

REDUCING CRIME

The following is an example public survey used during the Philadelphia Policing Tactics Experiment.

Results from the survey can be read at Ratcliffe, JH, Groff, ER, Sorg, ET, Haberman, CP (2015) Citizens' reactions to hot spots policing: Impacts on perceptions of crime, disorder, safety and police, *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, 11(3): 393-417.

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Use the survey and any items at your discretion. *Reducing Crime*, the book author, Temple University and the Philadelphia Police Department (who ran the original survey) make no claim that it will be fit for your purpose.

INSTRUCTIONS: The following questions will ask your opinions regarding how much of a problem certain things are in the community you currently live in. For each question, please check the box corresponding to how big of a problem you consider each of the following items. They are on a scale of one through five ranging from a “Big problem” to “Not a problem”. If you feel that that your opinion falls in between “somewhat of a problem” and the other two responses, you may check the box in between.

	Big Problem		Somewhat of a Problem		Not a Problem
1. Abandoned cars in the streets or alleys	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
2. Abandoned houses or other empty buildings in the area	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
3. Excessive noise, such as barking dogs, loud parties, and loud car stereos	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
4. Trash, junk or litter on the streets, sidewalks, or in vacant lots	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
5. The vandalism of homes, buildings, or properties, such as breaking windows or graffiti	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
6. People or landlords allowing their property to become run down	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
7. Homeless people or vagrants	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
8. Teenagers hanging out or causing disturbances	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
9. Truancy; that is, kids not being in school during school hours when they should be	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
10. Teenagers using drugs or alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
11. People being robbed, beaten-up, or mugged on the streets	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
12. People being killed	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
13. People being threatened with guns	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
14. People being sexually assaulted	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
15. People being threatened with knives or other weapons (not including guns)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
	Big Problem		Somewhat of a Problem		Not a Problem

16. People being the victims of violent crime	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
17. Shootings and violence by gangs	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
18. People breaking into other people's homes	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
19. People breaking into or stealing cars	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
20. Drug dealing on the street	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
21. Drug dealing from houses or other buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
22. The streets being too dark at night	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
23. The lack of members in your community interested in crime prevention activities	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
24. The police not being responsive to the concerns of citizens in your neighborhood	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

INSTRUCTIONS: The following questions will ask your opinions regarding your neighborhood and the police officers that work in your neighborhood. For each statement, please check the box corresponding with whether you strongly disagree, disagree, are neutral (neither agree nor disagree), agree, or strongly agree.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
25. I feel safe walking the streets of my neighborhood during the day	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
26. I feel safe walking the streets of my neighborhood after dark	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
27. I feel safe taking the bus or trolley at night	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
28. I feel safe taking the bus or trolley during the daytime	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
29. I feel safe taking the subway at night	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
30. I feel safe taking the subway during the daytime	1	2	3	4	5
31. I feels safe driving my car through Philadelphia (If you do not drive, you may skip this question)	1	2	3	4	5
32. The police should spend more time working with community members and groups to solve problems	1	2	3	4	5
33. The police should spend more time than they already do investigating serious crimes, serious criminals, and suspicious people	1	2	3	4	5
34. The police should give more tickets for even minor law violations	1	2	3	4	5
35. Officers seem content staying in their patrol cars rather than interacting with citizens	1	2	3	4	5
36. Citizens and police officers work together to solve problems	1	2	3	4	5
37. The officers in this city are usually intimidating	1	2	3	4	5
38. The police do not make enough contact with citizens	1	2	3	4	5
39. In general, Philadelphia police officers treat all citizens equally according to the law	1	2	3	4	5
40. The police in this city are usually courteous	1	2	3	4	5
41. The police are fair when dealing with people	1	2	3	4	5
42. The police stop too many people on the street without good reason	1	2	3	4	5
43. Philadelphia Police officers are usually honest	1	2	3	4	5
44. Most police officers in my neighborhood use only the amount of force necessary to accomplish their tasks	1	2	3	4	5

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53. Please indicate your highest level of education

High School Diploma/GED	Some College	Professional Degree	Associates Degree	Bachelors Degree	Masters Degree	Law Degree	Doctoral Degree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

54. What is your gender?

Male	Female	Transgendered	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

55. When was the last time you had contact with the Philadelphia Police Department?

Within the last week	Within the last month	Within the last year	Over a year ago	Never
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

56. How long have you lived at your current address?

Less than 6 months	6 months-1 year	1-3 years	4 or more years
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

57. How many people currently live in your household?

Live alone	2-3 people	4-5 people	Over 6 people
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

58. Have you ever been the victim of a violent crime?

No	Yes, within the past 6 months	Yes, within the past year	Yes, over one year ago
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

59. Has anyone in your household been the victim of a violent crime?

No	Yes, within the past 6 months	Yes, within the past year	Yes, over one year ago
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>