

**2016 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 20 August
FINAL TOPLINE
August 16 – September 12, 2016
TOTAL N=4,538
WEB RESPONDENTS N=4,195
MAIL RESPONDENTS N=343¹**

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN .5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (*). COLUMNS/ROWS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ADDITIONAL QUESTION PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

E3 Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

Aug 16- Sept 12 <u>2016</u>	
47	Full-time
15	Part-time
37	Not employed
1	No Answer

ASK ALL EMPLOYED (E3=1,2) [N=2,767]:

Next we have a few questions about your job and the work you do.

JOB SAT How often, if at all, does your work make you feel...

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE ITEMS A AND B]

		<u>Nearly always</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Hardly ever</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
a.	Frustrated						
	Aug 16-Sept 12,2016	7	22	48	19	4	*
b.	Fulfilled						
	Aug 16-Sept 12,2016	18	34	34	11	3	*

¹ Question wording in this topline is that from the web version of the survey. Question wording and format was adapted for the paper questionnaire delivered by mail; this questionnaire is available on request. All questions asked in both modes unless noted.

ASK ALL EMPLOYED (E3=1,2) [N=2,767]:

WORKSAFETY How often, if ever, do you have serious concerns about your physical safety when you are at work?

Aug 16- Sept 12 <u>2016</u>	
4	Nearly always
10	Often
19	Sometimes
35	Hardly ever
32	Never
*	No Answer

ASK ALL:

LEGAL Which comes closer to your view about the use of marijuana by adults?

Aug 16- Sept 12 <u>2016</u>	
49	It should be legal for medical AND personal use
35	It should be legal for medical use ONLY
15	It should NOT be legal
1	No Answer

ASK ALL:

EQUALITY Which of these two statements comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right? **[DO NOT ROTATE RESPONSES]**

Aug 16- Sept 12 <u>2016</u>	
48	Our country has made the changes needed to give blacks equal rights with whites
50	Our country needs to continue making changes to give blacks equal rights with whites
2	No Answer

ASK ALL:

GUNOWN What do you think is more important – to protect the right of Americans to own guns, or to control gun ownership?

Aug 16- Sept 12 <u>2016</u>	
53	Protect the right of Americans to own guns
46	Control gun ownership
1	No Answer

ASK ALL IN FORM 1 [N=2,255]:

GUNPOLF1 Please tell us if you would favor or oppose the following policies related to gun ownership.

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE ITEMS A AND B]

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
a.	Laws to prevent people with mental illnesses from purchasing guns Aug 16-Sept 12,2016	87	11	2
b.	Making private gun sales and sales at gun shows subject to background checks Aug 16-Sept 12,2016	86	13	1

ASK ALL IN FORM 2 [N=2,283]:

GUNPOLF2 Please tell us if you would favor or oppose the following policies related to gun ownership.

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE ITEMS C AND D]

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
c.	A ban on assault-style weapons Aug 16-Sept 12,2016	64	34	1
d.	Creating a federal government database to track all gun sales Aug 16-Sept 12,2016	71	28	1

ASK ALL IN FORM 1 [N=2,255]:

POLICE2F1 Even if you think both are important parts of police work, do you see the police in your community MORE as...

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]

Aug 16- Sept 12 <u>2016</u>	
16	Protectors
29	Enforcers
53	Both equally
2	No Answer

ASK ALL:

POLICE4

How well do you feel you understand the risks and challenges that law enforcement officers face on the job?

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38	Very well
45	Somewhat well
13	Not too well
3	Not well at all
1	No Answer

ASK ALL:

POLICE4_5

Compared with five years ago, do you think being a police officer is now **[ROTATE: (more dangerous), (less dangerous)]** or about the same?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 TO MATCH STEM]

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Sept 12
2016

70	More dangerous
6	Less dangerous
24	About the same
1	No Answer

ASK ALL:

POLICE5

As you may know, demonstrations have been held in many parts of the country in recent years to protest the deaths of African Americans who died during encounters with the police.

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE ITEMS A AND B]

		A great <u>deal</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
a.	How much, if at all, do you think these protests have been motivated by a genuine desire to hold officers accountable for their actions? Aug 16-Sept 12,2016	33	33	23	11	1
b.	How much, if at all, do you think these protests have been motivated by longstanding bias against the police? Aug 16-Sept 12,2016	41	38	12	7	1

ASK ALL:

POLICE6

Do you think the deaths of African Americans during encounters with police in recent years are **[ROTATE: (isolated incidents) or (signs of a broader problem between African Americans and the police)]**?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN THE SAME ORDER AS THE QUESTION STEM]

Aug 16-

Sept 12

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39

Isolated incidents

60

Signs of a broader problem

2

No Answer

NO POLICE7**ASK ALL:**

POLICE8

Thinking about police officers around the country, do you favor or oppose the use of body cameras by police that would record their interactions?

Aug 16-

Sept 12

2016

93

Favor

6

Oppose

1

No Answer

ASK ALL IN FORM 1 [N=2,255]:

POLICE9F1

Do you think body cameras on officers would make members of the public...

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]

Aug 16-

Sept 12

2016

59

More likely to cooperate with officers

5

Less likely to cooperate with officers

35

It would make no difference

1

No Answer

ASK ALL IN FORM 2 [N=2,283]:

POLICE9F2

When dealing with the public, do you think wearing a body camera would make officers...

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]

Aug 16-

Sept 12

2016

66

More likely to act appropriately

6

Less likely to act appropriately

27

It would make no difference

1

No Answer

ASK ALL:

POLICE10 Which would you prefer to see in your local area?

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]

Aug 16-

Sept 12

2016

34	A larger police presence than currently exists
8	A smaller police presence than currently exists
57	No change
2	No Answer

ASK ALL:

POLICE11 Other than on a gun range or while training, how often do you think the average police officer discharges his or her service firearm while on duty?

Aug 16-

Sept 12

2016

10	At least once a month
21	A few times a year
17	At least once every few years
35	At least once sometime in their careers
14	Never
2	No Answer