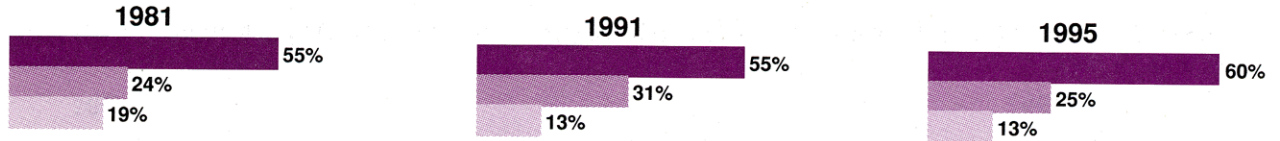
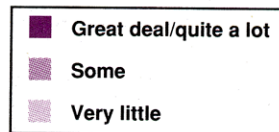


How Are the Police Performing? Mixed Readings

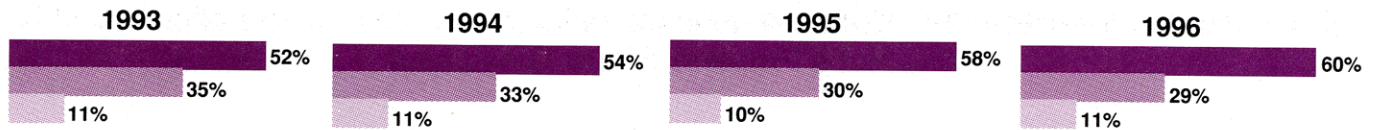
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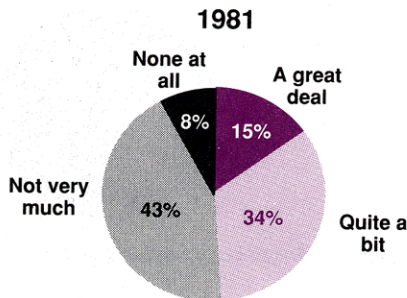


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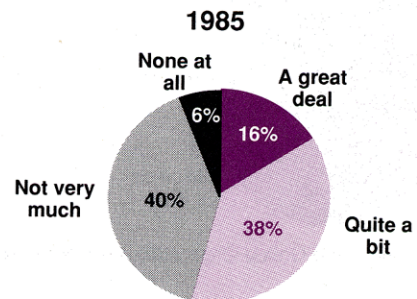


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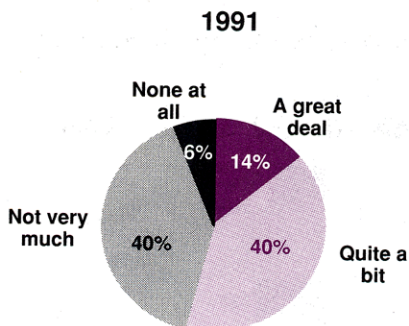
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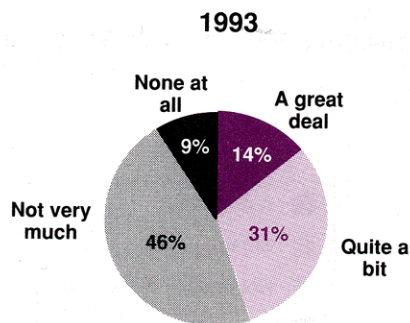
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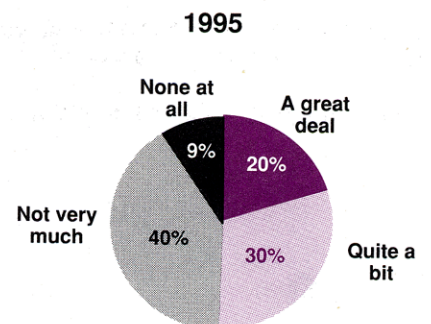
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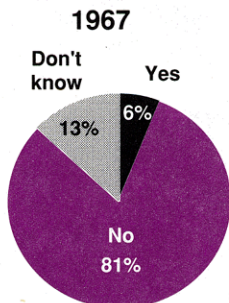


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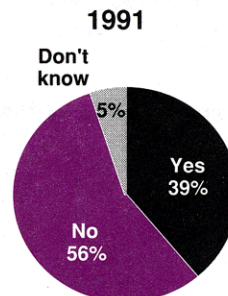
Naturally, the Public Responds to Immediate Events in Assessing Police Behavior

Following the Rodney King Beating, the Proportion Perceiving Police Brutality Rose Sharply

Question: In some places in the nation, there have been charges of police brutality. Do you think there is any police brutality in this area, or not?



Everyone



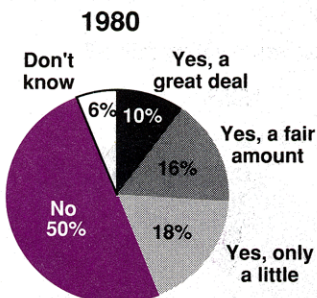
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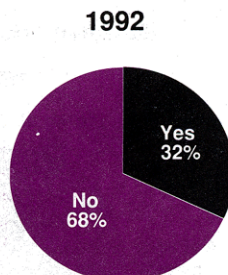
But, Perhaps Unexpectedly, African-Americans in Large Numbers Said Police Brutality Was Not a Problem Where They Lived

Question: Do you think there is any police brutality in the area where you live?

Question: Do you think that police brutality is a problem where you live?



Responses of Blacks Only



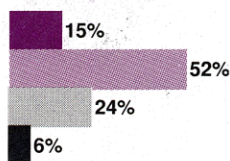
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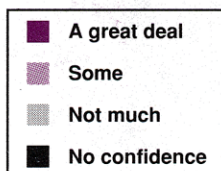
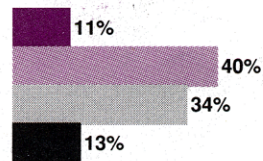
More Americans Expressed a Lack of Confidence in the Criminal Justice System After the Verdict in the O.J. Simpson Criminal Case Than Before

Question: How much confidence do you have that the American criminal justice system generally makes the right decision about who's guilty and who's innocent...?

Before the O.J. Simpson Case



After the O.J. Simpson Case

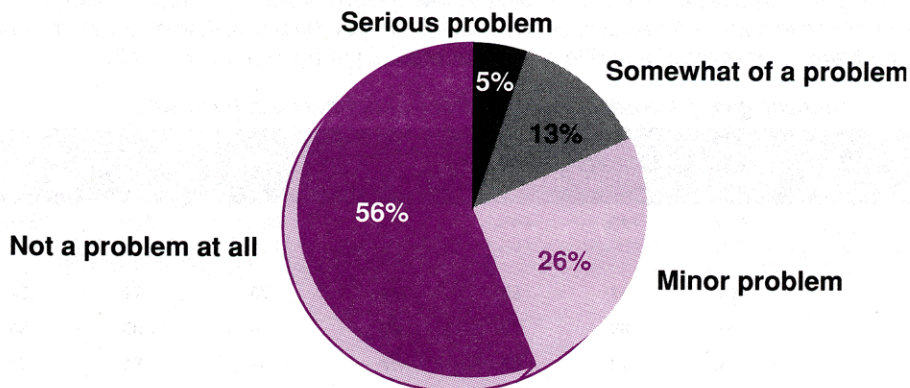


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The 1995 Sam Houston State University Survey Found the Police Getting Good Marks

Question: In some places in the nation there have been charges of excessive use of force by the police. In your community would you say this is a serious problem, somewhat of a problem, a minor problem or not a problem at all?



By Race/Ethnicity	Serious problem	Minor problem/ Not a problem
Everyone	5%	82%
White, non-Hispanic	3	86
Hispanic	16	70
Black	10	58

Question: Please rate the police in your community on the following...

	Very high/ High	Average	Low/ Very low
Friendliness	56%	28%	11%
Responding quickly to calls for help	49	31	13
Fairness in dealing with people	44	35	14

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.

Group Differences in Assessing Police Action Are Generally Small, Though African-Americans Are More Critical

Questions: ...How much confidence do you have in the ability of the police to...protect you from crime [crime protection]...solve crime [crime solving]...prevent crime [crime prevention]...a great deal, some, little, or none at all? ...Please rate the police in your community on the following...responding quickly to calls for help [promptness]...the friendliness of the police [friendliness]...the fairness of the police in dealing with people [fairness].... Would you rate the police very high, high, average, low, or very low? ...In some places in the nation there have been charges of excessive use of force by the police [use of force]. In your community would you say this is a serious problem, somewhat of a problem, a minor problem or not a problem at all?

percent giving a positive rating to police performance in each area

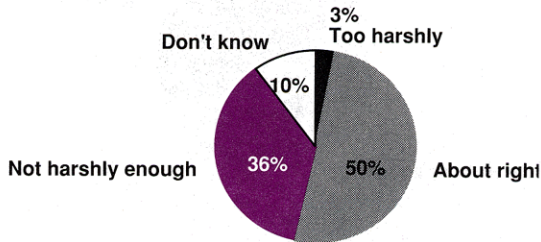
	Crime protection	Crime solving	Crime prevention	Promptness	Friendliness	Fairness	Use of force
National	76%	74%	64%	80%	83%	78%	54%
Age							
18-29	69	67	59	74	76	72	54
30-39	76	80	70	87	90	85	54
40-49	78	77	67	87	92	90	52
50-59	76	79	59	84	87	88	61
60-69	80	81	77	91	93	86	62
70 or older	83	81	74	94	96	96	59
Race/ethnicity							
White	77	79	68	86	90	87	60
Hispanic	83	74	73	83	85	83	42
Black	60	61	56	75	74	67	33
Other*	71	71	72	90	83	78	52
Gender							
Male	74	75	65	86	87	84	55
Female	77	78	69	83	89	85	55
Education							
Less than high school	74	76	71	82	85	76	65
High school graduate	77	77	69	85	84	81	56
Some college	73	74	61	80	88	83	54
College graduate	76	79	68	90	94	92	52
Household income							
Less than \$15,000	77	79	65	80	85	77	50
\$15,000-\$30,000	74	70	67	81	83	78	56
\$30,001-\$60,000	77	78	71	88	93	91	57
More than \$60,000	74	80	59	87	90	86	50
Political ideology							
Liberal	73	70	63	78	86	82	50
Middle of the road	76	78	68	86	89	85	55
Conservative	77	79	68	85	89	87	59
Community type							
Rural	66	71	61	80	86	85	63
Small town	78	76	72	84	90	84	67
Small city	79	79	70	85	87	81	47
Suburb	79	82	68	92	90	90	55
Urban	71	73	59	78	87	79	44

*Category contains fewer than 50 cases.

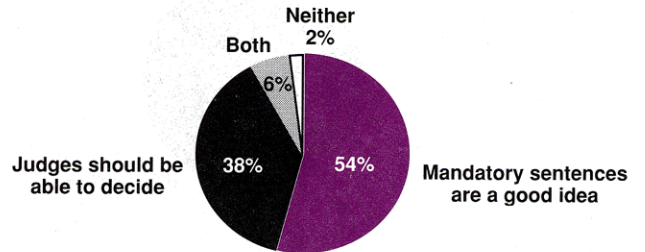
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The Courts Are Faulted, Especially For Insufficiently Secure Punishment Of Criminals

Question: In general, do you think courts in this area deal too harshly, not harshly enough or about right with criminals?



Question: In recent years, some legislatures have made imprisonment mandatory for convictions for some types of crimes. Do you think these mandatory sentences are a good idea, or should judges be able to decide who goes to prison and who doesn't?



Question: Do you think each of the following items is a serious problem, somewhat of a problem, a minor problem, or not a problem at all in your community?

	Serious problem/ Somewhat of a problem	Minor problem/Not a problem
Lawyers who are too expensive	75%	14%
Courts that are too expensive for the people who must use them	61	22
Courts that grant bail to persons previously convicted of crimes	59	24
Courts that do not help decrease the amount of crime	54	28
Courts in which six months pass from arrest to trial	51	27
Court decisions that are influenced by political considerations	49	37
Courts that do not treat the poor as well as they treat the rich	49	36
Courts that disregard the interests of crime victims	43	41
Courts that do not treat minorities as well as they treat whites	36	49
Courts that disregard defendants' rights	27	56

Question: ...[W]hich of these four purposes do you think should be the most important in sentencing adults?



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