



Communities of Color Research Results

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Among 1200 likely 2016 voters nationwide, 600 African Americans and 600 Hispanics

Baseline Views on Safety & Gun Violence

Next, I'm going to read you a list of phrases, and after each one, please tell me how much of a problem you think each one is. Please use a 5-point scale where 5 means it's an extremely serious problem and 1 means that it's not a problem at all.

How much of a problem is gun violence in America today?

	African Americans	Hispanics
1 - Not a problem at all	1%	2%
2 -	1%	5%
3 -	6%	14%
4 -	11%	24%
5 - Extremely serious problem	80%	54%
Don't Know	0%	1%

How much of a problem is police misconduct in America today?

	African Americans	Hispanics
1 - Not a problem at all	3%	7%
2 -	7%	13%
3 -	20%	30%
4 -	19%	25%
5 - Extremely serious problem	50%	24%
Don't Know	1%	1%

How much of a problem is the incarceration rate in America today?

	African Americans	Hispanics
1 - Not a problem at all	3%	2%
2 -	1%	7%
3 -	12%	18%
4 -	12%	26%
5 - Extremely serious problem	69%	43%
Don't Know	3%	4%

Policy

Next I'm going to read you a list of proposals to reduce gun violence in America. After each one, please tell me whether you support or oppose the proposal.

Require everyone to pass a background check before buying a gun, no matter where they buy it, including online gun sales, private gun sales and sales at gun shows.

	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly support	87%	90%
Somewhat support	5%	4%
Somewhat oppose	2%	2%
Strongly oppose	5%	3%
Don't know	0%	.
SUPPORT	92%	94%
OPPOSE	7%	6%

Increase funding for job training, life skills support, and mental health and drug abuse counseling for people returning to the community after they've served their time in prison.

	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly support	83%	68%
Somewhat support	11%	21%
Somewhat oppose	2%	3%
Strongly oppose	3%	6%
Don't know	1%	1%
SUPPORT	93%	89%
OPPOSE	5%	10%

Reduce the likelihood of gun violence by addressing the root causes of crime by investing in community programs including job training, mental health services and programs specifically for young people.

	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly support	82%	78%
Somewhat support	12%	15%
Somewhat oppose	2%	3%
Strongly oppose	3%	3%
Don't know	1%	1%
SUPPORT	94%	93%
OPPOSE	5%	6%

Strengthen accountability for police officers by implementing civilian review boards, body cameras for police officers, and the ability for police chiefs to fire officers who repeatedly exhibit racial bias.

	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly support	80%	74%
Somewhat support	11%	19%
Somewhat oppose	3%	3%
Strongly oppose	4%	3%
Don't know	2%	1%
SUPPORT	91%	93%
OPPOSE	8%	6%

Require individuals to notify law enforcement if their gun is lost or stolen to crack down on the amount of illegal guns on our streets.

	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly support	80%	70%
Somewhat support	11%	20%
Somewhat oppose	4%	5%
Strongly oppose	5%	4%
Don't know	1%	1%
SUPPORT	90%	90%
OPPOSE	9%	9%

Create stiffer penalties for people who sell guns illegally to keep guns off our streets.

	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly support	79%	74%
Somewhat support	9%	17%
Somewhat oppose	5%	3%
Strongly oppose	7%	5%
Don't know	1%	0%
SUPPORT	87%	91%
OPPOSE	12%	8%