

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