

Michigan Voter Attitudes on Police Reform

July 2020

Methodology

- Statewide survey of 507 likely voters (MOE $\pm 4.35\%$)
- Conducted June 25-28
- Data collected by Cor Strategies Inc.
- Computer-assisted telephone interviewing

Defund the Police?

	ALL VOTERS	GOP	DEM	IND
MORE	34%	45%	23%	36%
LESS	21%	6%	31%	25%
SAME	45%	49%	46%	40%

Do you believe Michigan taxpayers should spend more, less, or the same amount of tax dollars on police and law enforcement?

Where Do People Perceive Police Abuse?

In America	ALL	GOP	DEM	IND
YES	65%	48%	87%	56%
NO	22%	38%	8%	24%
NOT SURE	12%	14%	5%	20%

In Michigan	ALL	GOP	DEM	IND
YES	48%	24%	68%	46%
NO	34%	55%	16%	34%
NOT SURE	19%	20%	16%	20%

My Community	ALL	GOP	DEM	IND
YES	21%	9%	30%	23%
NO	66%	82%	53%	66%
NOT SURE	13%	9%	17%	11%

Dismiss Misconduct Investigations That Take More Than 180 Days?

	ALL VOTERS	GOP	DEM	IND
YES	19%	26%	11%	22%
NO	61%	49%	70%	64%
NOT SURE	20%	25%	20%	13%

Should investigations into police misconduct be automatically dismissed if they cannot be completed within 180 days of the initial complaint?

Should Police Get 48 Hours Written Notice Before They Can be Interrogated?

	ALL VOTERS	GOP	DEM	IND
YES	20%	35%	11%	17%
NO	67%	43%	83%	73%
NOT SURE	12%	22%	6%	10%

Most individuals accused of crimes can be interviewed by law enforcement immediately, unless they invoke their Miranda rights to have their attorney present. However, in many police union contracts, officers accused of misconduct must be given at least 48 hours written notice before they can be interviewed about the incident. Do you believe this special 48-hour written notice requirement is appropriate?

Police Unions Should Have Skin in the Game on Officer Misconduct

<i>Legal Fees in Investigation</i>	ALL VOTERS	GOP	DEM	IND
Local Government 100%	15%	23%	12%	11%
Govt/Union 50-50	42%	45%	39%	41%
Police Union 100%	43%	32%	49%	48%

<i>Judgment or Settlement</i>	ALL VOTERS	GOP	DEM	IND
Local Government 100%	16%	21%	13%	15%
Govt/Union 50-50	44%	47%	41%	43%
Police Union 100%	40%	32%	46%	41%

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Disciplinary Records Should be Kept *Permanently* in an Officer's Personnel File

	ALL VOTERS	GOP	DEM	IND
<1 Year	4%	5%	2%	4%
1-2 Years	9%	15%	6%	5%
3-5 Years	26%	32%	21%	25%
Permanently	62%	48%	70%	66%

How long should records related to a misconduct finding against a police officer be kept in their personnel file?

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