

2016 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 20 August
FINAL TOPLINE
August 16 – September 12, 2016
TOTAL N=4,538
WEB RESPONDENTS N=4,195
MAIL RESPONDENTS N=343¹

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN .5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (*). COLUMNS/ROWS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ADDITIONAL QUESTION PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

INSTITUTIONS How much confidence do you have in each of the following institutions in your community?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE LIST]

		<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
a.	The police department Aug 16-Sept 12,2016	36	41	13	9	*
b.	The courts Aug 16-Sept 12,2016	17	51	21	11	1
c.	Your city or local government Aug 16-Sept 12,2016	15	53	21	10	*

ASK ALL IN FORM 1 [N=2,255]:

POLICE3F1 How would you rate the job that police in your community are doing when it comes to each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE]**

		<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
a.	Holding officers accountable when misconduct occurs Aug 16-Sept 12,2016	18	45	19	16	2
b.	Using the right amount of force for each situation Aug 16-Sept 12,2016	19	48	19	12	2
c.	Treating racial and ethnic groups equally Aug 16-Sept 12,2016	20	45	19	14	2
d.	Protecting people from crime Aug 16-Sept 12,2016	22	50	18	8	1

¹ Question wording in this topline is that from the web version of the survey. Question wording and format was adapted for the paper questionnaire delivered by mail; this questionnaire is available on request. All questions asked in both modes unless noted.

ASK ALL:

POLICE5

As you may know, demonstrations have been held in many parts of the country in recent years to protest the deaths of African Americans who died during encounters with the police.

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE ITEMS A AND B]

		<u>A great deal</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
a.	How much, if at all, do you think these protests have been motivated by a genuine desire to hold officers accountable for their actions? Aug 16-Sept 12,2016	33	33	23	11	1
b.	How much, if at all, do you think these protests have been motivated by longstanding bias against the police? Aug 16-Sept 12,2016	41	38	12	7	1

ASK ALL:

POLICE6

Do you think the deaths of African Americans during encounters with police in recent years are **[ROTATE: (isolated incidents) or (signs of a broader problem between African Americans and the police)]**?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN THE SAME ORDER AS THE QUESTION STEM]

Aug 16- Sept 12 <u>2016</u>	
39	Isolated incidents
60	Signs of a broader problem
2	No Answer

NO POLICE7**ASK ALL:**

POLICE8

Thinking about police officers around the country, do you favor or oppose the use of body cameras by police that would record their interactions?

Aug 16- Sept 12 <u>2016</u>	
93	Favor
6	Oppose
1	No Answer

ASK ALL IN FORM 2 [N=2,283]:

POLICE9F2 When dealing with the public, do you think wearing a body camera would make officers...

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]

Aug 16-

Sept 12

2016

66	More likely to act appropriately
6	Less likely to act appropriately
27	It would make no difference
1	No Answer