

## Questionnaire: Policing in Canada

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Changing topics now...

**Q1.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

There are a number of different police forces in Canada, including the RCMP, provincial police, and municipal police forces. Which of the following serves as the main police force in your own community?

RCMP

Provincial police

City/Municipal police

Other

Not sure/Can't say

**Q2.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

And thinking about the police in your own community where you live, do you generally view them favourably or unfavourably?

Very favourably

Favourably

Unfavourably

Very unfavourably

Not sure/Don't know

**Q3.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

When you personally see a police officer, does it usually make you feel more or less secure?

More secure

Less secure

No real feeling either way

**Q4.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

Would you say:

When it comes to the Canadian justice system, priority should be given to...

[Rotate]

Crime prevention and the rehabilitation of those convicted of crimes

OR

Longer sentences to punish criminals

**Q5.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

We're interested in people's direct interactions with the police. This could be anything from a traffic stop, to speeding ticket, to reporting a break in or disturbance, or an arrest. Don't worry, we're not asking specifically about what happened, and your responses will be kept totally confidential.

Thinking about your own personal direct interactions with the police in the last five years, did you have...

More than 5 direct interactions

Between 1-5 interactions

No direct interactions

**Q6.**

**Base=Yes in Q5**

**Single choice**

Thinking about the demeanour of the police officer(s) and the way you were treated - were your overall experiences...

Totally positive

More positive than negative

More negative than positive

Totally negative

**Q7.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice grid**

Which of the following best reflects your feeling about the way police interact with Black, Indigenous, and other non-white people ...

[rows][this order]

In your own community  
In your province  
In Canada as a whole

[columns]

There is a serious problem  
Sometimes police interact inappropriately with non-white people, but it's not a major problem  
There is no problem  
Not really sure

**Q8.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice grid**

Would you say you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The police are too quick to use force to solve a problem  
The police in my community make me proud  
There is a serious problem with systemic racism in the RCMP  
Police officers are not held accountable when they abuse their power  
Complaints about police misconduct are taken seriously in my community  
Police unions cover up for bad cops

Strongly Agree  
Moderately Agree  
Moderately Disagree  
Strongly Disagree

**Q9.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

When you think about the amount of money that is spent on the police in your community, would you say it is...

Too much, funding should be reduced  
About right  
Too little, funding should be increased  
I don't know

**Q10.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

And when you think about police resources, regardless of whether you would like to see them reduced or increased, would you say money should be allocated *more* towards...?

More police presence in high crime areas

Social welfare solutions like mental health resources and housing programs

**Q11.**

**Base=All**

**Single choice**

There has been a lot of attention and discussion about police conduct both in Canada and the United States recently. There have been many public protests and demonstrations in many cities. Ultimately, do you think this recent attention will have an impact on policing in Canada?

Yes, a major impact – policing will change long term, for the better

A minor impact – some improvements, but major problems will persist

No real impact at all – nothing will come of this

Not sure/can't say