## Reconnect Research and Roanoke College Police & Race Survey of America July 6, 2020 Topline

Please answer our URGENT <u>Police and Race Survey</u>, 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 44% Disapprove 47% Unsure/Refused 10%

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% Unsure/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	45%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	34%
Dissatisfied	19%
Unsure/Refused	2%

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

Somewhat satisfied	39%
Very satisfied	61%
Unsure/Refused	1%

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

Somewhat dissatisfied	40%
Very dissatisfied	58%
Unsure/Refused	3%

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%
Unsure/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	40%
No	59%
Unsure/Refused	1%

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	36%
Too many	19%
Unsure	10%
Refused	1%

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%

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 81% Small problem 19% Unsure/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 27%
Worse 52%
Unsure/Refused 2%

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
Just as likely black or white
Unsure/Refused
43%
44%

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% Unsure/Refused 2%

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 35%
Partially justified 32%
Not at all justified 30%
Unsure/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	69%
Unsure/Refused	3%

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	17%
No change	31%
Worse	48%
Unsure/Refused	3%

REFUSALS NOT INCLUDED IN CALCULATIONS FOR DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A CLEARER SNAPSHOT OF THE SAMPLE.

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

Male	47%
Female	53%

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	29%
Some college, tech school, etc.	28%
Bachelor's degree or above	34%

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	14%
25-34	15%
35-49	23%
50-64	26%
65 or older	22%

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

Yes 20% No 80%

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 65% Black 14% Asian 5% Other/multi-racial 16%

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 31% Republican 29% Independent 40%

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

Northeast 19% South 35% Midwest 22% West 25%

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.

## **Select crosstabs**

Item	Male	Female	Black	Hispanic	White	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Trump job approval	50%	41%	24%	40%	53%	19%	42%	80%
Country right direction	38%	31%	16%	33%	39%	18%	33%	59%
Satisfied w/ local police	45%	48%	23%	44%	54%	35%	43%	66%
Harassed by police	32%	23%	44%	23%	22%	30%	34%	15%
Helped by police	36%	46%	39%	37%	42%	36%	37%	55%
Too many police	23%	15%	20%	21%	16%	18%	22%	13%
Not enough police	33%	36%	36%	38%	34%	35%	31%	36%
Race discrimination is a problem	66%	72%	83%	77%	66%	87%	68%	51%
Race relations worse since Trump as Pres.	48%	56%	74%	60%	46%	77%	56%	17%
Police more likely use force against Blacks	41%	44%	78%	49%	32%	61%	46%	17%
Protestors anger justified	67%	70%	78%	69%	64%	79%	70%	54%
Looting justified	26%	30%	40%	29%	23%	32%	31%	20%
Trump made situation worse	46%	51%	72%	53%	41%	73%	53%	14%

## **Select crosstabs**

Item	HS or	More	18-44	45 or	Northeast	South	Midwest	West
	less	than HS		older				
Trump job approval	46%	44%	43%	48%	48%	46%	43%	39%
Country right direction	36%	35%	36%	35%	37%	36%	32%	34%
Satisfied w/ local police	45%	47%	41%	53%	44%	45%	46%	45%
Harassed by police	24%	29%	32%	21%	25%	25%	28%	30%
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Too many police	19%	19%	26%	10%	16%	18%	23%	20%
Not enough police	37%	33%	29%	41%	31%	38%	33%	33%
Race discrimination is a problem	65%	72%	69%	70%	68%	71%	64%	70%
Race relations worse since Trump as Pres.	51%	52%	55%	47%	49%	51%	53%	55%
Police more likely use force against Blacks	39%	44%	47%	37%	43%	44%	38%	45%
Protestors anger justified	62%	72%	68%	68%	67%	66%	66%	72%
Looting justified	30%	27%	33%	22%	29%	31%	26%	27%
Trump made situation worse	47%	50%	52%	44%	47%	49%	49%	49%