

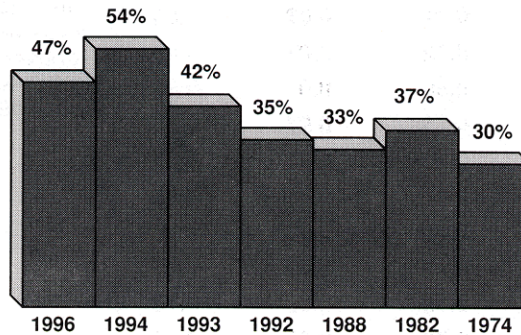
In Response, the Public's Concern About Crime as a Serious National Issue Reached High Levels— And Has Stayed There

Question: ...Would you...tell me which two or three [items] you personally are most concerned about today?

Crime and lawlessness	47%	A recession and rising unemployment	19%
Drug abuse	33	Unemployment	18
The way young people think and act	32	Relations between racial and ethnic groups	18
The way the courts are run	30	Tension and conflict around the world	17
Wrong-doing by elected government officials	29	The homeless	16
Breakdown of the family	28	Reducing the federal deficit	15
The rising cost of health care	27	Pollution of air and water	12
Money enough to live right and pay bills	25	Our relations with foreign countries	12
The quality of public school education	23	Alcoholism	9
The future of Social Security	23	Drunk driving	7
Inflation and high prices	20	Getting into another war	7
The spread of AIDS	19	A fuel and energy shortage	2

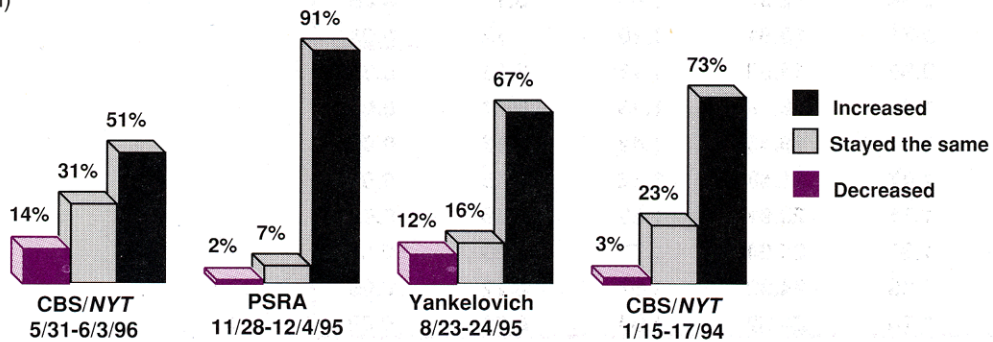
Source: Survey by Roper Starch Worldwide, January 1996.

percent naming "crime and lawlessness" as the item they are most concerned about today



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Questions: In the last year has crime in the country increased, decreased, or stayed about the same? (CBS/NYT); Compared with twenty years ago, do you think the rate of violent crime in this country has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same? (PSRA); Thinking now about violent crime in this country, in your view, has the number of violent crimes reported to the police in the past year—including burglaries, car thefts, murders and assaults—increased, stayed the same, or decreased in comparison to the previous year? [If increased or decreased] Would you say the number of violent crimes increased/decreased a lot or only a little? (Yankelovich)

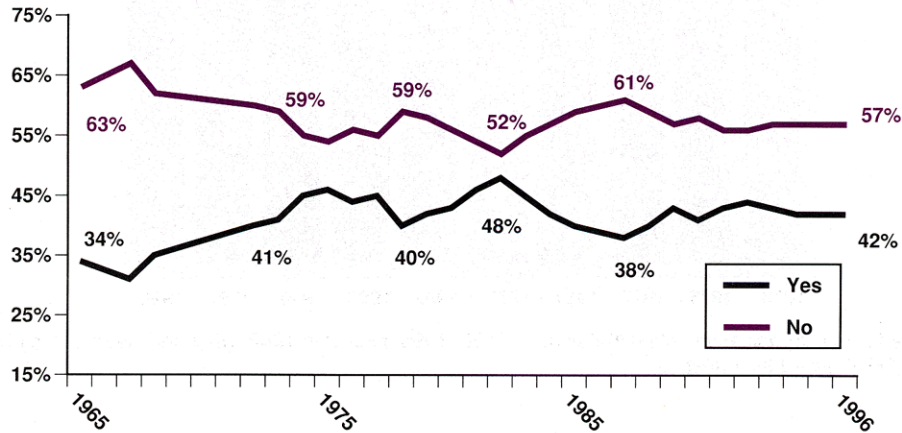


Note: In the 8/23-24/95 bars, responses of "increased a lot/increased a little" and "decreased a little/decreased a lot" were combined.

Source: Surveys by CBS News/*New York Times*, May 31-June 3, 1996 and January 15-17, 1994; by Princeton Survey Research Associates for Kaiser/Harvard/*Washington Post*, November 28-December 4, 1995; and by Yankelovich Partners for *Time*/CNN, August 23-24, 1995.

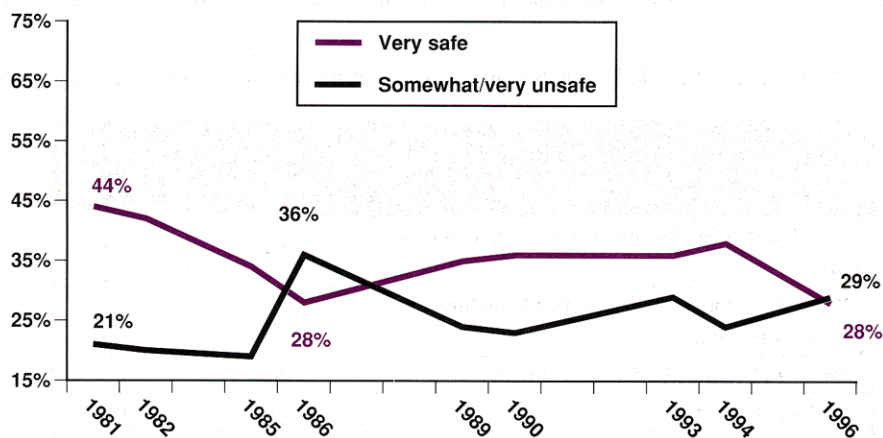
In Terms of Personal Experience, Fear of Crime is Also High...

Question: Is there any area right around here—that is, within a mile—where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?



Source: Surveys by the Gallup Organization in the years 1965, 1967, 1968, 1972, 1975, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1989, 1992; by the National Opinion Research Center-General Social Survey (GSS) in 1973, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1980, 1984-1988, 1993, 1996; by NBC News/*Wall Street Journal* in 1978; and by CBS News/*New York Times* in 1994 and 1995.

Question: * ...[H]ow safe do you feel when you are alone at night on your neighborhood streets? Do you feel very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe, or very unsafe?

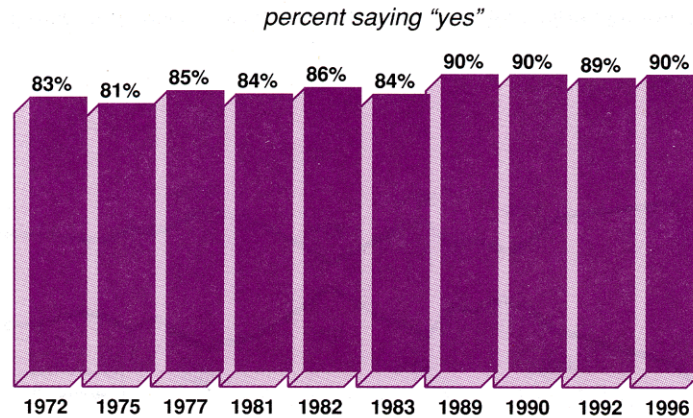


***Note:** The question wording varies slightly from organization to organization. The response category of "somewhat safe" is not shown above. The percentage of those choosing it ranged from a low of 32% to a high of 47%.

Source: Surveys by ABC News/*Washington Post* in 1981 and 1994; by ABC News in 1982; by Gordon S. Black for *USA Today* in 1985; by the *Los Angeles Times* poll in 1989, 1990, 1996; and by the Gallup Organization for CNN/*USA Today* in 1993.

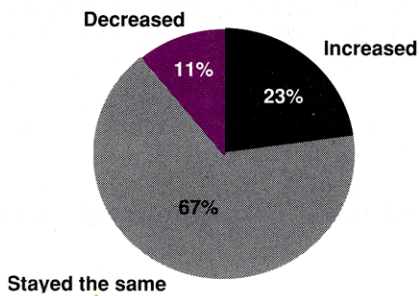
...But Many Americans Consider Their Own Position Reasonably Secure

Question: How about at home at night—do you feel safe and secure, or not?



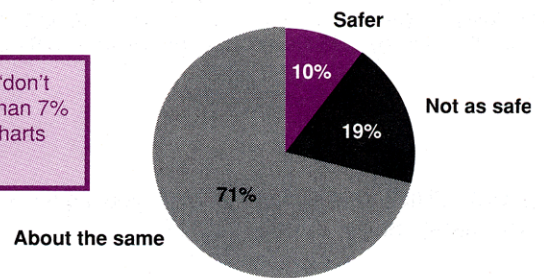
Source: Surveys by the Gallup Organization, latest that of July 26-28, 1996, except in 1982, when the National Opinion Research Center-General Social Survey (GSS) asked the question.

Question: In the past year do you feel that the crime rate in your neighborhood has increased, decreased or stayed the same?



Question: In the past year do you feel safer, not as safe or about the same on the streets in your neighborhood?

Note: In most instances, "don't know" responses of less than 7% are calculated out of pie charts throughout the magazine.



Source: Survey by the Public Policy Research Institute at Texas A&M University and the College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, June 6-26, 1995.

Question: ...Do you worry [about each of the following situations] very frequently, somewhat frequently, seldom, or never...?

	Very/Somewhat frequently	Seldom/ Never
Your home being burglarized while no one is at home	43%	57%
Yourself or someone in your family getting sexually assaulted	36	64
Being attacked while driving your car	28	71
Getting mugged	28	72
Your home being burglarized while someone is at home	27	73
Getting beaten up, knifed, or shot	24	76
Getting murdered	16	84

Source: Survey by the Public Policy Research Institute at Texas A&M University and the College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, June 6-26, 1995.

The Proportion of the Public Saying They Worry Frequently About Becoming a Crime Victim is Strikingly Even Across Group Lines

Question: Do you worry *very frequently*, *somewhat frequently*, seldom or never about: [A] yourself or someone in your family getting sexually assaulted...[B] getting mugged...[C] getting murdered...[D] your home being burglarized while no one is at home?

percent saying "very/somewhat frequently"

	A	B	C	D
National	39%	28%	19%	45%
Age				
18-29	34	22	19	47
30-39	41	24	18	47
40-49	43	35	23	48
50-59	43	34	17	53
60-69	38	29	16	38
70 or older	26	31	14	33
Race/ethnicity				
White	39	27	17	45
Hispanic	53	43	27	51
Black	28	28	30	45
Other*	29	15	12	43
Gender				
Male	29	21	14	44
Female	47	34	23	47
Education				
Less than high school	40	30	24	41
High school graduate	37	21	15	46
Some college	37	28	20	47
College graduate	40	34	19	43

	A	B	C	D
Household income				
Less than \$15,000	37	31	25	42
\$15,000-\$30,000	44	26	21	47
\$30,001-\$60,000	37	28	16	47
More than \$60,000	37	27	16	45
Live alone				
Yes	26	26	12	35
No	40	28	19	46
Community type				
Rural	34	26	15	40
Small town	39	20	16	40
Small city	46	31	17	47
Suburb	36	28	21	46
Urban	39	39	25	54

*Category contains fewer than 50 cases.

A=sexually assaulted
B=getting mugged
C=getting murdered
D=your home being burglarized while no one is at home

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