know/Refused	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Education				Income					Age					Self Describes as...
		High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post-Grad	<$20K	$20K-$39K	$40K-$59K	$60K-$99K	$100K+	18-29	30-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Libertarian
Net-agree	55%	60%	55%	51%	47%	54%	61%	59%	53%	52%	48%	47%	56%	62%	66%	69%
Net-disagree	45%	40%	45%	49%	53%	46%	39%	41%	47%	48%	52%	53%	44%	37%	34%	31%
Strongly agree	27%	29%	28%	26%	23%	19%	30%	30%	27%	29%	18%	20%	27%	33%	41%	35%
Somewhat agree	28%	30%	28%	25%	24%	35%	31%	28%	26%	23%	30%	27%	28%	29%	25%	34%
Somewhat disagree	21%	19%	20%	23%	25%	17%	21%	19%	23%	23%	19%	27%	21%	17%	18%	13%
Strongly disagree	24%	22%	24%	26%	28%	28%	18%	22%	24%	26%	32%	27%	23%	20%	16%	18%
Don't know/Refused	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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9. If a police officer violates a person's rights, but is unaware at the time that their actions were illegal, should that officer be held accountable for their conduct?

	Total	Race					Party ID (Leaners Sorted)			Self-Identified Ideology				
		White	Black	Latino	Asian	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
Net-yes	79%	79%	85%	77%	82%	68%	91%	75%	64%	97%	90%	82%	63%	57%
Net-no	21%	21%	15%	23%	18%	32%	9%	25%	36%	3%	10%	18%	37%	43%
Definitely yes	40%	38%	57%	41%	43%	32%	56%	38%	21%	76%	53%	37%	19%	23%
Probably yes	38%	41%	28%	36%	38%	36%	35%	37%	44%	21%	37%	46%	44%	34%
Probably no	17%	17%	10%	17%	18%	23%	7%	17%	30%	2%	7%	14%	30%	33%
Definitely no	5%	4%	4%	5%	0%	10%	2%	7%	6%	1%	2%	3%	7%	9%
Don't know/Refused	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Ideology Typology				Political Interest				Gender	
		Liberal	Libertarian	Conservative	Communitarian	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	Male	Female
Net-yes	79%	92%	79%	63%	79%	79%	83%	77%	80%	80%	78%
Net-no	21%	8%	21%	37%	21%	21%	17%	23%	20%	20%	22%
Definitely yes	40%	61%	36%	19%	41%	46%	36%	32%	35%	43%	38%
Probably yes	38%	31%	43%	43%	38%	33%	47%	44%	45%	36%	40%
Probably no	17%	6%	17%	30%	15%	17%	15%	19%	14%	16%	18%
Definitely no	5%	2%	4%	7%	6%	4%	2%	4%	6%	5%	4%
Don't know/Refused	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Education				Income					Age					Self Describes as...
		High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post-Grad	<$20K	$20K-$39K	$40K-$59K	$60K-$99K	$100K+	18-29	30-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Libertarian
Net-yes	79%	77%	77%	81%	84%	83%	76%	78%	81%	78%	81%	85%	83%	74%	69%	75%
Net-no	21%	23%	23%	19%	16%	17%	24%	22%	19%	22%	19%	15%	17%	26%	31%	25%
Definitely yes	40%	39%	39%	43%	42%	45%	36%	41%	41%	40%	47%	48%	47%	32%	27%	39%
Probably yes	38%	38%	38%	39%	42%	38%	40%	37%	40%	38%	33%	37%	36%	42%	43%	36%
Probably no	17%	17%	19%	15%	13%	12%	21%	16%	16%	18%	13%	10%	15%	22%	25%	20%
Definitely no	5%	6%	4%	4%	3%	5%	3%	6%	3%	5%	7%	4%	2%	3%	5%	6%
Don't know/Refused	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

10. As you may know, police unions often require that police officers fired for misconduct have their case reviewed by an arbitrator who can overturn the firing and rehire the officer. Do you favor or oppose allowing arbitrators to review and overturn police firings for misconduct?

	Total	Race					Party ID (Leaders Sorted)			Self-Identified Ideology				
		White	Black	Latino	Asian	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
Net-favor	52%	54%	43%	49%	48%	55%	36%	51%	74%	31%	37%	54%	72%	67%
Net-oppose	48%	46%	57%	51%	52%	45%	64%	49%	26%	69%	63%	46%	28%	33%
Strongly favor	19%	20%	17%	18%	10%	26%	14%	18%	28%	19%	12%	17%	27%	31%
Somewhat favor	33%	35%	26%	31%	39%	29%	23%	34%	45%	12%	25%	37%	45%	36%
Somewhat oppose	25%	24%	25%	26%	30%	20%	29%	25%	18%	20%	31%	27%	18%	20%
Strongly oppose	23%	21%	31%	25%	22%	26%	34%	24%	9%	49%	32%	19%	10%	13%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Ideology Typology				Political Interest				Gender	
		Liberal	Libertarian	Conservative	Communitarian	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	Male	Female
Net-favor	52%	34%	56%	70%	51%	50%	53%	57%	62%	55%	50%
Net-oppose	48%	66%	44%	30%	49%	50%	47%	43%	38%	45%	50%
Strongly favor	19%	11%	21%	30%	17%	21%	19%	17%	20%	21%	18%
Somewhat favor	33%	23%	35%	40%	35%	30%	34%	40%	42%	34%	32%
Somewhat oppose	25%	27%	25%	18%	28%	23%	27%	30%	20%	21%	28%
Strongly oppose	23%	38%	18%	11%	21%	27%	20%	13%	18%	25%	22%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Education				Income					Age					Self Describes as...
		High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post-Grad	<$20K	$20K-$39K	$40K-$59K	$60K-$99K	$100K+	18-29	30-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Libertarian
Net-favor	52%	54%	54%	48%	47%	45%	54%	56%	51%	50%	50%	48%	50%	52%	61%	64%
Net-oppose	48%	46%	46%	52%	53%	55%	46%	44%	49%	50%	50%	52%	50%	48%	39%	36%
Strongly favor	19%	21%	21%	17%	15%	21%	16%	18%	22%	19%	14%	18%	17%	22%	25%	28%
Somewhat favor	33%	33%	33%	31%	31%	23%	38%	38%	29%	32%	35%	30%	32%	30%	36%	36%
Somewhat oppose	25%	25%	23%	26%	26%	30%	25%	20%	28%	25%	25%	23%	32%	24%	21%	16%
Strongly oppose	23%	21%	23%	26%	27%	25%	21%	24%	21%	25%	26%	29%	18%	23%	18%	20%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

11. Many police union contracts require that police officers' records of misconduct be erased every few years. Do you favor or oppose erasing police records of misconduct every few years?

	Total	Race					Party ID (Leaners Sorted)			Self-Identified Ideology				
		White	Black	Latino	Asian	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
Net-favor	16%	15%	17%	21%	18%	17%	11%	15%	24%	9%	10%	14%	22%	25%
Net-oppose	84%	85%	83%	79%	82%	83%	89%	85%	76%	91%	90%	86%	78%	75%
Strongly favor	6%	5%	6%	8%	4%	7%	4%	4%	9%	7%	4%	3%	7%	10%
Somewhat favor	11%	10%	11%	13%	14%	10%	8%	10%	15%	2%	6%	11%	15%	14%
Somewhat oppose	26%	27%	14%	28%	37%	27%	16%	24%	40%	4%	15%	29%	35%	43%
Strongly oppose	58%	59%	69%	51%	44%	56%	73%	61%	36%	87%	74%	57%	43%	32%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Ideology Typology				Political Interest				Gender	
		Liberal	Libertarian	Conservative	Communitarian	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	Male	Female
Net-favor	16%	8%	20%	23%	17%	14%	19%	21%	9%	18%	14%
Net-oppose	84%	92%	80%	77%	83%	86%	81%	79%	91%	82%	86%
Strongly favor	6%	2%	9%	8%	6%	7%	4%	6%	4%	7%	5%
Somewhat favor	11%	6%	11%	16%	11%	7%	15%	15%	5%	12%	10%
Somewhat oppose	26%	15%	24%	37%	28%	24%	24%	34%	33%	26%	25%
Strongly oppose	58%	77%	55%	40%	56%	63%	58%	45%	58%	56%	60%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Education				Income					Age					Self Describes as…
		High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post-Grad	<$20K	$20K-$39K	$40K-$59K	$60K-$99K	$100K+	18-29	30-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Libertarian
Net-favor	16%	20%	14%	14%	12%	18%	18%	17%	17%	12%	24%	17%	13%	14%	11%	28%
Net-oppose	84%	80%	86%	86%	88%	82%	82%	83%	83%	88%	76%	83%	87%	86%	89%	72%
Strongly favor	6%	9%	4%	4%	3%	7%	4%	7%	6%	4%	9%	7%	4%	4%	3%	14%
Somewhat favor	11%	11%	11%	10%	9%	11%	14%	10%	11%	8%	15%	10%	9%	10%	8%	14%
Somewhat oppose	26%	25%	26%	26%	25%	24%	22%	26%	28%	28%	20%	24%	20%	29%	33%	22%
Strongly oppose	58%	55%	60%	60%	64%	59%	60%	57%	55%	60%	56%	59%	67%	57%	56%	51%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

12. Should police unions be allowed to collectively bargain with government officials over the methods used to hold police officers accountable for misconduct?

	Total	Race					Party ID (Leaners Sorted)			Self-Identified Ideology				
		White	Black	Latino	Asian	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
Yes, allowed	38%	40%	24%	37%	41%	50%	29%	35%	52%	28%	27%	40%	49%	49%
No, not allowed	62%	60%	76%	63%	59%	50%	71%	65%	48%	72%	73%	60%	51%	51%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Ideology Typology				Political Interest				Gender	
		Liberal	Libertarian	Conservative	Communitarian	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	Male	Female
Yes, allowed	38%	24%	37%	52%	41%	39%	37%	37%	39%	40%	36%
No, not allowed	62%	76%	63%	48%	59%	61%	63%	63%	61%	60%	64%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	Total	Education				Income					Age					Self Describes as...
		High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post-Grad	<$20K	$20K-$39K	$40K-$59K	$60K-$99K	$100K+	18-29	30-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Libertarian
Yes, allowed	38%	37%	39%	38%	40%	37%	37%	37%	38%	39%	34%	38%	36%	34%	47%	46%
No, not allowed	62%	63%	61%	62%	60%	63%	63%	63%	62%	61%	66%	62%	64%	66%	53%	54%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

13. Do you personally know anyone who has been physically mistreated or abused by the police? (Select all that apply)

| | Total | Race | | | | | Party ID (Leaders Sorted) | | | Self-Identified Ideology | | | | |
		White	Black	Latino	Asian	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
Yes, me	12%	8%	19%	17%	8%	16%	12%	14%	9%	18%	15%	12%	6%	10%
Yes, someone I know	26%	23%	35%	27%	37%	29%	34%	28%	14%	41%	37%	28%	10%	12%
No	67%	72%	56%	62%	60%	60%	59%	64%	79%	49%	55%	65%	85%	80%

| | Total | Ideology Typology | | | | Political Interest | | | | Gender | |
		Liberal	Libertarian	Conservative	Communitarian	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	Male	Female
Yes, me	12%	13%	14%	8%	12%	14%	9%	9%	11%	16%	7%
Yes, someone I know	26%	38%	27%	12%	25%	27%	28%	23%	18%	27%	25%
No	67%	56%	63%	81%	68%	65%	65%	72%	76%	63%	71%

| | Total | Education | | | | Income | | | | | Age | | | | | Self Describes as… |
		High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post-Grad	<$20K	$20K-$39K	$40K-$59K	$60K-$99K	$100K+	18-29	30-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Libertarian
Yes, me	12%	13%	12%	9%	10%	15%	14%	12%	11%	10%	15%	17%	11%	9%	5%	22%
Yes, someone I know	26%	23%	28%	25%	32%	30%	28%	23%	26%	27%	32%	32%	29%	24%	12%	27%
No	67%	68%	66%	69%	62%	61%	64%	69%	67%	66%	60%	59%	65%	70%	83%	55%

14. If you were to estimate, about what percentage of police officers from 0-100% do you think frequently use excessive force?

	Total	Race					Party ID (Leaners Sorted)			Self-Identified Ideology				
		White	Black	Latino	Asian	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
0-25%	53%	64%	25%	35%	46%	56%	40%	46%	76%	25%	40%	55%	79%	78%
26-50%	22%	19%	31%	31%	28%	13%	28%	26%	12%	28%	33%	23%	14%	10%
51-75%	12%	8%	21%	15%	19%	13%	15%	14%	5%	20%	14%	12%	4%	6%
76-100%	12%	9%	21%	17%	8%	15%	16%	13%	6%	26%	12%	9%	3%	5%
Don't know/Refused	1%	<1%	2%	2%	<1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
0%	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%
1-5%	25%	30%	6%	16%	19%	31%	11%	23%	44%	5%	9%	24%	50%	45%
6-15%	14%	18%	6%	7%	15%	12%	13%	12%	18%	9%	14%	17%	16%	15%
16-25%	13%	14%	10%	12%	12%	12%	15%	10%	12%	11%	18%	13%	11%	15%
26-50%	22%	19%	31%	31%	28%	13%	28%	26%	12%	28%	33%	23%	14%	10%
51-74%	8%	6%	15%	12%	15%	6%	11%	10%	3%	14%	9%	10%	2%	4%
75-89%	8%	6%	15%	9%	11%	11%	11%	7%	5%	15%	11%	6%	3%	5%
90-99%	5%	4%	10%	8%	1%	5%	7%	5%	2%	12%	5%	4%	1%	0%
100%	2%	2%	2%	3%	0%	6%	2%	4%	1%	6%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know/Refused	1%	<1%	2%	2%	<1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

14. If you were to estimate, about what percentage of police officers from 0-100% do you think frequently use excessive force?

	Total	Ideology Typology				Political Interest				Gender	
		Liberal	Libertarian	Conservative	Communitarian	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	Male	Female
0-25%	53%	39%	56%	77%	41%	62%	51%	40%	36%	54%	52%
26-50%	22%	27%	22%	11%	30%	17%	23%	35%	26%	20%	24%
51-75%	12%	18%	11%	4%	12%	10%	12%	14%	15%	13%	10%
76-100%	12%	16%	9%	7%	16%	10%	12%	9%	19%	11%	13%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	<1%	1%	1%	4%	1%	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%
1-5%	25%	10%	28%	47%	14%	32%	20%	16%	13%	29%	20%
6-15%	14%	13%	15%	18%	11%	15%	15%	14%	14%	12%	16%
16-25%	13%	15%	13%	10%	15%	14%	15%	10%	9%	11%	15%
26-50%	22%	27%	22%	11%	30%	17%	23%	35%	26%	20%	24%
51-74%	8%	12%	9%	3%	9%	7%	10%	8%	12%	9%	8%
75-89%	8%	13%	6%	3%	9%	7%	8%	8%	13%	9%	7%
90-99%	5%	6%	2%	4%	8%	4%	5%	4%	5%	4%	6%
100%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	<1%	1%	1%	4%	1%	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

14. If you were to estimate, about what percentage of police officers from 0-100% do you think frequently use excessive force?

	Total	Education				Income					Age					Self Describes as…
		High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post-Grad	<$20K	$20K-$39K	$40K-$59K	$60K-$99K	$100K+	18-29	30-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Libertarian
0-25%	53%	46%	55%	62%	62%	33%	54%	55%	58%	63%	34%	37%	58%	68%	77%	50%
26-50%	22%	23%	23%	18%	25%	32%	22%	24%	19%	19%	25%	32%	21%	16%	14%	23%
51-75%	12%	13%	12%	11%	7%	11%	14%	10%	12%	10%	18%	14%	11%	7%	6%	8%
76-100%	12%	17%	9%	9%	7%	23%	9%	11%	9%	6%	19%	18%	9%	8%	3%	16%
DK/Refused	1%	2%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	3%	2%	3%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%
1-5%	25%	21%	24%	30%	30%	10%	23%	27%	28%	31%	13%	14%	28%	33%	40%	29%
6-15%	14%	12%	17%	16%	15%	11%	14%	13%	17%	17%	9%	10%	11%	22%	20%	11%
16-25%	13%	12%	13%	16%	16%	10%	17%	14%	13%	14%	11%	11%	19%	12%	16%	10%
26-50%	22%	23%	23%	18%	25%	32%	22%	24%	19%	19%	25%	32%	21%	16%	14%	23%
51-74%	8%	10%	8%	8%	5%	10%	11%	5%	9%	6%	16%	10%	6%	5%	4%	6%
75-89%	8%	9%	9%	7%	4%	7%	8%	9%	7%	7%	10%	10%	10%	7%	3%	7%
90-99%	5%	7%	3%	4%	4%	11%	3%	5%	3%	3%	9%	6%	3%	4%	2%	8%
100%	2%	4%	1%	1%	0%	7%	1%	2%	1%	0%	3%	5%	2%	0%	0%	4%
DK/Refused	1%	2%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	3%	2%	3%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

15. As you may know, police arrest disproportionately more black people than members of other racial groups. Do you think this is primarily due to…

		Race					Party ID (Leaners Sorted)			Self-Identified Ideology				
	Total	White	Black	Latino	Asian	Other	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative
Police racial bias	30%	25%	57%	32%	38%	19%	51%	26%	6%	53%	50%	29%	8%	10%
Racial bias written into the laws that police enforce	10%	7%	20%	11%	21%	14%	13%	11%	6%	15%	17%	10%	5%	4%
Different crime rates among different racial groups	38%	45%	9%	33%	23%	38%	19%	34%	66%	13%	15%	38%	66%	64%
Different poverty levels among different groups	13%	12%	9%	17%	16%	17%	12%	19%	10%	12%	10%	14%	12%	9%
Something else	9%	10%	6%	6%	2%	11%	6%	11%	11%	7%	8%	9%	9%	12%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Ideology Typology				Political Interest				Gender	
	Total	Liberal	Libertarian	Conservative	Communitarian	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	Male	Female
Police racial bias	30%	49%	25%	9%	35%	31%	30%	26%	32%	28%	32%
Racial bias written into the laws that police enforce	10%	14%	13%	4%	10%	9%	11%	14%	5%	10%	11%
Different crime rates among different racial groups	38%	17%	39%	63%	35%	38%	39%	43%	35%	38%	37%
Different poverty levels among different groups	13%	12%	15%	11%	15%	11%	12%	12%	21%	13%	12%
Something else	9%	8%	8%	13%	6%	11%	7%	5%	7%	11%	8%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Education				Income					Age					Self Describes as…
	Total	High School or Less	Some College	College Degree	Post-Grad	<$20K	$20K-$39K	$40K-$59K	$60K-$99K	$100K+	18-29	30-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Libertarian
Police racial bias	30%	29%	30%	33%	30%	33%	26%	27%	34%	30%	35%	35%	31%	26%	24%	28%
Racial bias written into the laws that police enforce	10%	10%	10%	11%	11%	12%	11%	9%	9%	12%	17%	13%	8%	8%	4%	9%
Different crime rates among different racial groups	38%	40%	38%	36%	34%	33%	40%	41%	38%	37%	26%	27%	41%	46%	52%	44%
Different poverty levels among different groups	13%	12%	12%	14%	14%	17%	11%	12%	12%	14%	13%	17%	12%	9%	12%	12%
Something else	9%	8%	11%	7%	11%	6%	12%	10%	7%	7%	10%	8%	8%	11%	8%	7%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Survey Methodology

The Cato Institute Summer 2020 National Survey was conducted by the Cato Institute in collaboration with YouGov who fielded the survey. YouGov interviewed 2,108 American adults from July 1-6, 2020 who were then matched into a nationally representative sample of 2,000 Americans aged 18 and older. The margin of error is +/- 2.36 percentage points. This does not include other sources of non-sampling error, such as selection bias in panel participation or response to a particular survey. Questions and responses were randomized when feasible. YouGov conducted the survey online with its proprietary Web-enabled survey software. Restrictions are put in place to ensure that only the people selected and contacted by YouGov are allowed to participate.

Respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, education. The frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the full 2018 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year sample with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements (using the person weights on the public use file).

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, years of education, and census region. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles. The weights were then post-stratified on 2016 Presidential vote choice, and a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight.