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NEW YORK CITY VOTERS SAY KEEP PROTESTORS OFF STREETS, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; ATTORNEY GENERAL SHOULD PROBE POLICE, VOTERS SAY 2-1

Get protestors, even non-violent protestors, off the streets, 57 percent of New York City voters say in a Quinnipiac University poll released today. Another 34 percent say protestors should be allowed to block traffic.

Voters disapprove 67 – 25 percent of the Staten Island grand jury decision to bring no charges against the police officer involved in the death of Eric Garner. Republicans approve 52 – 39 percent and Staten Island voters are divided 44 – 46 percent, but every other listed group disapproves.

By a 60 – 30 percent margin, with agreement from every group reported except Republicans and Staten Islanders, voters approve of the way Mayor Bill de Blasio is handling the recent demonstrations, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. Approval of police handling of demonstrators is 73 – 19 percent, with no group disapproving.

The State Attorney General should investigate cases where a police officer kills someone, 61 percent of voters say, while 27 percent say the local district attorney should investigate.

“In the Eric Garner case, New Yorkers agree with the protestors, but they don't agree with their tactics,” said Quinnipiac University Poll Assistant Director Maurice Carroll.

“The Staten Island grand jury got it wrong, New Yorkers say more than 2-1, white and black alike, and they think the feds should go after the police officer. In deploring the grand jury decision, black and white voters agree – blacks overwhelmingly. There's a big racial split over asking the feds to act; black voters are all for it; white voters are split.

“But we don't want the protestors to block the streets. Should you express your disagreement by tying up traffic for other people? Most white voters don't think so. Black voters are more ambivalent.”

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New York City voters say 67 – 27 percent there is “no excuse” for the way police acted in the Eric Garner case, and say 64 – 29 percent that the federal government should bring civil rights charges against the officer involved.

But voters say 51 – 40 percent, including 50 – 40 percent among black voters, that police should stop someone “selling loose cigarettes illegally on a street corner in your neighborhood... even if it means arresting that person.”

And voters say 57 – 13 percent, including 46 – 15 percent among black voters, that police should use “whatever amount of force is necessary” to arrest someone who says they are not going to allow police to arrest them.

New York City voters approve 44 – 39 percent of the job Police Commissioner William Bratton is doing, compared to 47 – 35 percent in a November 19 Quinnipiac University poll and the lowest number for a police commissioner in more than 12 years.

Voters approve 51 – 41 percent of the job police citywide are doing, down from 54 – 39 percent last month, and approve 68 – 28 percent of the job police in their community are doing.

A total of 75 percent of New York City voters say police brutality is a “very serious” or “somewhat serious” problem. Police citywide are tougher on blacks, 64 percent of voters say, while 29 percent say they treat everyone the same. But 46 percent of voters say police in their community are tougher on blacks, while 43 percent say they treat everyone the same.

“Almost everyone agrees that cops are tougher on blacks than on whites, except for cops in their own neighborhood,” Carroll said. “There's a vast difference on the question of police brutality: Most black voters believe it's a big problem; most white voters don't.”

In an open-ended question, allowing for any answer, 21 percent of voters say “police” is the most important problem facing New York City. The economy and jobs, the issue listed as most important in prior polls, has 13 percent with 8 percent each for racism/race relations, crime and housing.

From December 10 – 16, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,374 New York City voters, with a margin of error of +/- 2.6 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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2. What do you think is the most important problem facing New York City today?

	Tot
Police Total	21%
Police general	6
Police brutality/Racism	9
Police and community tensions/Relations	3
Lack of respect for police	1
Racial profiling	1
Police other	1
Economy Total	13%
Economy general	4
Unemployment/Jobs	6
Cost of living	1
Economy other	2
Crime Total	8%
Crime/Violence general	7
Gangs/Youth crime	1
Racism/Race relations	8%
Housing Total	8%
Housing general	4
Housing Costs/Availability	3
Rent control/Stabilization	1
Education Total	6%
Education general	4
Education other	2
Class inequality	4%
Poverty/Homeless	4%
Politicians Total	4%
de Blasio/City Leadership	2
de Blasio's lack of support for police dept	1
Politicians other	1
Mass Transit Total	3%
Quality mass/public trans	2
Transportation other	1
Budget Total	2%
Budget general	1
Budget other	1
Taxes general	2%
Protests/Protestors	1%
Infrastructure	1%
Security/Safety	1%
Middle/Working class	1%
Immigration	1%
Other	7%
DK/NA	5%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Bratton is handling his job as Police Commissioner?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	44%	52%	43%	46%	48%	41%	56%	37%	32%
Disapprove	39	32	40	38	37	40	28	46	50
DK/NA	17	16	17	16	15	19	16	17	17

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	38%	42%	49%	47%	39%	39%	42%	43%	54%
Disapprove	51	38	33	37	38	46	42	38	31
DK/NA	11	19	18	16	23	15	17	19	15

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Bratton is handling his job as Police Commissioner?

	Dec 17 2014	Nov 19 2014	Aug 26 2014	Jun 12 2014	Mar 18 2014
Approve	44	47	48	57	57
Disapprove	39	35	35	19	13
DK/NA	17	18	17	24	29

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way - NAME - is handling his job as Police Commissioner?

		APPROVE.....			
		Tot	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Bill Bratton	Dec 17, 2014	44	56	37	32
Bill Bratton	Nov 19, 2014	47	57	44	39
Bill Bratton	Aug 26, 2014	48	58	41	43
Bill Bratton	Jun 12, 2014	57	61	64	48
Bill Bratton	Mar 18, 2014	57	63	61	48
Ray Kelly	Jun 26, 2013	68	82	55	66
Ray Kelly	May 22, 2013	68	77	51	71
Ray Kelly	Apr 11, 2013	65	80	55	54
Ray Kelly	Feb 28, 2013	66	81	55	52
Ray Kelly	Jan 17, 2013	75	81	63	76
Ray Kelly	Nov 21, 2012	68	79	56	67
Ray Kelly	Aug 16, 2012	64	77	51	64
Ray Kelly	Jun 14, 2012	61	78	44	56
Ray Kelly	May 10, 2012	66	75	53	68
Ray Kelly	Mar 13, 2012	64	75	51	64
Ray Kelly	Feb 09, 2012	62	73	52	57
Ray Kelly	Dec 14, 2011	66	72	55	70
Ray Kelly	Oct 19, 2011	66	78	51	58
Ray Kelly	Jul 27, 2011	67	80	60	66
Ray Kelly	May 12, 2011	71	81	64	61
Ray Kelly	Mar 16, 2011	67	79	57	63
Ray Kelly	Nov 23, 2010	67	79	52	64
Ray Kelly	Jun 30, 2010	66	79	54	58
Ray Kelly	May 24, 2010	70	77	68	62
Ray Kelly	Feb 18, 2010	70	80	58	64
Ray Kelly	Jul 28, 2009	67	80	50	64
Ray Kelly	Jun 17, 2009	63	80	46	57
Ray Kelly	Feb 24, 2009	64	77	51	55
Ray Kelly	Jan 27, 2009	67	80	55	57

TREND Cont'd

TREND: (cont'd) Do you approve or disapprove of the way - NAME - is handling his job as Police Commissioner?

Ray Kelly	Nov 25, 2008	62	75	48	55
Ray Kelly	Oct 03, 2008	61	73	47	58
Ray Kelly	Jul 16, 2008	60	76	39	57
Ray Kelly	May 07, 2008	59	76	36	55
Ray Kelly	Mar 13, 2008	62	75	44	58
Ray Kelly	Jan 09, 2008	60	73	45	55
Ray Kelly	Nov 19, 2007	55	70	42	36
Ray Kelly	Aug 29, 2007	62	73	49	61
Ray Kelly	Jul 25, 2007	64	76	49	57
Ray Kelly	May 23, 2007	58	73	43	50
Ray Kelly	Mar 15, 2007	56	71	39	46
Ray Kelly	Jan 16, 2007	52	69	32	41
Ray Kelly	Jul 12, 2006	66	74	56	62
Ray Kelly	Apr 13, 2006	68	76	60	60
Ray Kelly	Mar 09, 2006	70	76	63	62
Ray Kelly	Feb 03, 2006	70	77	64	66
Ray Kelly	Jul 20, 2005	67	71	66	62
Ray Kelly	Jun 23, 2005	65	68	63	62
Ray Kelly	Jan 19, 2005	65	72	56	61
Ray Kelly	Nov 10, 2004	62	66	60	59
Ray Kelly	Aug 26, 2004	63	71	60	54
Ray Kelly	Jul 20, 2004	61	67	58	55
Ray Kelly	Jun 09, 2004	67	74	64	61
Ray Kelly	Mar 31, 2004	67	73	61	64
Ray Kelly	Feb 04, 2004	65	70	56	61
Ray Kelly	Nov 25, 2003	69	76	63	64
Ray Kelly	Jul 03, 2003	63	72	54	60
Ray Kelly	May 07, 2003	68	77	66	61
Ray Kelly	Feb 26, 2003	68	76	60	60
Bernard Kerik	May 03, 2001	46	54	32	44
Bernard Kerik	Feb 01, 2001	45	49	39	43
Howard Safir	Apr 20, 2000	32	47	6	30
Howard Safir	Mar 15, 2000	38	53	12	34
Howard Safir	Jun 17, 1999	37	50	19	27
Howard Safir	Apr 08, 1999	38	53	16	28
Howard Safir	Oct 02, 1997	54	61	45	43

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the New York City police are doing their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	51%	73%	43%	61%	58%	45%	72%	33%	34%
Disapprove	41	24	48	32	37	45	22	59	57
DK/NA	8	2	8	8	5	10	6	8	9

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+	
Approve	43%	54%	49%	52%	61%	43%	50%	52%	58%	
Disapprove	49	40	42	40	32	51	43	42	32	
DK/NA	8	7	9	7	7	6	7	7	10	

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the New York City police are doing their job?

	APPROVE.....							
					High	Low		
	Dec 17	Nov 19	Aug 27	Jun 12	Mar 18	Feb 07	Apr 20	
	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2002	2000	
Approve	51	54	50	59	68	76	43	
Disapprove	41	39	42	32	24	18	48	
DK/NA	8	7	7	9	8	6	9	

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the New York City police are doing their job?

	APPROVE.....			
	Tot	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Dec 17, 2014	51	72	33	34
Nov 19, 2014	54	73	35	43
Aug 27, 2014	50	67	32	42
Jun 12, 2014	59	71	54	41
Mar 18, 2014	68	81	56	60
Jan 16, 2014	62	78	45	53
May 23, 2013	61	75	41	61
Apr 11, 2013	60	78	40	51
Feb 28, 2013	61	78	40	53
Jan 17, 2013	70	80	56	67
Nov 21, 2012	62	76	47	50
Aug 16, 2012	57	75	37	55
Jun 14, 2012	59	76	37	51
Mar 13, 2012	63	82	42	55
Feb 09, 2012	62	76	46	56
Dec 14, 2011	62	73	47	60
Oct 17, 2011	61	77	40	59
Feb 18, 2010	69	82	54	67
Jun 17, 2009	64	82	35	62
May 08, 2008	51	71	22	46
Mar 13, 2008	60	78	33	57
Mar 15, 2007	60	80	32	57
Jan 16, 2007	53	70	27	45
Apr 13, 2006	72	82	58	69
Jun 23, 2005	69	81	53	65
Jul 03, 2003	63	76	42	62
Feb 07, 2002	76	91	56	74
May 03, 2001	54	72	29	43
Feb 01, 2001	50	64	31	39
Apr 20, 2000	43	60	17	33
Mar 15, 2000	46	63	21	39
Jun 17, 1999	49	71	20	38
Apr 08, 1999	45	63	23	31
Oct 02, 1997	48	62	22	32

26. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the police in your community are doing their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	68%	81%	65%	72%	70%	67%	84%	53%	55%
Disapprove	28	16	31	26	26	29	13	43	41
DK/NA	4	3	5	3	3	4	4	4	4

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	61%	68%	70%	71%	72%	63%	64%	69%	79%
Disapprove	35	27	26	25	24	36	31	27	17
DK/NA	3	5	4	3	4	1	5	4	5

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the police in your community are doing their job? (*Low also 65% Oct 1997)

	APPROVE.....						
				High		Low	
	Dec 17	Nov 19	Aug 27	Feb 18	Jun 17	Feb 07	Apr 20
	2014	2014	2014	2010	2009	2002	2000*
Approve	68	69	67	74	71	79	65
Disapprove	28	27	28	21	24	18	28
DK/NA	4	4	5	5	4	3	6

27. In general, how serious a problem do you think crime is in New York City; a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not a problem at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very serious	33%	32%	34%	27%	27%	38%	21%	44%	47%
Smwht serious	50	52	50	54	50	50	61	40	38
Not very serious	14	13	13	16	19	10	15	13	11
Not a problem at all	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	2	4
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	2	1	1	-

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Very serious	50%	33%	23%	30%	36%	29%	37%	34%	26%
Smwht serious	37	50	56	52	51	51	46	52	54
Not very serious	11	14	17	14	11	14	14	12	17
Not a problem at all	2	2	3	2	1	5	1	1	2
DK/NA	1	2	2	1	-	-	2	-	1

TREND: In general, how serious a problem do you think crime is in New York City; a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not a problem at all? (*High also 88% Feb 2001)

	VERY+SMWHT....						
				High		Low	
	Dec 17	Nov 19	Aug 27	May 08	Jan 16	Aug 27	May 08
	2014	2014	2014	2008	2007	2014*	2008
Very serious	33	39	37	29	31	37	29
Smwht serious	50	47	51	53	53	51	53
Not very serious	14	13	9	15	14	9	15
Not a problem at all	2	1	2	2	1	2	2
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	2	1	1

28. Is being the victim of a crime something you personally worry about or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	54%	56%	55%	52%	45%	60%	44%	54%	70%
No	46	44	44	47	53	39	55	45	28
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....									
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	67%	56%	45%	51%	48%	53%	58%	57%	43%
No	32	43	53	48	52	47	42	43	54
DK/NA	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	3

TREND: Is being the victim of a crime something you personally worry about or not?
 (* Low also 44% Apr 2006)

	YES.....						
	High		Low				
	Dec 17	Nov 19	Aug 27	May 08	Jan 16	Feb 12	May 08
	2014	2014	2014	2008	2007	1997	2008*
Yes	54	50	48	44	49	65	44
No	46	48	51	54	50	34	54
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	1	1	1

29. Do you think the police in - New York City are generally tougher on whites than on blacks, or tougher on blacks than on whites, or do the police treat them both the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Tougher on whites	-	-	1%	-	1%	-	1%	-	-
Tougher on blacks	64	31	78	55	61	66	50	83	70
Treat them the same	29	61	16	36	31	27	44	9	24
DK/NA	7	8	5	8	7	7	6	7	6
AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....									
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Tougher on whites	-	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-
Tougher on blacks	70	62	75	58	42	64	67	65	61
Treat them the same	25	31	18	29	56	29	26	27	32
DK/NA	4	6	6	12	2	5	7	8	7

TREND: Do you think the police in New York City are generally tougher on whites than on blacks, or tougher on blacks than on whites, or do the police treat them both the same?

	TOUGHER ON BLKS						
	High		Low				
	Dec 17	Nov 19	Aug 27	May 08	Jan 16	Apr 08	Feb 07
	2014	2014	2014	2008	2007	1999	2002
Tougher on whites	-	1	1	1	2	1	-
Tougher on blacks	64	62	63	61	59	71	54
Treat them the same	29	31	30	30	30	20	36
DK/NA	7	6	7	8	10	9	9

30. Do you think the police in - your community are generally tougher on whites than on blacks, or tougher on blacks than on whites, or do the police treat them both the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Tougher on whites	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	-	1%
Tougher on blacks	46	23	55	39	45	46	30	68	48
Treat them the same	43	70	34	50	45	42	60	21	42
DK/NA	10	6	9	9	8	11	9	10	9

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Tougher on whites	1%	2%	-	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Tougher on blacks	54	47	52	38	33	51	50	47	34
Treat them the same	39	44	34	48	61	45	38	43	53
DK/NA	6	7	13	13	5	2	10	10	12

TREND: Do you think the police in your community are generally tougher on whites than on blacks, or tougher on blacks than on whites, or do the police treat them both the same?

	TOUGHER ON BLKS						
	High		Low				
	Dec 17	Nov 19	Aug 27	May 08	Jan 16	Oct 02	Feb 07
	2014	2014	2014	2008	2007	1997	2002
Tougher on whites	1	2	1	1	3	1	1
Tougher on blacks	46	45	43	44	43	48	38
Treat them the same	43	45	48	44	43	40	50
DK/NA	10	9	8	12	11	11	11

31. How serious a problem do you think police brutality is in New York City; a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not a problem at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very serious	41%	19%	48%	34%	34%	47%	16%	70%	60%
Smwht serious	34	30	40	32	33	36	43	25	27
Not very serious	15	29	9	22	20	11	27	3	8
Not a problem at all	7	21	2	9	11	4	12	1	5
DK/NA	2	1	1	4	3	2	3	1	1

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Very serious	55%	41%	43%	35%	26%	46%	46%	39%	32%
Smwht serious	31	36	38	34	26	31	31	40	37
Not very serious	9	13	11	22	29	16	14	13	19
Not a problem at all	3	8	5	7	14	6	6	6	7
DK/NA	1	2	3	2	5	1	2	2	4

TREND: How serious a problem do you think police brutality is in New York City; a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not a problem at all?

	VERY+SMWHT....						
	High		Low				
	Dec 17	Nov 19	Aug 27	May 08	Jan 16	Sep 18	Jun 23
	2014	2014	2014	2008	2007	1997	2005
Very serious	41	34	37	32	32	58	21
Smwht serious	34	39	37	35	36	31	40
Not very serious	15	19	15	23	21	9	26
Not a problem at all	7	7	10	8	7	1	9
DK/NA	2	2	1	2	3	1	3

32. Is being the victim of police brutality something you personally worry about or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	34%	20%	39%	32%	35%	34%	11%	54%	58%
No	65	80	60	68	64	65	89	45	41
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	1

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	44%	36%	32%	33%	21%	37%	40%	36%	22%
No	53	64	67	66	79	63	59	63	77
DK/NA	2	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-

TREND: Is being the victim of police brutality something you personally worry about or not?

	YES.....						
			High		Low		
	Dec 17	Nov 19	Aug 27	May 08	Jan 16	Jun 17	Jun 23
	2014	2014	2014	2008	2007	1999	2005
Yes	34	29	30	26	27	37	23
No	65	70	69	74	73	62	76
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	-	-	1

33. When faced with a possible criminal situation, do you think police in - New York City generally use excessive force against minority suspects, or generally use the appropriate amount of force?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Excessive force	50%	23%	61%	42%	46%	54%	25%	72%	66%
Appropriate force	40	71	30	47	46	34	65	17	27
DK/NA	10	6	9	10	8	11	10	11	7

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Excessive force	64%	50%	50%	48%	28%	53%	56%	45%	45%
Appropriate force	29	40	35	44	62	38	36	43	43
DK/NA	6	10	14	8	10	9	8	11	12

TREND: When faced with a possible criminal situation, do you think police in New York City generally use excessive force against minority suspects, or generally use the appropriate amount of force?

	Dec 17	Nov 19	Aug 27	Feb 01	Apr 20
	2014	2014	2014	2001	2000
Excessive force	50	46	44	46	56
Appropriate force	40	45	47	41	35
DK/NA	10	8	9	12	8

34. When faced with a possible criminal situation, do you think police in - your own community generally use excessive force against minority suspects, or generally use the appropriate amount of force?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Excessive force	35%	16%	43%	27%	33%	37%	13%	58%	46%
Appropriate force	54	81	46	63	59	49	76	32	44
DK/NA	11	4	12	11	8	14	11	11	10

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Excessive force	46%	37%	35%	29%	21%	40%	41%	32%	25%
Appropriate force	45	56	47	60	69	53	49	59	60
DK/NA	8	7	18	11	10	8	10	9	15

TREND: When faced with a possible criminal situation, do you think police in your own community generally use excessive force against minority suspects, or generally use the appropriate amount of force?

	Dec 17 2014	Nov 19 2014	Aug 27 2014	Feb 01 2001	Apr 20 2000
Excessive force	35	31	28	27	34
Appropriate force	54	60	61	56	53
DK/NA	11	9	11	17	14

35. If someone were selling loose cigarettes illegally on a street corner in your neighborhood, would you want police to ignore that behavior or try to make that person stop, even if it means arresting that person?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Ignore	40%	25%	44%	41%	42%	39%	43%	40%	38%
Try to stop	51	72	48	49	49	52	50	50	55
DK/NA	9	3	8	10	8	9	7	10	7

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Ignore	31%	39%	49%	41%	34%	44%	40%	43%	37%
Try to stop	61	51	44	51	55	52	51	50	51
DK/NA	8	10	7	8	11	4	9	7	11

TREND: If someone were selling loose cigarettes illegally on a street corner in your neighborhood, would you want police to ignore that behavior or try to make that person stop, even if it means arresting that person?

	Dec 17 2014	Nov 19 2014	Aug 27 2014
Ignore	40	43	41
Try to stop	51	50	50
DK/NA	9	6	9

36. If a person tells police they are not going to allow police to arrest them, should police walk away or use whatever amount of force is necessary to arrest the person?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Walk away	13%	4%	16%	11%	11%	16%	11%	15%	17%
Use necessary force	57	84	50	65	66	50	66	46	60
DK/NA	29	11	34	25	23	34	22	39	24

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Walk away	18%	15%	16%	9%	7%	20%	15%	11%	9%
Use necessary force	55	60	51	58	70	62	55	57	58
DK/NA	27	26	34	33	23	18	30	32	32

TREND: If a person tells police they are not going to allow police to arrest them, should police walk away or use whatever amount of force is necessary to arrest the person?
(* he or she is not going to ...)

	Dec 17 2014	Nov 19 2014	Aug 27 2014*
Walk away	13	13	16
Use necessary force	57	60	58
DK/NA	29	27	27

37. Have you heard or read anything about the death of Eric Garner, who died after being put in an alleged chokehold by a New York City police officer?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	98%	98%	98%	96%	98%	97%	98%	98%	97%
No	2	2	1	3	1	2	1	2	1
DK/NA	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	2

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes	97%	98%	96%	99%	96%	95%	98%	99%	99%
No	3	1	3	1	2	5	1	1	1
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	2	-	1	-	-

TREND: Have you heard or read anything about the death of Eric Garner, who died after being put in an alleged chokehold by a New York City police officer?

	Dec 17 2014	Nov 19 2014	Aug 27 2014
Yes	98	94	95
No	2	5	4
DK/NA	1	1	1

38. From what you know about the death of Eric Garner, which statement comes closer to your opinion; It was a tragic thing, and there is absolutely no excuse for how the police acted, or It was a tragic thing, but it is understandable that the police could have acted this way?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
No excuse	67%	40%	79%	57%	63%	71%	50%	84%	77%
Understandable	27	54	16	35	31	23	43	9	19
DK/NA	6	5	5	8	6	6	7	7	4

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
No excuse	72%	72%	68%	64%	42%	70%	70%	68%	61%
Understandable	25	25	23	27	48	26	24	27	31
DK/NA	3	3	9	9	10	4	6	6	8

TREND: From what you know about the death of Eric Garner, which statement comes closer to your opinion: It was a tragic thing, and there is absolutely no excuse for how the police acted, or It was a tragic thing, but it is understandable that the police could have acted this way?

	Dec 17 2014	Nov 19 2014	Aug 27 2014
No excuse	67	64	68
Understandable	27	27	24
DK/NA	6	9	8

TREND: From what you know about the death (* police shooting) of XXX, which statement comes closer to your opinion: It was a tragic thing, and there is absolutely no excuse for how the police acted, or It was a tragic thing, but it is understandable that the police could have acted this way?

	NO EXCUSE.....			
	Tot	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Eric Garner				
Dec 17, 2014	67	50	84	77
Nov 19, 2014	64	46	85	77
Aug 27, 2014	68	52	90	71
Sean Bell*				
May 08, 2008	54	33	81	66
Mar 15, 2007	57	38	88	61
Jan 16, 2007	58	41	84	68
Amadou Diallo*				
Apr 08, 1999	67	52	89	81

39. As you may know, a grand jury has decided not to bring criminal charges against the police officer for the death of Eric Garner. Do you approve or disapprove of the grand jury's decision not to charge the police officer?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	25%	52%	17%	31%	30%	21%	41%	7%	19%
Disapprove	67	39	78	59	63	71	50	89	76
DK/NA	8	9	5	10	7	8	9	4	5

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	22%	24%	18%	29%	44%	22%	23%	27%	30%
Disapprove	73	67	73	64	46	74	72	65	59
DK/NA	5	9	9	6	10	4	6	9	11

40. Would you approve or disapprove of the federal government bringing civil rights charges against the police officer?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	64%	27%	77%	55%	59%	68%	46%	85%	73%
Disapprove	29	69	18	36	35	24	48	9	18
DK/NA	7	4	5	9	6	8	6	5	9

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	74%	61%	73%	59%	44%	70%	68%	63%	56%
Disapprove	21	31	20	35	49	26	27	28	34
DK/NA	5	8	8	6	6	3	5	8	10

41. Who do you think should investigate the case when a police officer kills someone, the local District Attorney or the State Attorney General?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Local District Atty	27%	51%	20%	31%	29%	25%	35%	16%	21%
State Atty General	61	43	69	56	60	61	54	71	63
DK/NA	12	7	11	13	11	14	11	13	16

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Local District Atty	23%	26%	21%	31%	42%	29%	22%	28%	30%
State Atty General	64	62	62	60	49	64	67	60	57
DK/NA	12	12	18	9	9	7	11	13	13

42. Do you approve or disapprove of the way - Bill de Blasio has handled the protests in New York City?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	60%	33%	73%	52%	59%	62%	50%	80%	59%
Disapprove	30	58	18	39	32	28	40	12	30
DK/NA	10	9	9	9	8	11	10	8	10

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	70%	58%	68%	57%	39%	51%	63%	64%	61%
Disapprove	23	32	21	33	50	34	31	26	29
DK/NA	7	10	11	10	11	15	6	10	9

43. Do you approve or disapprove of the way - the police have handled the protests in New York City?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	73%	79%	74%	74%	76%	71%	83%	69%	63%
Disapprove	19	14	18	18	18	19	11	22	26
DK/NA	8	7	8	8	6	10	5	9	10

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	72%	75%	72%	73%	75%	59%	70%	81%	82%
Disapprove	22	17	17	20	17	29	22	13	12
DK/NA	6	8	11	7	8	12	8	7	5

44. When protestors block traffic, but are not violent, do you think police should allow them to block traffic or do you think police should clear the street, even if that means arresting protestors?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Allow to block	34%	15%	41%	31%	33%	36%	27%	43%	35%
Clear street	57	83	49	61	60	54	68	46	54
DK/NA	9	2	10	8	7	10	6	11	11

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Allow to block	37%	37%	38%	31%	19%	47%	36%	32%	25%
Clear street	54	55	52	62	72	49	55	59	66
DK/NA	9	8	10	8	9	4	9	10	10