

2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 69 June 2020
June 16-22, 2020
N=4,708

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

POLICE3F2

How would you rate the job police around the country are doing when it comes to each of the following?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Holding officers accountable when misconduct occurs					
June 16-22, 2020	9	22	27	42	1
Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016	12	32	26	30	1
b. Using the right amount of force for each situation					
June 16-22, 2020	8	27	28	36	1
Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016	10	35	32	22	1
c. Treating racial and ethnic groups equally					
June 16-22, 2020	9	25	26	39	1
Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016	11	36	26	27	1
d. Protecting people from crime					
June 16-22, 2020	15	43	26	15	1
Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016	16	46	27	10	1

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POLICE_FUND

Thinking about police departments in your area, do you think that spending on policing should be...

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11	Increased a lot
20	Increased a little
42	Stay about the same
14	Decreased a little
12	Decreased a lot
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

POLICE_POLICIES

Please indicate whether you would favor or oppose each of the following proposals about policing in this country. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Somewhat favor</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Require that police officers live in the cities or towns they police					
June 16-22, 2020	35	39	18	7	1

POLICE_POLICIES CONTINUED...	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Somewhat favor</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
b. Make it a crime for police to use chokeholds or strangleholds June 16-22, 2020	49	25	17	8	1
c. Give civilian oversight boards the power to investigate and discipline police officers accused of inappropriate use of force or other misconduct June 16-22, 2020	43	32	15	9	1
d. Create a federal government database to track police officers who have been accused of misconduct June 16-22, 2020	62	27	7	3	1
e. Require police to be trained in nonviolent alternatives to deadly force June 16-22, 2020	71	22	4	3	*

ASK ALL:

POLICEQ_IMMUNITY Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right?
[RANDOMIZE]

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32	In order to do their jobs effectively, police officers need to be protected against lawsuits that may be brought by civilians who accuse them of excessive force or misconduct
66	Even if it might make police officers' jobs more difficult, civilians need to have the power to sue police officers in order to hold officers accountable for excessive use of force or misconduct
2	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...¹

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
28	29	29	12	1	16	23

¹ Party and Partyln asked in a prior survey.