Criminal Justice Reform Poll

National

SCREENERS

QS3. Are you:

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
A man	48	44
A woman	52	56
Neither / Non-binary /	0	0

AS4. What is your current age? *(Ages coded into breaks)*

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
18-34	24	49
35-49	24	25
50-64	30	20
65+	22	6

QSTATE. In which state do you live? *(Coded into regions)*

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Northeast	20	18
Midwest	23	23
South	35	41
West	22	18

QS9A. Regardless of how you are registered to vote, do you consider yourself a:

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Strong Democrat	16	8
Democrat	21	16
Strong Republican	15	4
Republican	21	19
Independent	25	50
Other	1	4
DEM	37	24
IND	26	53
REP	36	23

QS9B. Which of the following statements would you say best describes you?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
You almost always vote for Democratic candidates	29	21
You vote for Democrats more often than you vote for Republicans	16	12
You vote for Republicans more often than you vote for Democrats	16	23
You almost always vote for Republican candidates	28	14
You vote equally for Democrats and Republicans	11	31

QS15. There will be an election in November 2024 for President, Congress, and other offices. How likely are you to vote in the November 2024 election? Are you:

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Absolutely certain	82	0
Very likely	18	0
Possibly will vote	0	63
Absolutely will not vote	0	9
Don't know	0	28

QS21. For statistical purposes only, which of the following ethnic or racial groups best describes you?

	Likely Voters *(n=1191)*	Unlikely Voters *(n=187)*
White	75	64
Black or African American	17	22
Latino/a or Hispanic	13	14
Asian or Pacific Islander	5	6
Middle Eastern	1	0
Native American	4	7
Other	0	1
Prefer not to answer	1	0

Asked if selected Black/African American on QS21

QRACE_A For statistical purposes only, which of the following ethnic groups describes you?
A.

	Likely Voters *(n=199)*	Unlikely Voters *(n=39)*
African American/Black American	86	81
Caribbean or Latin American (from any of the islands of the Caribbean including Haiti, Trinidad & Tobago, Jamaica, Barbados, etc. or countries including Brazil, Venezuela, Panama, etc.)	10	13
African	1	1
Other	2	4
Prefer not to answer	0	1

Q1. How would you say things in this country are going? Are they going in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Right direction	28	26
Wrong track	72	74

Q1 Tracking among Likely Voters

	Feb. 2024 (n=1191)	Oct. 2022 (n=1405)
Right direction	28	30
Wrong track	72	70

Q2. To start off, you will read a list of a few different public figures and groups at the national and local level. For each one, please indicate how favorable a view you hold of them. If you are too unfamiliar with them to rate them, please indicate that.

Among Likely Voters

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Too unfamiliar to rate	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV
Q2R1. Joe Biden							
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	20	23	13	44	1	**43**	**56**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	23	25	13	38	1	**48**	**51**
Q2R2. Donald Trump							
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	29	17	9	43	1	**46**	**53**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	26	19	10	43	2	**45**	**52**
Q2R3. Democrats in Congress							
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	17	27	21	33	3	**43**	**54**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	18	27	17	31	6	**46**	**49**
Q2R4. Republicans in Congress							
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	15	28	22	32	2	**43**	**55**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	15	27	21	30	6	**43**	**51**
Q2R5. Your governor							
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	27	30	16	23	4	**57**	**39**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	27	30	16	22	5	**57**	**38**
Q2R6. Your state legislature							
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	14	39	23	14	10	**52**	**38**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	13	40	20	13	14	**53**	**33**

Among Unlikely Voters

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Too unfamiliar to rate	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV
Q2R1. Joe Biden *(n=187)*	8	25	20	39	8	**33**	**59**
Q2R2. Donald Trump *(n=187)*	18	20	16	39	7	**38**	**55**
Q2R3. Democrats in Congress *(n=187)*	8	24	23	26	19	**33**	**48**
Q2R4. Republicans in Congress *(n=187)*	6	24	26	24	20	**30**	**50**
Q2R5. Your governor *(n=187)*	12	22	24	18	24	**34**	**42**
Q2R6. Your state legislature *(n=187)*	7	29	21	12	30	**36**	**34**

Q3. Now you're going to see a list of issues facing our country today. Please select the top issue that you believe candidates should be focused on in the upcoming 2024 election.

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Inflation and the cost of living	25	25
Immigration	15	11
The economy	13	13
Gun violence	7	6
National security	6	4
Political extremism	6	1
Climate change	5	5
Abortion	5	2
Health care	3	8
Crime	3	5
Government spending	3	4
Racism and discrimination	3	2
Income inequality	2	5
Student debt	1	5
K-12 education	1	3
Taxes	1	2

Q3 Tracking among Likely Voters

	Feb. 2024 (n=1191)	Oct. 2022 (n=1405)
Inflation and the cost of living	25	21
Immigration	15	5
The economy	13	22
Gun violence	7	6
National security	6	3
Political extremism	6	3
Climate change	5	6
Abortion	5	7
Government spending	3	3
Health care	3	6
Crime	3	5
Racism and discrimination	3	2
Income inequality	2	1
Taxes	1	2
K-12 education	1	2
Student debt	1	1

QHRPR. If the election for U.S. President were held today, and the candidates were the following, for whom would you vote?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Joe Biden	42	21
Donald Trump	45	36
Other	8	19
Don't know	5	25
Joe Biden with Leaners	*43*	*22*
Donald Trump with Leaners	*46*	*38*

Q4. As you may know, the system of police, courts, jails, and prisons is sometimes called the criminal justice system. How much do you approve or disapprove of the criminal justice system overall?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Strongly approve	13	9
Somewhat approve	38	37
Somewhat disapprove	31	36
Strongly disapprove	17	18
APPROVE	52	46
DISAPPROVE	48	54

Q4 tracking among Likely Voters

	Feb. 2024 (n=1191)	Oct. 2022 (n=1405)
Strongly approve	13	13
Somewhat approve	38	41
Somewhat disapprove	31	28
Strongly disapprove	17	18
APPROVE	52	54
DISAPPROVE	48	46

Q7.　Do you support or oppose criminal justice reform?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Strongly support	32	21
Somewhat support	46	51
Somewhat oppose	14	18
Strongly oppose	8	11
SUPPORT	78	72
OPPOSE	22	28

Q7 Tracking among Likely Voters

	Feb. 2024 (n=1191)	Oct. 2022 (n=1405)
Strongly support	32	36
Somewhat support	46	44
Somewhat oppose	14	13
Strongly oppose	8	7
SUPPORT	78	80
OPPOSE	22	20

Q5A.　What do you think most people mean when they say "criminal justice reform," even if neither is exactly right?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Criminal justice reforms are meant to increase fairness in how we treat people accused of crimes and safely reduce incarceration.	70	66
Criminal justice reforms are meant to get tougher on people accused of crimes and increase punishments such as incarceration.	30	34

Q6. Which of the following comes closest to your view? The criminal justice system in the U.S. needs...

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Complete overhaul	20	22
Major changes	47	40
Minor changes	22	19
Just slight tweaks	5	2
No change at all	2	5
Unsure / Don't know	4	12
COMPLETE OVERHAUL/MAJOR REFORM	*67*	*62*
MINOR REFORM/NO CHANGE	*29*	*26*

Q8. And if a candidate for elected office supported criminal justice reform, would you be more or less likely to vote for that candidate?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Much more likely	21	14
Somewhat more likely	40	35
Wouldn't affect my choice	29	36
Somewhat less likely	6	8
Much less likely	4	7
MORE LIKELY	61	49
LESS LIKELY	10	15

Q8 Tracking among Likely Voters

	Feb. 2024 (n=1191)	Oct. 2022 (n=1405)
Much more likely	21	25
Somewhat more likely	40	33
Wouldn't affect my choice	29	29
Somewhat less likely	6	6
Much less likely	4	6
MORE LIKELY	61	58
LESS LIKELY	10	13

Q8C. In general, which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Most elected officials talking about crime rates are playing politics with the issue of public safety.	71	62
Most elected officials talking about crime rates are interested in addressing public safety as a serious policy issue.	29	38

Q8D. In general, which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
The criminal justice system doesn't always get it right and we should correct past injustices.	69	69
The criminal justice system is mostly fair and we shouldn't risk letting guilty people go free because of occasional errors in the system.	31	31

Q8E. In general, which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
I sometimes question whether the police and other law enforcement officials are acting in the best interest of the community.	59	67
I trust police and other law enforcement officials to do the right thing.	41	33

Q8F. In general, which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Mass incarceration causes many of the problems that lead to unsafe communities such as homelessness, poverty, and drug or mental health challenges.	60	65
We have safer communities when there are more people in jail or prison.	40	35

Q10. How much of a problem do you think racial discrimination is in the criminal justice system?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
A very big problem	39	29
Somewhat of a problem	37	42
Not much of a problem	16	15
Not a problem at all	6	2
Don't know	2	12
PROBLEM	76	71
NOT A PROBLEM	22	17

Q9. Now you'll see a list of things that some people say are important parts of what the criminal justice system should do. Please indicate how good of a job you personally believe the criminal justice system is doing when it comes to each. Is the criminal justice system...

Among Likely Voters

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	EFFECTIVE	INEFFECTIVE
Q9R1. Treating people fairly regardless of race						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	19	29	30	23	**48**	**52**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	21	29	25	24	**51**	**49**
Q9R2. Treating people fairly regardless of income						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	17	29	31	22	**46**	**54**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	20	27	29	24	**47**	**53**
Q9R3. Preventing crime						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	14	28	36	22	**42**	**58**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	18	27	30	25	**45**	**55**
Q9R4. Holding people accountable for their crimes						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	21	37	26	16	**58**	**42**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	21	35	23	20	**56**	**44**
Q9R5. Keeping costs low and using taxpayer money responsibly						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	14	25	35	26	**39**	**61**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	17	28	30	25	**44**	**56**
Q9R6. Providing fair sentences						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	14	35	33	18	**49**	**51**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	19	33	28	20	**51**	**49**
Q9R7. Using incarceration only when necessary						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	14	32	32	22	**46**	**54**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	16	31	27	25	**47**	**53**
Q9R8. Providing opportunities for people to turn their lives around						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	13	35	33	19	**48**	**52**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	18	34	29	18	**52**	**48**

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	EFFECTIVE	INEFFECTIVE
Q9R9. Rehabilitating people who committed crimes in the past						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	11	28	35	25	**40**	**60**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	16	28	31	26	**44**	**56**
Q9R10. Providing justice to victims and their families						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	15	42	30	13	**57**	**43**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	19	37	26	18	**56**	**44**
Q9R11. Policing fairly and effectively						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	16	39	30	15	**54**	**46**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	19	40	23	18	**59**	**41**
Q9R12. Protecting public safety						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	18	42	27	13	**60**	**40**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	19	41	24	16	**60**	**40**
Q9R13. Keeping families together						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	15	32	34	19	**47**	**53**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	19	31	32	18	**50**	**50**

Among Unlikely Voters

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	EFFECTIVE	INEFFECTIVE
Q9R1. Treating people fairly regardless of race *(n=187)*	14	32	32	22	**46**	**54**
Q9R2. Treating people fairly regardless of income *(n=187)*	12	30	34	24	**42**	**58**
Q9R3. Preventing crime *(n=187)*	13	27	35	25	**40**	**60**
Q9R4. Holding people accountable for their crimes *(n=187)*	17	43	28	13	**60**	**40**
Q9R5. Keeping costs low and using taxpayer money responsibly *(n=187)*	12	28	36	24	**40**	**60**
Q9R6. Providing fair sentences *(n=187)*	13	38	25	24	**52**	**48**
Q9R7. Using incarceration only when necessary *(n=187)*	15	28	35	22	**42**	**58**
Q9R8. Providing opportunities for people to turn their lives around *(n=187)*	11	38	30	22	**49**	**51**
Q9R9. Rehabilitating people who committed crimes in the past *(n=187)*	11	29	34	27	**40**	**60**
Q9R10. Providing justice to victims and their families *(n=187)*	16	34	35	16	**50**	**50**
Q9R11. Policing fairly and effectively *(n=187)*	12	35	32	22	**47**	**53**
Q9R12. Protecting public safety *(n=187)*	14	42	34	10	**56**	**44**
Q9R13. Keeping families together *(n=187)*	12	35	32	22	**46**	**54**

Q11. Do you think there are too many people in prison in the United States, too few people in prison, or is the number of people in prison about right?

	Likely Voters *(n=1191)*	Unlikely Voters *(n=187)*
Too many	49	50
Too few	27	25
About right	24	25

Q11 Tracking among Likely Voters

	Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*
Too many	49	46
Too few	27	31
About right	24	23

Q13. In your opinion, how important or unimportant is it to reduce the jail and prison population in the United States?

	Likely Voters *(n=1191)*	Unlikely Voters *(n=187)*
Very important	26	28
Somewhat important	39	45
Somewhat unimportant	21	16
Very unimportant	14	11
IMPORTANT	65	72
UNIMPORTANT	35	28

Q13 Tracking among Likely Voters

	Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*
Very important	26	32
Somewhat important	39	39
Somewhat unimportant	21	17
Very unimportant	14	12
IMPORTANT	65	70
UNIMPORTANT	35	30

Q13A. How important do you believe it is to reduce the jail and prison population in your state?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Very important	26	25
Somewhat important	41	43
Not very important	21	22
Not important at all	12	10
IMPORTANT	67	68
UNIMPORTANT	33	32

Q14. And if a candidate for elected office supported reducing the jail and prison population, would you be more or less likely to vote for that candidate?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Much more likely	15	9
Somewhat more likely	26	26
Wouldn't affect my choice	32	47
Somewhat less likely	15	8
Much less likely	12	9
MORE LIKELY	41	35
LESS LIKELY	27	18

Q14 Tracking among Likely Voters

	Feb. 2024 (n=1191)	Oct. 2022 (n=1405)
Much more likely	15	17
Somewhat more likely	26	23
Wouldn't affect my choice	32	31
Somewhat less likely	15	15
Much less likely	12	14
MORE LIKELY	41	40
LESS LIKELY	27	29

Q16. In recent years, lawmakers and voters in many states have approved reforms to the criminal justice system, including policy changes to reduce incarceration. When thinking about this, which of the following comes closest to your view, even if none are exactly right?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Reforms have gone too far, and we should undo the policy changes that have reduced incarceration	20	16
Reforms were necessary, but we don't need to reduce incarceration further	33	36
Reforms were an important first step, but we need to do more to reduce incarceration	47	49

Q16 Tracking among Likely Voters

	Feb. 2024 (n=1191)	Oct. 2022 (n=1405)
Reforms have gone too far, and we should undo the policy changes that have reduced incarceration	20	19
Reforms were necessary, but we don't need to reduce incarceration further	33	32
Reforms were an important first step, but we need to do more to reduce incarceration	47	49

Q15.   Below is a list of policy changes that elected officials might consider as part of criminal justice reform efforts. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each reform.

Among Likely Voters

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Q15R1. Reducing criminal penalties for possession of controlled substances and treating drug use as a public health issue						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	31	39	20	10	**70**	**30**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	29	36	20	15	**65**	**35**
Q15R2. Ending the practice of keeping people in jail before their trial if they have been charged with a nonviolent offense						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	31	41	18	10	**72**	**28**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	31	44	17	8	**75**	**25**
Q15R3. Ending the practice of sending people to prison for violating the rules of probation or parole						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	24	38	23	15	**62**	**38**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	22	39	25	14	**61**	**39**
Q15R4. Eliminating mandatory minimums and other sentencing laws that require a long prison sentence rather than allowing judges to determine the appropriate punishment based on the facts of the case						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	25	41	22	12	**66**	**34**
Oct. 2022 *(n=1405)*	25	44	21	10	**69**	**31**
Q15R5. Increase the amount of time that people can earn off their prison sentence for following prison rules and participating in rehabilitation programs.						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	29	47	16	7	**76**	**24**
Q15R6. Allow judges and prosecutors to review cases after a person has served at least 15 years in prison and reduce the sentence on a case-by-case basis.						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	27	50	16	7	**78**	**22**

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Q15R7. Allow more people in prison to be considered for release by a parole board						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	20	46	24	11	**66**	**34**
Q15R8. Reduce the number of years that are added to a prison sentence for sentence enhancements, such as second and third strike laws, which require judges to increase the sentence, sometimes up to life in prison, if the person has prior felony convictions.						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	17	36	30	17	**53**	**47**
Q15R9. Increase the number of commutations through executive clemency, which is the authority governors and the president have to reduce prison sentences.						
Feb. 2024 *(n=1191)*	17	42	28	12	**59**	**41**

Among Unlikely Voters

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Q15R1. Reducing criminal penalties for possession of controlled substances and treating drug use as a public health issue *(n=187)*	21	41	23	15	**62**	**38**
Q15R2. Ending the practice of keeping people in jail before their trial if they have been charged with a nonviolent offense *(n=187)*	24	44	21	11	**68**	**32**
Q15R3. Ending the practice of sending people to prison for violating the rules of probation or parole *(n=187)*	17	42	28	12	**60**	**40**
Q15R4. Eliminating mandatory minimums and other sentencing laws that require a long prison sentence rather than allowing judges to determine the appropriate punishment based on the facts of the case *(n=187)*	21	42	28	9	**63**	**37**
Q15R5. Increase the amount of time that people can earn off their prison sentence for following prison rules and participating in rehabilitation programs. *(n=187)*	26	46	17	11	**72**	**28**
Q15R6. Allow judges and prosecutors to review cases after a person has served at least 15 years in prison and reduce the sentence on a case-by-case basis. *(n=187)*	20	52	18	9	**73**	**27**
Q15R7. Allow more people in prison to be considered for release by a parole board *(n=187)*	21	44	24	10	**65**	**35**
Q15R8. Reduce the number of years that are added to a prison sentence for sentence enhancements, such as second and third strike laws, which require judges to increase the sentence, sometimes up to life in prison, if the person has prior felony convictions. *(n=187)*	18	38	33	10	**56**	**44**
Q15R9. Increase the number of commutations through executive clemency, which is the authority governors and the president have to reduce prison sentences *(n=187)*	11	45	38	6	**56**	**44**

Q15B. Do you agree or disagree that people who have served their time in prison should be given more support to reintegrate into society

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Strongly agree	47	38
Somewhat agree	41	37
Somewhat disagree	8	21
Strongly disagree	4	5
AGREE	88	75
DISAGREE	12	25

Q15C. How strongly would you support or oppose policies that would improve conditions in jails and prisons? Would you...

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Strongly support	36	32
Somewhat support	42	36
Somewhat oppose	16	25
Strongly oppose	7	7
SUPPORT	78	68
OPPOSE	22	32

Q15D. In 2018, President Donald Trump signed the First Step Act, which was a bipartisan effort to reduce the size of the federal prison population and promote rehabilitation over incarceration. Research has shown that 30,000 people have been released because of the First Step Act and that reoffending rates are lower among this group than among people who did not benefit from the law change. Knowing this, would you support or oppose efforts to protect these reforms and find further opportunities to safely reduce the federal prison population?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Strongly support	35	25
Somewhat support	48	42
Somewhat oppose	11	22
Strongly oppose	5	11
SUPPORT	84	67
OPPOSE	16	33

Q17. Which of the following statements on criminal justice reform that a candidate for elected office might make do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world and taxpayers spend $200 billion on the criminal justice system every year. That's an expensive use of taxpayer money that would be better spent on services in the community that address the root causes of crime such as education, job training, and drug and mental health treatment.	66	66
The size of the prison population and the cost to taxpayers doesn't matter. People who have committed crimes need to be punished with incarceration, and the cost of the criminal justice system is a price we need to pay to protect public safety even if it means spending less on services in the community.	34	34

CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY

QCAUSE. Which of the following do you believe is most responsible for crime in your community?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Lack of access to mental health or substance use disorder treatment	16	12
Poverty	15	18
Deterioration of the family	13	9
Too many guns on the street	11	9
Not enough opportunities for young people	6	6
Lack of good paying jobs	5	9
Not prosecuting enough crimes	5	6
Historical disinvestment in low-income communities	5	5
Systemic racial inequality	5	3
Not enough police on the streets	4	4
Not enough affordable housing	4	3
Too many people released from prison	3	6
Failing public education system	3	3
Too many people released on bail	2	6

Q18. How safe or unsafe do you feel in your community today?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Very safe	23	21
Somewhat safe	51	53
Somewhat unsafe	21	19
Very unsafe	5	6
SAFE	74	74
UNSAFE	26	26

Q18 Tracking among Likely Voters

	Feb. 2024 (n=1191)	Oct. 2022 (n=1405)
Very safe	23	27
Somewhat safe	51	45
Somewhat unsafe	21	21
Very unsafe	5	7
SAFE	74	72
UNSAFE	26	28

Q19.   Do you think that crime in your community is rising or falling?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Crime is rising in my community	28	28
Crime is about the same in my community	59	59
Crime is falling in my community	13	13

Q19 Tracking among Likely Voters

	Feb. 2024 (n=1191)	Oct. 2022 (n=1405)
Crime is rising in my community	28	31
Crime is about the same in my community	59	55
Crime is falling in my community	13	14

Q20.   Do you think that crime in the country overall is rising or falling?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Crime is rising in the country	67	54
Crime is about the same in the country	25	37
Crime is falling in the country	8	9

Q20 Tracking among Likely Voters

	Feb. 2024 (n=1191)	Oct. 2022 (n=1405)
Crime is rising in the country	67	71
Crime is about the same in the country	25	23
Crime is falling in the country	8	6

Q20A. In your local community, would you say that social problems such as homelessness, public drug use and drug overdoses, are increasing, decreasing, or staying about the same?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Increasing a lot	25	18
Increasing some	33	35
Staying about the same	34	39
Decreasing some	5	6
Decreasing a lot	3	2
INCREASING	58	52
DECREASING	8	8

Q20B. And how much do you think mass incarceration contributes to social problems such as homelessness, public drug use and drug overdoses?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Contributes a lot	27	23
Contributes a little	36	40
Makes no difference	31	34
Makes these problems better	6	3
CONTRIBUTES	63	63
DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE	37	37

Q21B. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'Addressing social issues such as poverty, lack of education, and unemployment is essential for crime reduction.'

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Strongly agree	54	39
Somewhat agree	37	38
Somewhat disagree	7	18
Strongly disagree	2	6
AGREE	91	77
DISAGREE	9	23

Q24. Which of the following statements on public safety that a candidate for elected office might make do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
The best way to keep our communities safe is to invest in policing and increase jail and prison sentences for people who break the law	31	30
The best way to keep our communities safe is to invest in prevention and increase funding for programs such as affordable housing, job training, and drug and mental health treatment	69	70

Q25. Sometimes people change their minds over the course of a survey like this one. Thinking about it again, do you support or oppose criminal justice reform?

Among Likely Voters

	Q25 Final (n=1191)	Q7 Initial (n=1191)
Strongly support	34	32
Somewhat support	48	46
Somewhat oppose	14	14
Strongly oppose	4	8
SUPPORT	82	78
OPPOSE	18	22

Among Unlikely Voters

	Q25 Final (n=187)	Q7 Initial (n=187)
Strongly support	27	21
Somewhat support	45	51
Somewhat oppose	21	18
Strongly oppose	8	11
SUPPORT	72	72
OPPOSE	28	28

Q26. And if a candidate for elected office supported criminal justice reform, would you be more or less likely to vote for that candidate?

Among Likely Voters

	Q26. Final *(n=1191)*	Q8 Initial *(n=1191)*
Much more likely	20	21
Somewhat more likely	35	40
Wouldn't affect my choice	32	29
Somewhat less likely	8	6
Much less likely	4	4
MORE LIKELY	56	61
LESS LIKELY	12	10

Among Unlikely Voters

	Q26. Final *(n=187)*	Q8 Initial. *(n=187)*
Much more likely	15	14
Somewhat more likely	30	35
Wouldn't affect my choice	41	36
Somewhat less likely	9	8
Much less likely	5	7
MORE LIKELY	45	49
LESS LIKELY	15	15

QHistory. Have you, or has someone in your immediate family…?

Among Likely Voters

	Yes, I personally have	Yes, someone in my immediate family has	No
QHISTORYR1. Been the victim of a crime reported to the police *(n=1191)*	33	22	53
QHISTORYR2. Been the victim of a crime not reported to the police *(n=1191)*	24	17	64
QHISTORYR3. Served in the military or armed forces *(n=1191)*	12	23	67
QHISTORYR4. Been arrested for a crime, regardless of whether that crime was actually committed or not *(n=1191)*	16	15	71
QHISTORYR5. Been convicted of a crime *(n=1191)*	13	14	75
QHISTORYR6. Been incarcerated in jail or prison *(n=1191)*	14	15	74
QHISTORYR7. Served as law enforcement or corrections officer *(n=1191)*	4	9	87

Among Unlikely Voters

	Yes, I personally have	Yes, someone in my immediate family has	No
QHISTORYR1. Been the victim of a crime reported to the police *(n=187)*	28	28	52
QHISTORYR2. Been the victim of a crime not reported to the police *(n=187)*	28	23	55
QHISTORYR3. Served in the military or armed forces *(n=187)*	7	29	66
QHISTORYR4. Been arrested for a crime, regardless of whether that crime was actually committed or not *(n=187)*	19	26	62
QHISTORYR5. Been convicted of a crime *(n=187)*	14	22	69
QHISTORYR6. Been incarcerated in jail or prison *(n=187)*	18	22	65
QHISTORYR7. Served as law enforcement or corrections officer *(n=187)*	2	16	81

QDNEWS. Which of the following sources of news have you gotten news from about crime in the last week?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Broadcast news like ABC, CBS, or NBC	45	26
CNN	30	17
MSNBC	20	7
Fox News	34	24
Local television news	48	33
Facebook	40	36
X/Twitter	19	13
TikTok	20	22
Newsmax	9	5
Other	9	9
I have not consumer news in the last week	6	22

QD1. What is the last grade or level of school you have completed?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Less than high school diploma	1	8
High school graduate	21	30
Some college - but less than two years of college	14	22
Some college - two years or more/A.A. degree	17	10
Technical or trade school	4	5
College graduate/bachelor's degree/B.A./B.S.	27	17
Master's or professional degree (MBA, law, Ph.D, etc.)	14	6
Unsure / Prefer not to answer	0	1

QD6. Are you currently:

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Employed full time	44	36
Employed part time	11	14
Not employed but looking for work	7	20
Not employed and not looking for work	4	6
Full-time parent or caregiver	4	3
A student	3	7
Retired and not working at all	24	9
Retired and working at least part time	2	0
Unsure / Prefer not to answer	1	5

QD8A. Do you live in a:

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
City	31	35
Suburb	45	41
Rural or less developed area	23	22
Unsure / Prefer not to answer	0	2

QD11A. What is your religious preference?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Catholic	23	24
Protestant	24	10
Mormon	1	2
Other form of Christianity not mentioned above	14	21
Jewish	4	1
Muslim	2	2
Another religion	4	4
None/not religious	24	27
Prefer not to answer	4	9

QD14. For statistical purposes only, we need to know your total family income for . Will you please indicate which of the following categories best represents your total family income?

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Less than $15,000	9	15
$15,000 to less than $30,000	14	19
$30,000 to less than $40,000	10	12
$40,000 to less than $50,000	9	7
$50,000 to less than $60,000	12	14
$60,000 to less than $75,000	9	7
$75,000 to less than $100,000	13	8
$100,000 to less than $150,000	14	8
$150,000 to less than $250,000	5	4
$250,000 or more	2	1
Unsure / Prefer not to answer	2	5

QD27. When it comes to political issues, do you generally consider yourself to be:

	Likely Voters (n=1191)	Unlikely Voters (n=187)
Very conservative	14	6
Somewhat conservative	21	12
Moderate	37	62
Somewhat liberal	16	12
Very liberal	12	7
LIBERAL	28	20
MODERATE	37	62
CONSERVATIVE	35	18

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Georgia

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QS3.   Are you: *(n=426)*

A man	45
A woman	54
Neither / Non-binary /	1

QS4.   What is your current age? *(Ages coded into breaks) (n=426)*

18-34	28
35-49	25
50-64	27
65+	19

QS9A.   Regardless of how you are registered to vote, do you consider yourself a: *(n=426)*

Strong Democrat	15
Democrat	19
Strong Republican	14
Republican	24
Independent	27
Other	1
DEM	34
IND/OTHER/DK	28
REP	38

QS9B.   Which of the following statements would you say best describes you? *(n=426)*

You almost always vote for Democratic candidates	26
You vote for Democrats more often than you vote for Republicans	14
You vote for Republicans more often than you vote for Democrats	24
You almost always vote for Republican candidates	26
You vote equally for Democrats and Republicans	9

QS15. There will be an election in November 2024 for President, Congress, and other offices. How likely are you to vote in the November 2024 election? Are you: *(n=426)*

Absolutely certain	82
Very likely	18
Possibly will vote	0
Absolutely will not vote	0
Don't know	0

QS21. For statistical purposes only, which of the following ethnic or racial groups best describes you? *(n=426)*

White	67
Black or African American	31
Latino/a or Hispanic	7
Asian or Pacific Islander	2
Middle Eastern	0
Native American	1
Other	0
Prefer not to answer	0

Asked if selected Black/African American on QS21

QRACE_A A. For statistical purposes only, which of the following ethnic groups describes you? *(n=134)*

African American/Black American	93
Caribbean or Latin American (from any of the islands of the Caribbean including Haiti, Trinidad & Tobago, Jamaica, Barbados, etc. or countries including Brazil, Venezuela, Panama, etc.)	4
African	1
Other	1
Prefer not to answer	1

Q1. How would you say things in this country are going? Are they going in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? *(n=426)*

Right direction	27
Wrong track	73

Q2. To start off, you will read a list of a few different public figures and groups at the national and local level. For each one, please indicate how favorable a view you hold of them. If you are too unfamiliar with them to rate them, please indicate that.

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Too unfamiliar to rate	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV
Q2R5. Your governor *(n=426)*	24	37	20	15	4	**61**	**35**
Q2R6. Your state legislature *(n=426)*	12	42	23	12	12	**54**	**34**
Q2R2. Donald Trump *(n=426)*	31	15	12	42	1	**45**	**53**
Q2R4. Republicans in Congress *(n=426)*	12	31	27	27	4	**43**	**53**
Q2R3. Democrats in Congress *(n=426)*	19	23	21	33	4	**42**	**54**
Q2R1. Joe Biden *(n=426)*	19	20	16	43	2	**39**	**59**

Q3. Now you're going to see a list of issues facing our country today. Please select the top issue that you believe candidates should be focused on in the upcoming 2024 election. *(n=426)*

Inflation and the cost of living	28
The economy	18
Immigration	13
Gun violence	8
Government spending	5
Health care	5
Political extremism	4
Climate change	3
Abortion	3
National security	3
Racism and discrimination	3
Income inequality	3
Crime	2
Taxes	1
K-12 education	1
Student debt	0

QHRPR. If the election for U.S. President were held today, and the candidates were the following, for whom would you vote? *(n=426)*

Asked if Don't know: Even though you are undecided, if the election were held today and you had to choose, would you vote for...? *(n=35)*

Joe Biden	37
Donald Trump	46
Other	9
Don't know	8
Joe Biden with Leaners	**39**
Donald Trump with Leaners	**47**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Q4. As you may know, the system of police, courts, jails, and prisons is sometimes called the criminal justice system. How much do you approve or disapprove of the criminal justice system overall? *(n=426)*

Strongly approve	12
Somewhat approve	34
Somewhat disapprove	35
Strongly disapprove	19
APPROVE	46
DISAPPROVE	54

Q7. Do you support or oppose criminal justice reform? *(n=426)*

Strongly support	35
Somewhat support	47
Somewhat oppose	13
Strongly oppose	4
SUPPORT	82
OPPOSE	18

Q5A. What do you think most people mean when they say "criminal justice reform," even if neither is exactly right? *(n=426)*

Criminal justice reforms are meant to increase fairness in how we treat people accused of crimes and safely reduce incarceration.	71
Criminal justice reforms are meant to get tougher on people accused of crimes and increase punishments such as incarceration.	29

Q6. Which of the following comes closest to your view? The criminal justice system in the U.S. needs... *(n=426)*

Complete overhaul	23
Major changes	45
Minor changes	20
Just slight tweaks	6
No change at all	2
Unsure / Don't know	5
COMPLETE OVERHAUL/MAJOR REFORM	68
MINOR REFORM/NO CHANGE	27

Q8. And if a candidate for elected office supported criminal justice reform, would you be more or less likely to vote for that candidate? *(n=426)*

Much more likely	23
Somewhat more likely	38
Wouldn't affect my choice	30
Somewhat less likely	5
Much less likely	5
MORE LIKELY	60
LESS LIKELY	10

Q8C. In general, which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? *(n=426)*

Most elected officials talking about crime rates are playing politics with the issue of public safety.	71
Most elected officials talking about crime rates are interested in addressing public safety as a serious policy issue.	29

Q8D. In general, which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? *(n=426)*

The criminal justice system doesn't always get it right and we should correct past injustices.	72
The criminal justice system is mostly fair and we shouldn't risk letting guilty people go free because of occasional errors in the system.	28

Q8E. In general, which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? *(n=426)*

I sometimes question whether the police and other law enforcement officials are acting in the best interest of the community.	65
I trust police and other law enforcement officials to do the right thing.	35

Q8F. In general, which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? *(n=426)*

Mass incarceration causes many of the problems that lead to unsafe communities such as homelessness, poverty, and drug or mental health challenges.	68
We have safer communities when there are more people in jail or prison.	32

Q10. How much of a problem do you think racial discrimination is in the criminal justice system? *(n=426)*

A very big problem	46
Somewhat of a problem	31
Not much of a problem	15
Not a problem at all	5
Don't know	3

PROBLEM	77
NOT A PROBLEM	20

Q9. Now you'll see a list of things that some people say are important parts of what the criminal justice system should do. Please indicate how good of a job you personally believe the criminal justice system is doing when it comes to each. Is the criminal justice system...

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	EFFECTIVE	INEFFECTIVE
Q9R4. Holding people accountable for their crimes *(n=426)*	19	42	22	18	**61**	**39**
Q9R12. Protecting public safety *(n=426)*	16	44	23	17	**60**	**40**
Q9R10. Providing justice to victims and their families *(n=426)*	15	40	27	19	**55**	**45**
Q9R11. Policing fairly and effectively *(n=426)*	13	38	26	23	**51**	**49**
Q9R6. Providing fair sentences *(n=426)*	14	34	28	24	**49**	**51**
Q9R8. Providing opportunities for people to turn their lives around *(n=426)*	14	33	28	24	**47**	**53**
Q9R3. Preventing crime *(n=426)*	12	34	26	28	**46**	**54**
Q9R1. Treating people fairly regardless of race *(n=426)*	18	27	26	29	**45**	**55**
Q9R13. Keeping families together *(n=426)*	10	32	28	29	**43**	**57**
Q9R2. Treating people fairly regardless of income *(n=426)*	16	26	29	30	**41**	**59**
Q9R7. Using incarceration only when necessary *(n=426)*	14	26	32	28	**40**	**60**
Q9R9. Rehabilitating people who committed crimes in the past *(n=426)*	11	29	27	33	**40**	**60**
Q9R5. Keeping costs low and using taxpayer money responsibly *(n=426)*	10	25	30	34	**36**	**64**

Q11. Do you think there are too many people in prison in the United States, too few people in prison, or is the number of people in prison about right? *(n=426)*

Too many	62
Too few	20
About right	18

Q13. In your opinion, how important or unimportant is it to reduce the jail and prison population in the United States? *(n=426)*

Very important	33
Somewhat important	38
Somewhat unimportant	19
Very unimportant	10
IMPORTANT	71
UNIMPORTANT	29

Q13A. How important do you believe it is to reduce the jail and prison population in your state? *(n=426)*

Very important	35
Somewhat important	39
Not very important	17
Not important at all	9
IMPORTANT	74
UNIMPORTANT	26

Q14. And if a candidate for elected office supported reducing the jail and prison population, would you be more or less likely to vote for that candidate? *(n=426)*

Much more likely	17
Somewhat more likely	24
Wouldn't affect my choice	37
Somewhat less likely	13
Much less likely	9
MORE LIKELY	41
LESS LIKELY	22

Q16. In recent years, lawmakers and voters in many states have approved reforms to the criminal justice system, including policy changes to reduce incarceration. When thinking about this, which of the following comes closest to your view, even if none are exactly right? *(n=426)*

Reforms have gone too far, and we should undo the policy changes that have reduced incarceration	16
Reforms were necessary, but we don't need to reduce incarceration further	32
Reforms were an important first step, but we need to do more to reduce incarceration	51

Q15. Below is a list of policy changes that elected officials might consider as part of criminal justice reform efforts. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each reform.

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Q15R5. Increase the amount of time that people can earn off their prison sentence for following prison rules and participating in rehabilitation programs. *(n=426)*	30	48	17	5	**78**	**22**
Q15R6. Allow judges and prosecutors to review cases after a person has served at least 15 years in prison and reduce the sentence on a case-by-case basis. *(n=426)*	25	53	16	6	**78**	**22**
Q15R2. Ending the practice of keeping people in jail before their trial if they have been charged with a nonviolent offense *(n=426)*	35	41	16	8	**76**	**24**
Q15R1. Reducing criminal penalties for possession of controlled substances and treating drug use as a public health issue *(n=426)*	33	39	18	11	**72**	**28**
Q15R7. Allow more people in prison to be considered for release by a parole board *(n=426)*	25	44	26	5	**69**	**31**
Q15R3. Ending the practice of sending people to prison for violating the rules of probation or parole *(n=426)*	27	41	22	10	**68**	**32**
Q15R4. Eliminating mandatory minimums and other sentencing laws that require a long prison sentence rather than allowing judges to determine the appropriate punishment based on the facts of the case *(n=426)*	29	39	25	7	**68**	**32**
Q15R9. Increase the number of commutations through executive clemency, which is the authority governors and the president have to reduce prison sentences. *(n=426)*	17	50	26	7	**67**	**33**
Q15R8. Reduce the number of years that are added to a prison sentence for sentence enhancements, such as second and third strike laws, which require judges to increase the sentence, sometimes up to life in prison, if the person has prior felony convictions. *(n=426)*	20	33	31	15	**53**	**47**

Q15B. Do you agree or disagree that people who have served their time in prison should be given more support to reintegrate into society *(n=426)*

Strongly agree	56
Somewhat agree	35
Somewhat disagree	7
Strongly disagree	2
AGREE	90
DISAGREE	10

Q15C. How strongly would you support or oppose policies that would improve conditions in jails and prisons? Would you... *(n=426)*

Strongly support	39
Somewhat support	42
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	5
SUPPORT	81
OPPOSE	19

Q15D. In 2018, President Donald Trump signed the First Step Act, which was a bipartisan effort to reduce the size of the federal prison population and promote rehabilitation over incarceration. Research has shown that 30,000 people have been released because of the First Step Act and that reoffending rates are lower among this group than among people who did not benefit from the law change. Knowing this, would you support or oppose efforts to protect these reforms and find further opportunities to safely reduce the federal prison population? *(n=426)*

Strongly support	42
Somewhat support	43
Somewhat oppose	12
Strongly oppose	3
SUPPORT	85
OPPOSE	15

Q17. Which of the following statements on criminal justice reform that a candidate for elected office might make do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right? *(n=426)*

The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world and taxpayers spend $200 billion on the criminal justice system every year. That's an expensive use of taxpayer money that would be better spent on services in the community that address the root causes of crime such as education, job training, and drug and mental health treatment.	74
The size of the prison population and the cost to taxpayers doesn't matter. People who have committed crimes need to be punished with incarceration, and the cost of the criminal justice system is a price we need to pay to protect public safety even if it means spending less on services in the community.	26

QCAUSE. Which of the following do you believe is most responsible for crime in your community? *(n=426)*

Deterioration of the family	18
Poverty	16
Lack of access to mental health or substance use disorder treatment	14
Too many guns on the street	13
Lack of good paying jobs	10
Not enough opportunities for young people	6
Systemic racial inequality	5
Failing public education system	4
Historical disinvestment in low-income communities	3
Not enough police on the streets	3
Not prosecuting enough crimes	3
Not enough affordable housing	2
Too many people released on bail	2
Too many people released from prison	1

Q18. How safe or unsafe do you feel in your community today? *(n=426)*

Very safe	21
Somewhat safe	53
Somewhat unsafe	19
Very unsafe	6
SAFE	74
UNSAFE	26

Q19.　Do you think that crime in your community is rising or falling? *(n=426)*

Crime is rising in my community	29
Crime is about the same in my community	59
Crime is falling in my community	12

Q20.　Do you think that crime in the country overall is rising or falling? *(n=426)*

Crime is rising in the country	71
Crime is about the same in the country	22
Crime is falling in the country	7

Q20A.　In your local community, would you say that social problems such as homelessness, public drug use and drug overdoses, are increasing, decreasing, or staying about the same? *(n=426)*

Increasing a lot	24
Increasing some	33
Staying about the same	31
Decreasing some	9
Decreasing a lot	4
INCREASING	57
DECREASING	12

Q20B.　And how much do you think mass incarceration contributes to social problems such as homelessness, public drug use and drug overdoses? *(n=426)*

Contributes a lot	34
Contributes a little	33
Makes no difference	26
Makes these problems better	6
CONTRIBUTES	68
DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE	32

Q21B. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'Addressing social issues such as poverty, lack of education, and unemployment is essential for crime reduction.' *(n=426)*

Strongly agree	59
Somewhat agree	31
Somewhat disagree	8
Strongly disagree	3
AGREE	90
DISAGREE	10

Q24. Which of the following statements on public safety that a candidate for elected office might make do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right? *(n=426)*

The best way to keep our communities safe is to invest in policing and increase jail and prison sentences for people who break the law	26
The best way to keep our communities safe is to invest in prevention and increase funding for programs such as affordable housing, job training, and drug and mental health treatment	74

Q25. Sometimes people change their minds over the course of a survey like this one. Thinking about it again, do you support or oppose criminal justice reform? *(n=426)*

Strongly support	37
Somewhat support	50
Somewhat oppose	7
Strongly oppose	5
SUPPORT	88
OPPOSE	12

Q26. And if a candidate for elected office supported criminal justice reform, would you be more or less likely to vote for that candidate? *(n=426)*

Much more likely	23
Somewhat more likely	31
Wouldn't affect my choice	35
Somewhat less likely	6
Much less likely	5
MORE LIKELY	54
LESS LIKELY	11

Have you, or has someone in your immediate family…?

	Yes, I personally have	Yes, someone in my immediate family has	No
QHISTORYR1. Been the victim of a crime reported to the police *(n=426)*	31	24	52
QHISTORYR2. Been the victim of a crime not reported to the police *(n=426)*	25	17	62
QHISTORYR3. Served in the military or armed forces *(n=426)*	12	30	60
QHISTORYR4. Been arrested for a crime, regardless of whether that crime was actually committed or not *(n=426)*	19	21	63
QHISTORYR5. Been convicted of a crime *(n=426)*	14	17	72
QHISTORYR6. Been incarcerated in jail or prison *(n=426)*	15	23	65
QHISTORYR7. Served as law enforcement or corrections officer *(n=426)*	5	13	82

QDNEWS. Which of the following sources of news have you gotten news from about crime in the last week? *(n=426)*

Local television news	47
Broadcast news like ABC, CBS, or NBC	43
Fox News	38
CNN	37
Facebook	37
TikTok	24
MSNBC	19
X/Twitter	18
Newsmax	9
Other	7
I have not consumer news in the last week	7

QD1. What is the last grade or level of school you have completed? *(n=426)*

Less than high school diploma	1
High school graduate	20
Some college - but less than two years of college	11
Some college - two years or more/A.A. degree	17
Technical or trade school	8
College graduate/bachelor's degree/B.A./B.S.	29
Master's or professional degree (MBA, law, Ph.D, etc.)	13

QD6. Are you currently: *(n=426)*

Employed full time	43
Employed part time	11
Not employed but looking for work	8
Not employed and not looking for work	4
Full-time parent or caregiver	3
A student	3
Retired and not working at all	22
Retired and working at least part time	3
Unsure / Prefer not to answer	2

QD8A. Do you live in a: *(n=426)*

City	25
Suburb	50
Rural or less developed area	24
Unsure / Prefer not to answer	0

QD11A. What is your religious preference? *(n=426)*

Catholic	12
Protestant	28
Mormon	1
Other form of Christianity not mentioned above	22
Jewish	4
Muslim	2
Another religion	4
None/not religious	23
Prefer not to answer	3

QD14. For statistical purposes only, we need to know your total family income for .
Will you please indicate which of the following categories best represents your total family income? *(n=426)*

Less than $15,000	8
$15,000 to less than $30,000	14
$30,000 to less than $40,000	11
$40,000 to less than $50,000	8
$50,000 to less than $60,000	9
$60,000 to less than $75,000	13
$75,000 to less than $100,000	14
$100,000 to less than $150,000	12
$150,000 to less than $250,000	6
$250,000 or more	3
Unsure / Prefer not to answer	3

QD27. When it comes to political issues, do you generally consider yourself to be: *(n=426)*

Very conservative	17
Somewhat conservative	21
Moderate	38
Somewhat liberal	14
Very liberal	10
LIBERAL	24
MODERATE	38
CONSERVATIVE	38

Criminal Justice Reform Poll

Michigan

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QS3.   Are you: *(n=459)*

A man	47
A woman	53
Neither / Non-binary /	0

QS4.   What is your current age? *(Ages coded into breaks) (n=459)*

18-34	19
35-49	23
50-64	29
65+	30

QS9A.   Regardless of how you are registered to vote, do you consider yourself a: *(n=459)*

Strong Democrat	19
Democrat	19
Strong Republican	16
Republican	22
Independent	23
Other	1
DEM	38
IND/OTHER/DK	24
REP	38

QS9B.   Which of the following statements would you say best describes you? *(n=459)*

You almost always vote for Democratic candidates	31
You vote for Democrats more often than you vote for Republicans	14
You vote for Republicans more often than you vote for Democrats	16
You almost always vote for Republican candidates	25
You vote equally for Democrats and Republicans	13

QS15. There will be an election in November 2024 for President, Congress, and other offices. How likely are you to vote in the November 2024 election? Are you: *(n=459)*

Absolutely certain	84
Very likely	16
Possibly will vote	0
Absolutely will not vote	0
Don't know	0

QS21. For statistical purposes only, which of the following ethnic or racial groups best describes you? *(n=459)*

White	85
Black or African American	13
Latino/a or Hispanic	3
Asian or Pacific Islander	0
Middle Eastern	0
Native American	3
Other	1
Prefer not to answer	0

Asked if selected Black/African American on QS21

QRACE_A A. For statistical purposes only, which of the following ethnic groups describes you? *(n=59)*

African American/Black American	92
Caribbean or Latin American (from any of the islands of the Caribbean including Haiti, Trinidad & Tobago, Jamaica, Barbados, etc. or countries including Brazil, Venezuela, Panama, etc.)	3
African	3
Other	1
Prefer not to answer	0

Q1. How would you say things in this country are going? Are they going in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? *(n=459)*

Right direction	29
Wrong track	71

Q2. To start off, you will read a list of a few different public figures and groups at the national and local level. For each one, please indicate how favorable a view you hold of them. If you are too unfamiliar with them to rate them, please indicate that.

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Too unfamiliar to rate	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV
Q2R5. Your governor *(n=459)*	35	23	13	26	3	**59**	**39**
Q2R6. Your state legislature *(n=459)*	14	38	24	13	11	**52**	**37**
Q2R3. Democrats in Congress *(n=459)*	22	26	19	27	5	**48**	**46**
Q2R2. Donald Trump *(n=459)*	25	20	9	45	1	**45**	**54**
Q2R1. Joe Biden *(n=459)*	20	21	13	44	1	**41**	**58**
Q2R4. Republicans in Congress *(n=459)*	11	28	21	35	6	**38**	**56**

Q3. Now you're going to see a list of issues facing our country today. Please select the top issue that you believe candidates should be focused on in the upcoming 2024 election. *(n=459)*

Inflation and the cost of living	23
Immigration	17
The economy	13
Gun violence	7
Health care	6
Political extremism	6
Climate change	5
Abortion	5
National security	5
Government spending	3
Taxes	2
Crime	2
Racism and discrimination	2
Income inequality	2
K-12 education	1
Student debt	1

QHRPR. If the election for U.S. President were held today, and the candidates were the following, for whom would you vote? *(n=459)*

Asked if Don't know: Even though you are undecided, if the election were held today and you had to choose, would you vote for...? *(n=25)*

Joe Biden	40
Donald Trump	44
Other	10
Don't know	5

Joe Biden with Leaners	**41**
Donald Trump with Leaners	**46**

QHRMI. If the election for U.S. Senate were held today, and the candidates were the following, for whom would you vote? *(n=459)*

Elissa Slotkin, Democrat	43
James Craig, Republican	35
Other	5
Don't know	17

Q4. As you may know, the system of police, courts, jails, and prisons is sometimes called the criminal justice system. How much do you approve or disapprove of the criminal justice system overall? *(n=459)*

Strongly approve	13
Somewhat approve	45
Somewhat disapprove	31
Strongly disapprove	12
APPROVE	58
DISAPPROVE	42

Q7. Do you support or oppose criminal justice reform? *(n=459)*

Strongly support	29
Somewhat support	52
Somewhat oppose	13
Strongly oppose	5
SUPPORT	81
OPPOSE	19

Q5A. What do you think most people mean when they say "criminal justice reform," even if neither is exactly right? *(n=459)*

Criminal justice reforms are meant to increase fairness in how we treat people accused of crimes and safely reduce incarceration.	70
Criminal justice reforms are meant to get tougher on people accused of crimes and increase punishments such as incarceration.	30

Q6. Which of the following comes closest to your view? The criminal justice system in the U.S. needs... *(n=459)*

Complete overhaul	16
Major changes	49
Minor changes	20
Just slight tweaks	6
No change at all	2
Unsure / Don't know	7
COMPLETE OVERHAUL/MAJOR REFORM	65
MINOR REFORM/NO CHANGE	28

Q8. And if a candidate for elected office supported criminal justice reform, would you be more or less likely to vote for that candidate? *(n=459)*

Much more likely	17
Somewhat more likely	39
Wouldn't affect my choice	31
Somewhat less likely	8
Much less likely	5
MORE LIKELY	56
LESS LIKELY	13

Q8C. In general, which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? *(n=459)*

Most elected officials talking about crime rates are playing politics with the issue of public safety.	72
Most elected officials talking about crime rates are interested in addressing public safety as a serious policy issue.	28

Q8D. In general, which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? *(n=459)*

The criminal justice system doesn't always get it right and we should correct past injustices.	66
The criminal justice system is mostly fair and we shouldn't risk letting guilty people go free because of occasional errors in the system.	34

Q8E. In general, which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? *(n=459)*

I sometimes question whether the police and other law enforcement officials are acting in the best interest of the community.	56
I trust police and other law enforcement officials to do the right thing.	44

Q8F. In general, which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? *(n=459)*

Mass incarceration causes many of the problems that lead to unsafe communities such as homelessness, poverty, and drug or mental health challenges.	60
We have safer communities when there are more people in jail or prison.	40

Q10. How much of a problem do you think racial discrimination is in the criminal justice system? *(n=459)*

A very big problem	37
Somewhat of a problem	36
Not much of a problem	17
Not a problem at all	6
Don't know	3

PROBLEM	73
NOT A PROBLEM	24

Q9. Now you'll see a list of things that some people say are important parts of what the criminal justice system should do. Please indicate how good of a job you personally believe the criminal justice system is doing when it comes to each. Is the criminal justice system...

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	EFFECTIVE	INEFFECTIVE
Q9R12. Protecting public safety *(n=459)*	16	48	26	9	**64**	**36**
Q9R4. Holding people accountable for their crimes *(n=459)*	17	45	24	13	**62**	**38**
Q9R11. Policing fairly and effectively *(n=459)*	13	47	28	12	**60**	**40**
Q9R10. Providing justice to victims and their families *(n=459)*	13	45	29	13	**58**	**42**
Q9R6. Providing fair sentences *(n=459)*	12	42	31	15	**54**	**46**
Q9R1. Treating people fairly regardless of race *(n=459)*	16	36	27	21	**52**	**48**
Q9R8. Providing opportunities for people to turn their lives around *(n=459)*	13	38	32	18	**50**	**50**
Q9R2. Treating people fairly regardless of income *(n=459)*	13	34	31	22	**47**	**53**
Q9R7. Using incarceration only when necessary *(n=459)*	12	33	35	19	**45**	**55**
Q9R3. Preventing crime *(n=459)*	12	31	36	20	**44**	**56**
Q9R13. Keeping families together *(n=459)*	13	31	40	16	**44**	**56**
Q9R9. Rehabilitating people who committed crimes in the past *(n=459)*	9	29	39	23	**38**	**62**
Q9R5. Keeping costs low and using taxpayer money responsibly *(n=459)*	10	26	36	27	**37**	**63**

Q11. Do you think there are too many people in prison in the United States, too few people in prison, or is the number of people in prison about right? *(n=459)*

Too many	51
Too few	27
About right	23

Q13. In your opinion, how important or unimportant is it to reduce the jail and prison population in the United States? *(n=459)*

Very important	22
Somewhat important	41
Somewhat unimportant	22
Very unimportant	15
IMPORTANT	63
UNIMPORTANT	37

Q13A. How important do you believe it is to reduce the jail and prison population in your state? *(n=459)*

Very important	22
Somewhat important	41
Not very important	24
Not important at all	12
IMPORTANT	63
UNIMPORTANT	37

Q14. And if a candidate for elected office supported reducing the jail and prison population, would you be more or less likely to vote for that candidate? *(n=459)*

Much more likely	12
Somewhat more likely	24
Wouldn't affect my choice	37
Somewhat less likely	14
Much less likely	13
MORE LIKELY	36
LESS LIKELY	26

Q16. In recent years, lawmakers and voters in many states have approved reforms to the criminal justice system, including policy changes to reduce incarceration. When thinking about this, which of the following comes closest to your view, even if none are exactly right? *(n=459)*

Reforms have gone too far, and we should undo the policy changes that have reduced incarceration	19
Reforms were necessary, but we don't need to reduce incarceration further	35
Reforms were an important first step, but we need to do more to reduce incarceration	46

Q15. Below is a list of policy changes that elected officials might consider as part of criminal justice reform efforts. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each reform.

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Q15R5. Increase the amount of time that people can earn off their prison sentence for following prison rules and participating in rehabilitation programs. *(n=459)*	25	52	16	7	**77**	**23**
Q15R6. Allow judges and prosecutors to review cases after a person has served at least 15 years in prison and reduce the sentence on a case-by-case basis. *(n=459)*	22	54	17	6	**76**	**24**
Q15R2. Ending the practice of keeping people in jail before their trial if they have been charged with a nonviolent offense *(n=459)*	25	44	21	10	**69**	**31**
Q15R1. Reducing criminal penalties for possession of controlled substances and treating drug use as a public health issue *(n=459)*	28	39	22	11	**67**	**33**
Q15R7. Allow more people in prison to be considered for release by a parole board *(n=459)*	15	49	27	9	**64**	**36**
Q15R4. Eliminating mandatory minimums and other sentencing laws that require a long prison sentence rather than allowing judges to determine the appropriate punishment based on the facts of the case *(n=459)*	19	43	25	13	**62**	**38**
Q15R3. Ending the practice of sending people to prison for violating the rules of probation or parole *(n=459)*	20	37	29	14	**57**	**43**
Q15R9. Increase the number of commutations through executive clemency, which is the authority governors and the president have to reduce prison sentences. *(n=459)*	12	41	32	15	**53**	**47**

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Q15R8. Reduce the number of years that are added to a prison sentence for sentence enhancements, such as second and third strike laws, which require judges to increase the sentence, sometimes up to life in prison, if the person has prior felony convictions. *(n=459)*	12	35	31	22	**47**	**53**

Q15B. Do you agree or disagree that people who have served their time in prison should be given more support to reintegrate into society *(n=459)*

Strongly agree	48
Somewhat agree	39
Somewhat disagree	7
Strongly disagree	5
AGREE	87
DISAGREE	13

Q15C. How strongly would you support or oppose policies that would improve conditions in jails and prisons? Would you... *(n=459)*

Strongly support	34
Somewhat support	42
Somewhat oppose	16
Strongly oppose	8
SUPPORT	76
OPPOSE	24

Q15D. In 2018, President Donald Trump signed the First Step Act, which was a bipartisan effort to reduce the size of the federal prison population and promote rehabilitation over incarceration. Research has shown that 30,000 people have been released because of the First Step Act and that reoffending rates are lower among this group than among people who did not benefit from the law change. Knowing this, would you support or oppose efforts to protect these reforms and find further opportunities to safely reduce the federal prison population? *(n=459)*

Strongly support	30
Somewhat support	50
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	6
SUPPORT	80
OPPOSE	20

Q17. Which of the following statements on criminal justice reform that a candidate for elected office might make do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right? *(n=459)*

The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world and taxpayers spend $200 billion on the criminal justice system every year. That's an expensive use of taxpayer money that would be better spent on services in the community that address the root causes of crime such as education, job training, and drug and mental health treatment.	68
The size of the prison population and the cost to taxpayers doesn't matter. People who have committed crimes need to be punished with incarceration, and the cost of the criminal justice system is a price we need to pay to protect public safety even if it means spending less on services in the community.	32

QCAUSE. Which of the following do you believe is most responsible for crime in your community? *(n=459)*

Deterioration of the family	16
Lack of access to mental health or substance use disorder treatment	15
Poverty	13
Too many guns on the street	11
Lack of good paying jobs	8
Not enough police on the streets	7
Not enough opportunities for young people	5
Historical disinvestment in low-income communities	5
Not prosecuting enough crimes	5
Not enough affordable housing	4
Failing public education system	4
Systemic racial inequality	3
Too many people released from prison	2
Too many people released on bail	1

Q18. How safe or unsafe do you feel in your community today? *(n=459)*

Very safe	26
Somewhat safe	55
Somewhat unsafe	16
Very unsafe	4
SAFE	81
UNSAFE	19

Q19.   Do you think that crime in your community is rising or falling? *(n=459)*

Crime is rising in my community	22
Crime is about the same in my community	70
Crime is falling in my community	9

Q20.   Do you think that crime in the country overall is rising or falling? *(n=459)*

Crime is rising in the country	69
Crime is about the same in the country	23
Crime is falling in the country	9

Q20A.   In your local community, would you say that social problems such as homelessness, public drug use and drug overdoses, are increasing, decreasing, or staying about the same? *(n=459)*

Increasing a lot	19
Increasing some	31
Staying about the same	43
Decreasing some	6
Decreasing a lot	1

INCREASING	50
DECREASING	7

Q20B.   And how much do you think mass incarceration contributes to social problems such as homelessness, public drug use and drug overdoses? *(n=459)*

Contributes a lot	22
Contributes a little	39
Makes no difference	32
Makes these problems better	8

CONTRIBUTES	60
DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE	40

Q21B. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'Addressing social issues such as poverty, lack of education, and unemployment is essential for crime reduction.' *(n=459)*

Strongly agree	50
Somewhat agree	37
Somewhat disagree	10
Strongly disagree	3
AGREE	86
DISAGREE	14

Q24. Which of the following statements on public safety that a candidate for elected office might make do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right? *(n=459)*

The best way to keep our communities safe is to invest in policing and increase jail and prison sentences for people who break the law	28
The best way to keep our communities safe is to invest in prevention and increase funding for programs such as affordable housing, job training, and drug and mental health treatment	72

Q25. Sometimes people change their minds over the course of a survey like this one. Thinking about it again, do you support or oppose criminal justice reform? *(n=459)*

Strongly support	32
Somewhat support	49
Somewhat oppose	16
Strongly oppose	3
SUPPORT	81
OPPOSE	19

Q26. And if a candidate for elected office supported criminal justice reform, would you be more or less likely to vote for that candidate? *(n=459)*

Much more likely	17
Somewhat more likely	38
Wouldn't affect my choice	34
Somewhat less likely	7
Much less likely	3
MORE LIKELY	55
LESS LIKELY	11

qHistory. Have you, or has someone in your immediate family…?

	Yes, I personally have	Yes, someone in my immediate family has	No
QHISTORYR1. Been the victim of a crime reported to the police *(n=459)*	30	21	55
QHISTORYR2. Been the victim of a crime not reported to the police *(n=459)*	24	13	67
QHISTORYR3. Served in the military or armed forces *(n=459)*	11	28	62
QHISTORYR4. Been arrested for a crime, regardless of whether that crime was actually committed or not *(n=459)*	15	18	70
QHISTORYR5. Been convicted of a crime *(n=459)*	14	16	73
QHISTORYR6. Been incarcerated in jail or prison *(n=459)*	12	17	72
QHISTORYR7. Served as law enforcement or corrections officer *(n=459)*	3	10	87

QDNEWS. Which of the following sources of news have you gotten news from about crime in the last week? *(n=459)*

Local television news	46
Broadcast news like ABC, CBS, or NBC	39
Facebook	33
Fox News	31
CNN	24
TikTok	14
MSNBC	13
X/Twitter	11
I have not consumer news in the last week	10
Other	9
Newsmax	7

QD1. What is the last grade or level of school you have completed? *(n=459)*

Less than high school diploma	3
High school graduate	24
Some college - but less than two years of college	18
Some college - two years or more/A.A. degree	17
Technical or trade school	2
College graduate/bachelor's degree/B.A./B.S.	25
Master's or professional degree (MBA, law, Ph.D, etc.)	11
Unsure / Prefer not to answer	0

QD6. Are you currently: *(n=459)*

Employed full time	33
Employed part time	11
Not employed but looking for work	5
Not employed and not looking for work	7
Full-time parent or caregiver	5
A student	2
Retired and not working at all	32
Retired and working at least part time	4
Unsure / Prefer not to answer	2

QD8A. Do you live in a: *(n=459)*

City	26
Suburb	47
Rural or less developed area	25
Unsure / Prefer not to answer	1

QD11A. What is your religious preference? *(n=459)*

Catholic	20
Protestant	28
Mormon	1
Other form of Christianity not mentioned above	16
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Another religion	6
None/not religious	21
Prefer not to answer	6

QD14. For statistical purposes only, we need to know your total family income for .
Will you please indicate which of the following categories best represents your
total family income? *(n=459)*

Less than $15,000	10
$15,000 to less than $30,000	17
$30,000 to less than $40,000	13
$40,000 to less than $50,000	9
$50,000 to less than $60,000	12
$60,000 to less than $75,000	10
$75,000 to less than $100,000	12
$100,000 to less than $150,000	10
$150,000 to less than $250,000	5
$250,000 or more	0
Unsure / Prefer not to answer	2

QD27. When it comes to political issues, do you generally consider yourself to be:
(n=459)

Very conservative	15
Somewhat conservative	22
Moderate	39
Somewhat liberal	14
Very liberal	11

LIBERAL	25
MODERATE	39
CONSERVATIVE	36

Criminal Justice Reform Poll

Pennsylvania

SCREENERS

QS3.   Are you: *(n=499)*

A man	47
A woman	52
Neither / Non-binary /	1

QS4.   What is your current age? *(Ages coded into breaks) (n=499)*

18-34	21
35-49	21
50-64	31
65+	27

QS9A.   Regardless of how you are registered to vote, do you consider yourself a: *(n=499)*

Strong Democrat	19
Democrat	22
Strong Republican	18
Republican	21
Independent	20
Other	1
DEM	41
IND/OTHER/DK	20
REP	39

QS9B.   Which of the following statements would you say best describes you? *(n=499)*

You almost always vote for Democratic candidates	30
You vote for Democrats more often than you vote for Republicans	16
You vote for Republicans more often than you vote for Democrats	15
You almost always vote for Republican candidates	28
You vote equally for Democrats and Republicans	11

QS15. There will be an election in November 2024 for President, Congress, and other offices. How likely are you to vote in the November 2024 election? Are you: *(n=499)*

Absolutely certain	84
Very likely	16
Possibly will vote	0
Absolutely will not vote	0
Don't know	0

QS21. For statistical purposes only, which of the following ethnic or racial groups best describes you? *(n=499)*

White	84
Black or African American	12
Latino/a or Hispanic	5
Asian or Pacific Islander	1
Middle Eastern	1
Native American	1
Other	0
Prefer not to answer	1

Asked if selected Black/African American on QS21

QRACE_A A. For statistical purposes only, which of the following ethnic groups describes you? *(n=61)*

African American/Black American	86
Caribbean or Latin American (from any of the islands of the Caribbean including Haiti, Trinidad & Tobago, Jamaica, Barbados, etc. or countries including Brazil, Venezuela, Panama, etc.)	6
African	5
Other	3
Prefer not to answer	1

Q1. How would you say things in this country are going? Are they going in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? *(n=499)*

Right direction	28
Wrong track	72

Q2. To start off, you will read a list of a few different public figures and groups at the national and local level. For each one, please indicate how favorable a view you hold of them. If you are too unfamiliar with them to rate them, please indicate that.

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Too unfamiliar to rate	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV
Q2R5. Your governor *(n=499)*	26	35	19	14	5	**61**	**34**
Q2R6. Your state legislature *(n=499)*	11	39	26	11	13	**50**	**37**
Q2R3. Democrats in Congress *(n=499)*	18	27	19	32	4	**45**	**51**
Q2R2. Donald Trump *(n=499)*	27	17	10	46	1	**44**	**56**
Q2R4. Republicans in Congress *(n=499)*	11	31	21	34	3	**42**	**55**
Q2R1. Joe Biden *(n=499)*	21	20	13	44	2	**41**	**56**

Q3. Now you're going to see a list of issues facing our country today. Please select the top issue that you believe candidates should be focused on in the upcoming 2024 election. *(n=499)*

Inflation and the cost of living	26
Immigration	15
The economy	13
Gun violence	8
Political extremism	6
Abortion	5
Government spending	4
Health care	4
Climate change	4
National security	4
Crime	3
Racism and discrimination	3
Income inequality	2
Taxes	1
K-12 education	1
Student debt	1

QHRPR. If the election for U.S. President were held today, and the candidates were the following, for whom would you vote? *(n=499)*

Asked if Don't know: Even though you are undecided, if the election were held today and you had to choose, would you vote for...? *(n=40)*

Joe Biden	41
Donald Trump	42
Other	9
Don't know	8

Joe Biden with Leaners	**42**
Donald Trump with Leaners	**44**

QHRPA. If the election for U.S. Senate were held today, and the candidates were the following, for whom would you vote? *(n=499)*

Bob Casey Jr, Democrat	47
David McCormick, Republican	37
Other	3
Don't know	12

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Q4. As you may know, the system of police, courts, jails, and prisons is sometimes called the criminal justice system. How much do you approve or disapprove of the criminal justice system overall? *(n=499)*

Strongly approve	9
Somewhat approve	41
Somewhat disapprove	33
Strongly disapprove	17
APPROVE	50
DISAPPROVE	50

Q7.   Do you support or oppose criminal justice reform? *(n=499)*

Strongly support	32
Somewhat support	46
Somewhat oppose	16
Strongly oppose	6
SUPPORT	78
OPPOSE	22

Q5A.   What do you think most people mean when they say "criminal justice reform," even if neither is exactly right? *(n=499)*

Criminal justice reforms are meant to increase fairness in how we treat people accused of crimes and safely reduce incarceration.	71
Criminal justice reforms are meant to get tougher on people accused of crimes and increase punishments such as incarceration.	29

Q6.   Which of the following comes closest to your view? The criminal justice system in the U.S. needs... *(n=499)*

Complete overhaul	16
Major changes	51
Minor changes	24
Just slight tweaks	4
No change at all	3
Unsure / Don't know	2
COMPLETE OVERHAUL/MAJOR REFORM	68
MINOR REFORM/NO CHANGE	30

Q8. And if a candidate for elected office supported criminal justice reform, would you be more or less likely to vote for that candidate? *(n=499)*

Much more likely	22
Somewhat more likely	37
Wouldn't affect my choice	31
Somewhat less likely	6
Much less likely	3
MORE LIKELY	60
LESS LIKELY	9

Q8C. In general, which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? *(n=499)*

Most elected officials talking about crime rates are playing politics with the issue of public safety.	71
Most elected officials talking about crime rates are interested in addressing public safety as a serious policy issue.	29

Q8D. In general, which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? *(n=499)*

The criminal justice system doesn't always get it right and we should correct past injustices.	68
The criminal justice system is mostly fair and we shouldn't risk letting guilty people go free because of occasional errors in the system.	32

Q8E. In general, which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? *(n=499)*

I sometimes question whether the police and other law enforcement officials are acting in the best interest of the community.	59
I trust police and other law enforcement officials to do the right thing.	41

Q8F. In general, which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? *(n=499)*

Mass incarceration causes many of the problems that lead to unsafe communities such as homelessness, poverty, and drug or mental health challenges.	59
We have safer communities when there are more people in jail or prison.	41

Q10. How much of a problem do you think racial discrimination is in the criminal justice system? *(n=499)*

A very big problem	37
Somewhat of a problem	36
Not much of a problem	16
Not a problem at all	8
Don't know	3
PROBLEM	73
NOT A PROBLEM	24

Q9. Now you'll see a list of things that some people say are important parts of what the criminal justice system should do. Please indicate how good of a job you personally believe the criminal justice system is doing when it comes to each. Is the criminal justice system...

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	EFFECTIVE	INEFFECTIVE
Q9R12. Protecting public safety *(n=499)*	15	43	28	15	**57**	**43**
Q9R10. Providing justice to victims and their families *(n=499)*	11	45	30	14	**56**	**44**
Q9R4. Holding people accountable for their crimes *(n=499)*	14	40	30	16	**54**	**46**
Q9R11. Policing fairly and effectively *(n=499)*	13	41	30	16	**54**	**46**
Q9R6. Providing fair sentences *(n=499)*	10	39	31	19	**50**	**50**
Q9R3. Preventing crime *(n=499)*	11	34	32	23	**45**	**55**
Q9R8. Providing opportunities for people to turn their lives around *(n=499)*	10	35	38	17	**45**	**55**
Q9R1. Treating people fairly regardless of race *(n=499)*	15	28	32	25	**43**	**57**
Q9R7. Using incarceration only when necessary *(n=499)*	11	32	32	25	**43**	**57**
Q9R13. Keeping families together *(n=499)*	9	32	40	19	**42**	**58**
Q9R2. Treating people fairly regardless of income *(n=499)*	14	28	32	27	**41**	**59**
Q9R9. Rehabilitating people who committed crimes in the past *(n=499)*	9	27	38	26	**36**	**64**
Q9R5. Keeping costs low and using taxpayer money responsibly *(n=499)*	9	25	36	30	**34**	**66**

Q11. Do you think there are too many people in prison in the United States, too few people in prison, or is the number of people in prison about right? *(n=499)*

Too many	50
Too few	29
About right	21

Q13. In your opinion, how important or unimportant is it to reduce the jail and prison population in the United States? *(n=499)*

Very important	23
Somewhat important	36
Somewhat unimportant	24
Very unimportant	17
IMPORTANT	59
UNIMPORTANT	41

Q13A. How important do you believe it is to reduce the jail and prison population in your state? *(n=499)*

Very important	21
Somewhat important	40
Not very important	22
Not important at all	16
IMPORTANT	61
UNIMPORTANT	39

Q14. And if a candidate for elected office supported reducing the jail and prison population, would you be more or less likely to vote for that candidate? *(n=499)*

Much more likely	15
Somewhat more likely	25
Wouldn't affect my choice	34
Somewhat less likely	14
Much less likely	13
MORE LIKELY	40
LESS LIKELY	27

Q16. In recent years, lawmakers and voters in many states have approved reforms to the criminal justice system, including policy changes to reduce incarceration. When thinking about this, which of the following comes closest to your view, even if none are exactly right? *(n=499)*

Reforms have gone too far, and we should undo the policy changes that have reduced incarceration	20
Reforms were necessary, but we don't need to reduce incarceration further	36
Reforms were an important first step, but we need to do more to reduce incarceration	44

Q15. Below is a list of policy changes that elected officials might consider as part of criminal justice reform efforts. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each reform.

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Q15R5. Increase the amount of time that people can earn off their prison sentence for following prison rules and participating in rehabilitation programs. *(n=499)*	25	50	17	7	**75**	**25**
Q15R6. Allow judges and prosecutors to review cases after a person has served at least 15 years in prison and reduce the sentence on a case-by-case basis. *(n=499)*	25	50	16	9	**75**	**25**
Q15R2. Ending the practice of keeping people in jail before their trial if they have been charged with a nonviolent offense *(n=499)*	27	42	20	10	**69**	**31**
Q15R1. Reducing criminal penalties for possession of controlled substances and treating drug use as a public health issue *(n=499)*	30	38	21	10	**68**	**32**
Q15R7. Allow more people in prison to be considered for release by a parole board *(n=499)*	18	47	25	10	**65**	**35**
Q15R4. Eliminating mandatory minimums and other sentencing laws that require a long prison sentence rather than allowing judges to determine the appropriate punishment based on the facts of the case *(n=499)*	23	38	26	13	**60**	**40**
Q15R3. Ending the practice of sending people to prison for violating the rules of probation or parole *(n=499)*	21	38	27	15	**59**	**41**
Q15R9. Increase the number of commutations through executive clemency, which is the authority governors and the president have to reduce prison sentences. *(n=499)*	14	35	37	14	**49**	**51**
Q15R8. Reduce the number of years that are added to a prison sentence for sentence enhancements, such as second and third strike laws, which require judges to increase the sentence, sometimes up to life in prison, if the person has prior felony convictions. *(n=499)*	15	31	35	19	**46**	**54**

Q15B. Do you agree or disagree that people who have served their time in prison should be given more support to reintegrate into society *(n=499)*

Strongly agree	48
Somewhat agree	41
Somewhat disagree	8
Strongly disagree	3
AGREE	89
DISAGREE	11

Q15C. How strongly would you support or oppose policies that would improve conditions in jails and prisons? Would you... *(n=499)*

Strongly support	32
Somewhat support	47
Somewhat oppose	15
Strongly oppose	6
SUPPORT	79
OPPOSE	21

Q15D. In 2018, President Donald Trump signed the First Step Act, which was a bipartisan effort to reduce the size of the federal prison population and promote rehabilitation over incarceration. Research has shown that 30,000 people have been released because of the First Step Act and that reoffending rates are lower among this group than among people who did not benefit from the law change. Knowing this, would you support or oppose efforts to protect these reforms and find further opportunities to safely reduce the federal prison population? *(n=499)*

Strongly support	31
Somewhat support	49
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	5
SUPPORT	81
OPPOSE	19

Q17. Which of the following statements on criminal justice reform that a candidate for elected office might make do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right? *(n=499)*

The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world and taxpayers spend $200 billion on the criminal justice system every year. That's an expensive use of taxpayer money that would be better spent on services in the community that address the root causes of crime such as education, job training, and drug and mental health treatment.	68
The size of the prison population and the cost to taxpayers doesn't matter. People who have committed crimes need to be punished with incarceration, and the cost of the criminal justice system is a price we need to pay to protect public safety even if it means spending less on services in the community.	32

CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY

QCAUSE. Which of the following do you believe is most responsible for crime in your community? *(n=499)*

Too many guns on the street	14
Poverty	13
Not enough opportunities for young people	7
Systemic racial inequality	4
Historical disinvestment in low-income communities	5
Lack of access to mental health or substance use disorder treatment	15
Deterioration of the family	16
Not enough affordable housing	1
Not enough police on the streets	4
Failing public education system	3
Not prosecuting enough crimes	8
Lack of good paying jobs	5
Too many people released on bail	2
Too many people released from prison	2

Q18. How safe or unsafe do you feel in your community today? *(n=499)*

Very safe	25
Somewhat safe	55
Somewhat unsafe	17
Very unsafe	4
SAFE	80
UNSAFE	20

Q19. Do you think that crime in your community is rising or falling? *(n=499)*

Crime is rising in my community	24
Crime is about the same in my community	66
Crime is falling in my community	10

Q20. Do you think that crime in the country overall is rising or falling? *(n=499)*

Crime is rising in the country	71
Crime is about the same in the country	22
Crime is falling in the country	6

Q20A. In your local community, would you say that social problems such as homelessness, public drug use and drug overdoses, are increasing, decreasing, or staying about the same? *(n=499)*

Increasing a lot	19
Increasing some	32
Staying about the same	41
Decreasing some	6
Decreasing a lot	2
INCREASING	52
DECREASING	7

Q20B. And how much do you think mass incarceration contributes to social problems such as homelessness, public drug use and drug overdoses? *(n=499)*

Contributes a lot	24
Contributes a little	34
Makes no difference	36
Makes these problems better	5
CONTRIBUTES	58
DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE	42

Q21B. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'Addressing social issues such as poverty, lack of education, and unemployment is essential for crime reduction.' *(n=499)*

Strongly agree	50
Somewhat agree	36
Somewhat disagree	11
Strongly disagree	3
AGREE	87
DISAGREE	13

Q24. Which of the following statements on public safety that a candidate for elected office might make do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right? *(n=499)*

The best way to keep our communities safe is to invest in policing and increase jail and prison sentences for people who break the law	32
The best way to keep our communities safe is to invest in prevention and increase funding for programs such as affordable housing, job training, and drug and mental health treatment	68

Q25. Sometimes people change their minds over the course of a survey like this one. Thinking about it again, do you support or oppose criminal justice reform? *(n=499)*

Strongly support	34
Somewhat support	49
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	3
SUPPORT	83
OPPOSE	17

Q26. And if a candidate for elected office supported criminal justice reform, would you be more or less likely to vote for that candidate? *(n=499)*

Much more likely	19
Somewhat more likely	34
Wouldn't affect my choice	34
Somewhat less likely	9
Much less likely	3
MORE LIKELY	54
LESS LIKELY	12

qHistory. Have you, or has someone in your immediate family…?

	Yes, I personally have	Yes, someone in my immediate family has	No
QHISTORYR1. Been the victim of a crime reported to the police *(n=499)*	30	18	58
QHISTORYR2. Been the victim of a crime not reported to the police *(n=499)*	23	14	68
QHISTORYR3. Served in the military or armed forces *(n=499)*	10	24	67
QHISTORYR4. Been arrested for a crime, regardless of whether that crime was actually committed or not *(n=499)*	15	14	74
QHISTORYR5. Been convicted of a crime *(n=499)*	11	12	79
QHISTORYR6. Been incarcerated in jail or prison *(n=499)*	9	11	81
QHISTORYR7. Served as law enforcement or corrections officer *(n=499)*	3	9	89

QDNEWS. Which of the following sources of news have you gotten news from about crime in the last week? *(n=499)*

Broadcast news like ABC, CBS, or NBC	46
Local television news	46
Fox News	34
Facebook	33
CNN	27
MSNBC	17
X/Twitter	15
TikTok	15
Newsmax	9
Other	8
I have not consumer news in the last week	7

QD1. What is the last grade or level of school you have completed? *(n=499)*

Less than high school diploma	1
High school graduate	24
Some college - but less than two years of college	12
Some college - two years or more/A.A. degree	16
Technical or trade school	7
College graduate/bachelor's degree/B.A./B.S.	26
Master's or professional degree (MBA, law, Ph.D, etc.)	14
Unsure / Prefer not to answer	0

QD6. Are you currently: *(n=499)*

Employed full time	38
Employed part time	11
Not employed but looking for work	8
Not employed and not looking for work	3
Full-time parent or caregiver	5
A student	1
Retired and not working at all	29
Retired and working at least part time	3
Unsure / Prefer not to answer	1

QD8A. Do you live in a: *(n=499)*

City	23
Suburb	47
Rural or less developed area	29
Unsure / Prefer not to answer	1

QD11A. What is your religious preference? *(n=499)*

Catholic	30
Protestant	25
Mormon	1
Other form of Christianity not mentioned above	11
Jewish	4
Muslim	1
Another religion	2
None/not religious	22
Prefer not to answer	3

QD14. For statistical purposes only, we need to know your total family income for .
Will you please indicate which of the following categories best represents your
total family income? *(n=499)*

Less than $15,000	6
$15,000 to less than $30,000	16
$30,000 to less than $40,000	11
$40,000 to less than $50,000	8
$50,000 to less than $60,000	10
$60,000 to less than $75,000	9
$75,000 to less than $100,000	13
$100,000 to less than $150,000	14
$150,000 to less than $250,000	7
$250,000 or more	2
Unsure / Prefer not to answer	3

QS19. Regardless of which political party you identify with personally, which party are you REGISTERED with on the voter rolls Pennsylvania? *(n=499)*

Democratic	44
Republican	41
Green	1
Libertarian	2
None (No Affiliation)	10
Other	1
Don't know	1

QD27. When it comes to political issues, do you generally consider yourself to be: *(n=499)*

Very conservative	16
Somewhat conservative	18
Moderate	35
Somewhat liberal	20
Very liberal	11
LIBERAL	31
MODERATE	35
CONSERVATIVE	34