

Reuters/Ipsos Poll: George Floyd Protests & Police Reform

About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between June 9-10, 2020 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this survey, a sample of 1,113 Americans age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii were interviewed online in English. The sample includes 495 Democrats, 417 Republicans and 116 independents. Weighting was then employed to balance demographics to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within \pm 3.3 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all Americans been polled. The credibility interval will be wider among subsets of the population. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error. The poll also has a credibility interval \pm 5.0 percentage points for Democrats, \pm 5.5 percentage points for Republicans, and \pm 10.4 percentage points for independents.

For full results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire.





		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
P1. Are you currently	Yes	86%	91%	92%	78%
	No	12%	8%	7%	20%
registered to vote, or not? (Select one)	Don't know / Refused	2%	1%	1%	2%
·	Total	1113	495	417	116
	Very closely	33%	47%	22%	28%
TM4000\(00 1 1 1 1 1	Somewhat closely	41%	39%	45%	35%
TM1892Y20. How closely, if at all, have you followed the	Not very closely	19%	9%	26%	28%
protests and demonstrations that have appeared across	Heard of, but know little	6%	4%	7%	7%
the country after the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis?	Have not heard of	1%	1%	0%	1%
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	Total	1113	495	417	116
	Strongly support	45%	71%	18%	43%
TM1893Y20. Do you support	Somewhat support	29%	19%	41%	28%
or oppose the peaceful protests and demonstrations	Somewhat oppose	11%	5%	19%	11%
that have taken place across	Strongly oppose	9%	3%	15%	9%
the country after the death of George Floyd?	Don't know	6%	2%	7%	8%
Ů.	Total	1113	495	417	116
	Strongly approve	15%	2%	35%	4%
	Somewhat approve	11%	2%	22%	9%
TM1894Y20. Do you approve	Lean approve	6%	3%	11%	6%
or disapprove of how President Donald Trump has	Lean disapprove	8%	6%	9%	11%
handled the recent protests	Somewhat disapprove	8%	8%	7%	11%
and demonstrations?	Strongly disapprove	44%	75%	8%	44%
	Don't know	8%	3%	8%	14%
	Total	1113	495	417	116
TM1895Y20_1. How much you agree/disagree with each of the following statementsPeaceful protests and demonstrations are an appropriate response to the killing of an unarmed man by police	Strongly agree	57%	74%	39%	59%
	Somewhat agree	27%	16%	37%	29%
	Somewhat disagree	8%	5%	12%	7%
	Strongly disagree	6%	3%	8%	3%
	Don't know	2%	1%	3%	1%
	Total	1113	495	417	116



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TM1895Y20_2. How much you agree/disagree with each	Strongly agree	9%	11%	5%	8%
	Somewhat agree	12%	18%	7%	9%
of the following	Somewhat disagree	17%	25%	8%	17%
statementsViolent protests and unrest are an appropriate	Strongly disagree	59%	43%	78%	65%
response to the killing of an unarmed man by police	Don't know	2%	2%	2%	1%
unanneu man by police	Total	1113	495	417	116
TM1895Y20 3. How much	Strongly agree	62%	47%	79%	66%
you agree/disagree with each	Somewhat agree	20%	26%	12%	22%
of the following statementsThe property	Somewhat disagree	9%	14%	4%	8%
damage caused by some	Strongly disagree	6%	9%	3%	4%
protesters undermine the original protest's case for	Don't know	3%	4%	1%	0%
justice	Total	1113	495	417	116
	Strongly agree	38%	63%	12%	34%
TM1895Y20_4. How much	Somewhat agree	28%	22%	33%	27%
you agree/disagree with each of the following statementsl	Somewhat disagree	16%	7%	28%	16%
am sympathetic to people	Strongly disagree	12%	5%	22%	13%
who are out protesting right now	Don't know	5%	3%	5%	10%
	Total	1113	495	417	116
	Strongly agree	15%	6%	28%	10%
TM1895Y20_6. How much	Somewhat agree	33%	25%	42%	37%
you agree/disagree with each of the following	Somewhat disagree	25%	30%	19%	27%
statementsPolice are doing	Strongly disagree	21%	34%	6%	18%
a good job handling these protests	Don't know	7%	5%	6%	8%
	Total	1113	495	417	116
	Strongly support	47%	66%	24%	48%
TM1905Y20_1. How much do you support or oppose each of the following?Allowing	Somewhat support	28%	23%	35%	28%
	Somewhat oppose	12%	6%	20%	12%
victims of police misconduct	Strongly oppose	6%	2%	12%	2%
to sue police departments for damages	Not sure	7%	3%	9%	9%
-	Total	1113	495	417	116





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TM1905Y20_2. How much do	Strongly support	62%	79%	43%	61%
	Somewhat support	20%	12%	28%	22%
you support or oppose each	Somewhat oppose	9%	4%	16%	9%
of the following?Banning police from using chokeholds	Strongly oppose	4%	2%	8%	0%
to restrain civilians/suspects	Not sure	5%	3%	5%	9%
	Total	1113	495	417	116
	Strongly support	62%	79%	41%	64%
T14400 T1400	Somewhat support	20%	12%	31%	22%
TM1905Y20_3. How much do you support or oppose each	Somewhat oppose	7%	4%	11%	8%
of the following?Banning	Strongly oppose	5%	2%	8%	4%
police from racial profiling	Not sure	6%	3%	9%	3%
	Total	1113	495	417	116
	Strongly support	71%	83%	58%	69%
TM1905Y20_4. How much do	Somewhat support	21%	11%	31%	23%
you support or oppose each	Somewhat oppose	4%	4%	6%	6%
of the following?Requiring federal police officers to wear	Strongly oppose	1%	1%	2%	0%
body cameras	Not sure	3%	1%	4%	2%
	Total	1113	495	417	116
	Strongly support	76%	82%	69%	76%
TM1905Y20_5. How much do	Somewhat support	17%	11%	24%	19%
you support or oppose each of the following?Requiring	Somewhat oppose	4%	4%	4%	5%
police officers to intervene	Strongly oppose	1%	1%	1%	0%
when they see police misconduct	Not sure	2%	2%	2%	0%
	Total	1113	495	417	116
	Strongly support	66%	80%	50%	68%
TM1905Y20_6. How much do you support or oppose each	Somewhat support	25%	14%	39%	25%
of the following?Independent investigation of police	Somewhat oppose	4%	3%	6%	4%
	Strongly oppose	2%	2%	3%	3%
departments that show patterns of misconduct	Not sure	2%	1%	2%	0%
patterns of misconduct	Total	1113	495	417	116





		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	Very familiar	17%	20%	17%	13%
	Somewhat familiar	37%	40%	39%	27%
TM1902Y20_1. How familiar	Not very familiar	16%	16%	14%	18%
are you with the following concepts?The 'defund the police' movement	I have heard of it, but that's about it	18%	13%	19%	29%
	Never heard of it	12%	11%	10%	13%
	Total	1113	495	417	116
	Very familiar	15%	17%	14%	11%
TM1902Y20_2. How familiar are you with the following	Somewhat familiar	32%	37%	32%	28%
concepts?Proposals to	Not very familiar	19%	19%	17%	20%
completely dismantle police departments and give more financial support to address	I have heard of it, but that's about it	20%	16%	21%	24%
homelessness, mental health, and domestic violence	Never heard of it	14%	10%	16%	16%
	Total	1113	495	417	116
	Very familiar	16%	21%	14%	9%
TM1902Y20_3. How familiar are you with the following	Somewhat familiar	35%	40%	33%	31%
concepts?Proposals to move some money currently	Not very familiar	20%	16%	23%	24%
going to police budgets into better officer training, local programs for homelessness,	I have heard of it, but that's about it	15%	12%	15%	18%
mental health assistance, and	Never heard of it	14%	12%	14%	17%
domestic violence	Total	1113	495	417	116
	Very familiar	8%	8%	9%	9%
TM1902Y20_4. How familiar	Somewhat familiar	15%	17%	14%	12%
are you with the following concepts?'Broken window policing' where law enforcement focuses on policing low level offenses	Not very familiar	32%	33%	33%	28%
	I have heard of it, but that's about it	9%	9%	8%	9%
	Never heard of it	36%	33%	36%	43%
	Total	1113	495	417	116





		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
TM1902Y20_5. How familiar	Very familiar	11%	13%	9%	8%
are you with the following	Somewhat familiar	28%	34%	24%	22%
concepts?Community oversight in policing, including	Not very familiar	27%	25%	27%	31%
a police commission of civilians who oversee things like the police chief, police	I have heard of it, but that's about it	12%	11%	13%	8%
training and civilian	Never heard of it	23%	17%	27%	32%
complaints	Total	1113	495	417	116
	Very familiar	17%	20%	13%	20%
TM1902Y20_6. How familiar	Somewhat familiar	26%	26%	27%	23%
are you with the following concepts?With every stop,	Not very familiar	25%	25%	26%	26%
requiring officers to provide civilians with the officer's badge number, name, and the	I have heard of it, but that's about it	10%	9%	12%	6%
reason for the stop	Never heard of it	22%	21%	22%	25%
	Total	1113	495	417	116
	Strongly support	18%	26%	6%	20%
TM4000\/00 4 11	Somewhat support	21%	33%	7%	22%
TM1903Y20_1. How much do you support/oppose each of	Somewhat oppose	17%	22%	10%	15%
the following?The 'defund	Strongly oppose	40%	13%	75%	37%
the police' movement :	Not sure	4%	6%	2%	7%
	Total	601	297	235	46
TM1903Y20_2. How much do you support/oppose each of the following?Proposals to completely dismantle police departments and give more financial support to address homelessness, mental health, and domestic violence (asked only of those somewhat/very familiar)	Strongly support	20%	29%	7%	22%
	Somewhat support	19%	26%	10%	11%
	Somewhat oppose	17%	22%	10%	22%
	Strongly oppose	41%	18%	74%	43%
	Not sure	3%	5%	0%	2%
	Total	528	268	194	46





		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
TM1903Y20_3. How much do you support/oppose each	Strongly support	46%	63%	20%	49%
of the following?Proposals	Somewhat support	30%	30%	31%	30%
to move some money currently going to police	Somewhat oppose	10%	3%	22%	6%
budgets into better officer training, local programs for	Strongly oppose	12%	4%	25%	13%
homelessness, mental health	Not sure	2%	1%	3%	2%
assistance, and domestic violence (asked only of those somewhat/very familiar)	Total	565	300	199	47
TM1903Y20_4. How much do	Strongly support	24%	23%	26%	29%
you support or oppose each	Somewhat support	27%	25%	27%	21%
of the following?Broken window policing where law	Somewhat oppose	22%	21%	23%	33%
enforcement focuses on policing low level offenses	Strongly oppose	20%	22%	19%	8%
(asked only of those	Not sure	8%	9%	5%	8%
somewhat/very familiar)	Total	259	126	93	24
TM1903Y20_5. How much do you support/oppose each	Strongly support	46%	61%	22%	50%
of the following?Community	Somewhat support	32%	29%	36%	29%
oversight in policing, including a police commission of	Somewhat oppose	11%	4%	22%	15%
civilians who oversee things	Strongly oppose	8%	3%	18%	3%
like the police chief, police training and civilian	Not sure	3%	3%	2%	3%
complaints (asked only of those somewhat/very familiar)	Total	429	235	141	34
TM1903Y20_6. How much do you support or oppose each of the following?With every stop, requiring officers to provide civilians with the officer's badge number, name, and the reason for the stop (asked only of those	Strongly support	67%	77%	50%	70%
	Somewhat support	22%	16%	30%	28%
	Somewhat oppose	7%	4%	12%	2%
	Strongly oppose	3%	2%	5%	0%
	Not sure	2%	1%	3%	0%
somewhat/very familiar)	Total	473	226	167	50





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