

National Opinion Survey on Crime in America

1.)

Were you asked to participate in the Pew Research Poll on law enforcement?

Yes (20.7%) No (59.1%) Undecided (12.6%) No Answer (7.7%)

2.)

Are you now or were you ever a police or law enforcement officer?

Yes (6.9%) No (88.7%) Undecided (0.3%) No Answer (4.1%)

3.)

Are you satisfied with the job police and law enforcement do in your community?

Yes (82.8%) No (4.3%) Undecided (8.6%) No Answer (4.3%)

4.)

Before receiving the letter accompanying this Survey were you aware that police and law enforcement have been responsible for reducing crime in the US by over 50% in the past 20 years?

Yes (36.9%) No (54.2%) Undecided (4.7%) No Answer (4.1%)

5.)

Before receiving the enclosed letter were you aware that the vast majority of high profile shootings by police that have generated national media coverage involved the shooting of a suspect that was either armed, tried to get at the officer's gun, did not follow repeated instructions from the officer, or physically attacked the officer?

Yes (71.5%) No (16.2%) Undecided (7.4%) No Answer (4.9%)

6.)

Law enforcement officers often stop and question suspicious people on the street and it is one of the most effective methods to prevent crime. However in some communities politicians want the police to make an equal number of stops in low crime areas as they make in high crime areas so as not to discriminate against anyone. Do you think law enforcement should be required to make an equal number of stops in low crime areas as in high crime areas?

Yes (20.2%) No (59.4%) Undecided (14.5%) No Answer (5.8%)

7.)

Would you rather have law enforcement in your community prevent crime by stopping suspicious people for questioning or would you rather have the police wait until a crime has been committed before taking action?

Prevent Crime (90.2%) Wait (1.7%) Undecided (3.1%) No Answer (5.1%)

8.)

In the most recent reporting period the murder rate in the US went up by over 10% in a single year – the largest increase in 34 years.

Do you believe recent media attacks on police and law enforcement have caused officers to be more reluctant to attempt to stop murders and other crimes before they are committed?

Yes (62.9%) No (11.6%) Undecided (21.0%) No Answer (4.4%)

9.)

Today many law enforcement officers are reluctant to wrestle a criminal suspect to the ground, use a nightstick, or use any type of force when apprehending a criminal because they fear getting sued or brought up on charges of "police brutality".

Do you support the right of a law enforcement officer to use force to stop a crime in progress, to apprehend a criminal, or to defend themselves from criminal attack?

Yes (91.3%) No (0.3%) Undecided (3.5%) No Answer (4.9%)

10.)

Do you think local law enforcement should be able to work with immigration officials to deport dangerous criminals who are not citizens?

Yes (90.4%) No (0.9%) Undecided (3.8%) No Answer (4.9%)

11.)

Are you a registered voter?

Yes (91.3%) No (3.2%) Undecided (0.6%) No Answer (4.9%)

12.)

Many politicians favor giving convicted murderers, rapists, and burglars the right to vote. Do you favor voting rights for criminals?

Yes (2.5%) No (84.7%) Undecided (8.1%) No Answer (4.7%)

13.)

Some politicians have suggested that law enforcement officers not be allowed to carry a gun. Do you think law enforcement officers should be disarmed?

Yes (1.4%) No (92.8%) Undecided (1.2%) No Answer (4.6%)

14.)

Do you think schools should be required to teach children respect for law enforcement officers including how to behave if they are stopped by a law enforcement officer?

Yes (91.6%) No (1.1%) Undecided (2.6%) No Answer (4.7%)

15.)

During your lifetime you have a 52% chance of being violently attacked by a criminal at least once and a 27% chance of being attacked three or more times.

Were you aware your chances of being violently attacked by a criminal were this high?

Yes (12.6%) No (79.6%) Undecided (3.1%) No Answer (4.7%)