

Quinnipiac university Poll

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BIG RACIAL GAP AS AMERICANS SAY NO TO ANTHEM PROTESTS, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS; BLACKS DISAPPROVE OF COPS, BUT LIKE COPS THEY KNOW

Despite a 4-1 approval among black adults, all American adults disapprove 54 – 38 percent of athletes refusing to stand during the National Anthem in protest of perceived police violence against the black community, according to a Quinnipiac University national poll released today.

White adults disapprove of the protests 63 – 30 percent, as black adults approve 74 – 17 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

There is a similar racial split on police in general as whites approve 70 – 20 percent of the way “police in the U.S. are doing their job,” while black Americans disapprove 67 – 24 percent.

But blacks approve 68 – 25 percent of the way “police in your community are doing their job.” Whites approve 88 – 8 percent of their local police.

With 4-1 disapproval among blacks, all Americans disapprove by a narrow 50 – 46 percent of the “stop and frisk” police tactic. Whites approve by a slim 51 – 45 percent, while black adults disapprove 78 – 20 percent.

There is very little racial divide as all Americans say 73 – 21 percent that police should not violate civil liberties to prevent crime. Black adults defend civil liberties 83 – 13 percent and whites defend civil liberties 71 – 23 percent.

“There is a profound racial divide over athletes who refuse to stand for the National Anthem and deep differences over whether the police can be trusted,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“But no matter what race is surveyed, Americans believe police should not violate civilians’ civil liberties to prevent crime.

“On the controversial tactic of stop and frisk, in which some believe civil rights are abused, voters are split.

“The message from Americans: The cop you know is the cop you trust.”

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Among all American adults, 50 percent see police as friends, while 6 percent see police as enemies and 42 percent don't think of police as friends or enemies. Among whites, 59 percent see police as friends, while 4 percent see them as enemies and 35 percent say "neither." Among black adults, 27 percent see police as friends, with 12 percent saying "enemies" and 57 percent saying "neither."

The "police you know" factor is seen in other questions as well:

- 82 percent of black Americans say "police in the U.S. are generally...tougher on blacks than whites," while 11 percent of blacks say police treat everyone the same.
- 56 percent of blacks say "police in your community are generally...tougher on blacks," while 36 percent of blacks say they treat everyone the same.
- 72 percent of black adults say "police in the U.S. generally use excessive force against minority suspects," while 20 percent say police in the U.S. generally use "the appropriate amount of force."
- 45 percent of blacks say "police in your own community generally use excessive force against minority suspects," while 47 percent say police use the "appropriate amount of force."

A total of 72 percent of all Americans say police brutality is a "very serious" or "somewhat serious" problem. A total of 95 percent of black adults say police brutality is a "very serious" or "somewhat serious" problem. A total of 66 percent of whites say it's "very serious" or "somewhat serious."

Only 10 percent of white adults say police brutality is something they personally worry about, compared to 57 percent of black Americans.

By a 67 – 25 percent margin, Americans say police should clear streets blocked by protestors, even if it means arresting protestors. Whites say clear the streets 70 – 22 percent. Black adults say clear the streets 51 – 41 percent.

From October 7-9, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,391 adults nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 2.6 percentage points. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones. The survey includes an oversample of black respondents, weighted to their correct share of the population, for a total of 249 black adults with a margin of error of +/- 6.2 percentage points.

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, North Carolina, Georgia and the nation as a public service and for research.

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1. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

ADULTS.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very satisfied	6%	2%	9%	6%	6%	6%	4%	9%	12%
Smwht satisfied	28	10	46	25	28	28	25	46	28
Smwht dissatisfied	24	26	22	25	26	23	25	23	28
Very dissatisfied	39	60	20	42	38	40	45	19	28
DK/NA	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	3

ADULTS.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very satisfied	4%	11%	7%	5%	6%	3%	8%	10%	
Smwht satisfied	31	27	30	27	34	19	57	38	
Smwht dissatisfied	34	24	17	17	23	26	20	26	
Very dissatisfied	28	37	45	49	35	52	15	23	
DK/NA	3	1	1	2	2	1	-	3	

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the police in the United States are doing their job?

ADULTS.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	60%	82%	44%	62%	62%	58%	70%	24%	52%
Disapprove	29	12	45	28	30	29	20	67	36
DK/NA	10	6	11	10	8	13	10	9	11

ADULTS.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	49%	63%	63%	69%	70%	69%	26%	23%	
Disapprove	41	30	25	17	22	19	62	70	
DK/NA	10	7	11	14	9	12	12	7	

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

ADULTS.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	81%	92%	77%	80%	82%	81%	88%	68%	71%
Disapprove	14	7	17	14	13	15	8	25	24
DK/NA	5	1	6	7	5	4	4	8	5

ADULTS.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	71%	81%	85%	90%	90%	87%	78%	60%	
Disapprove	23	13	10	7	8	8	19	30	
DK/NA	6	5	5	3	2	4	4	11	

7. 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?

	ADULTS.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Tougher on whites	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	
Tougher on blacks	26	9	41	23	26	25	19	56	27	
Treat them the same	63	83	49	65	63	63	71	36	59	
DK/NA	8	6	9	9	7	10	8	5	12	

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		BLACK.....	
					COLLEGE DEG		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Yes	No	Yes	No
Tougher on whites	4%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	4%	1%
Tougher on blacks	34	30	22	14	29	11	55	56
Treat them the same	55	59	67	76	60	79	37	36
DK/NA	7	9	9	9	8	8	3	6

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

	ADULTS.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Excessive force	40%	15%	58%	39%	39%	41%	29%	72%	54%	
Appropriate force	46	70	31	48	48	44	56	20	30	
EXCESSIVE REGARDLESS OF RACE (VOL)	3	5	3	1	3	4	4	1	2	
DK/NA	11	11	8	12	10	12	11	7	14	

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		BLACK.....	
					COLLEGE DEG		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Yes	No	Yes	No
Excessive force	51%	38%	36%	30%	31%	27%	76%	68%
Appropriate force	39	46	50	55	55	58	19	22
EXCESSIVE REGARDLESS OF RACE (VOL)	4	3	2	3	3	4	2	-
DK/NA	6	12	12	12	11	11	3	10

15. As you may know, there is a police practice known as stop and frisk, where police stop and question a person they suspect of wrongdoing and, if necessary, search that person. Do you approve or disapprove of this police practice?

	ADULTS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	46%	74%	24%	49%	43%	48%	51%	20%	43%
Disapprove	50	19	72	48	52	47	45	78	47
DK/NA	4	7	4	3	4	5	4	2	10

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		BLACK.....	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No
Approve	35%	45%	51%	54%	43%	57%	15%	21%
Disapprove	62	50	45	40	53	39	84	75
DK/NA	3	5	4	6	4	3	1	3