



LATINOS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, POLICING, AND DRUG POLICY REFORM

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Methodology

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- Sponsored by LatinoJustice/PRLDEF
- National survey of Latinos
- Field Dates: November 6-20, 2017
- N=800 respondents, +/- 3.5% MoE
- Blended sample: mobile phone, landline, online
- English or Spanish, at discretion of each respondent

Key Findings

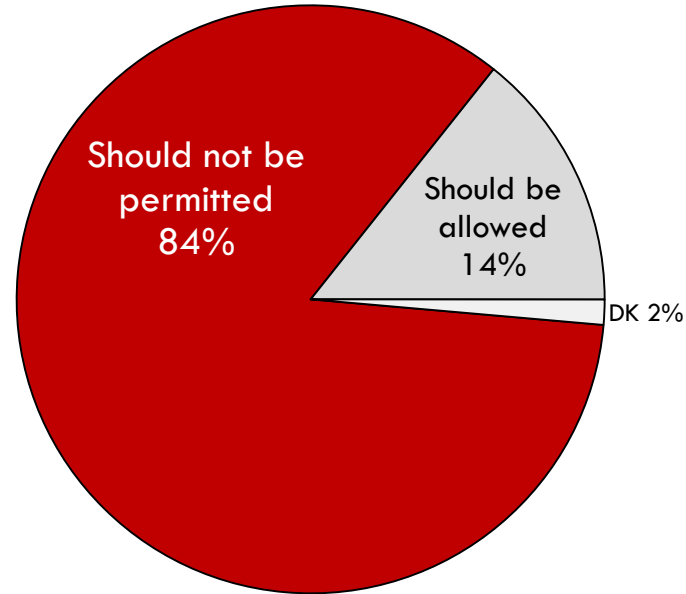
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Police Profiling – Stop and Search

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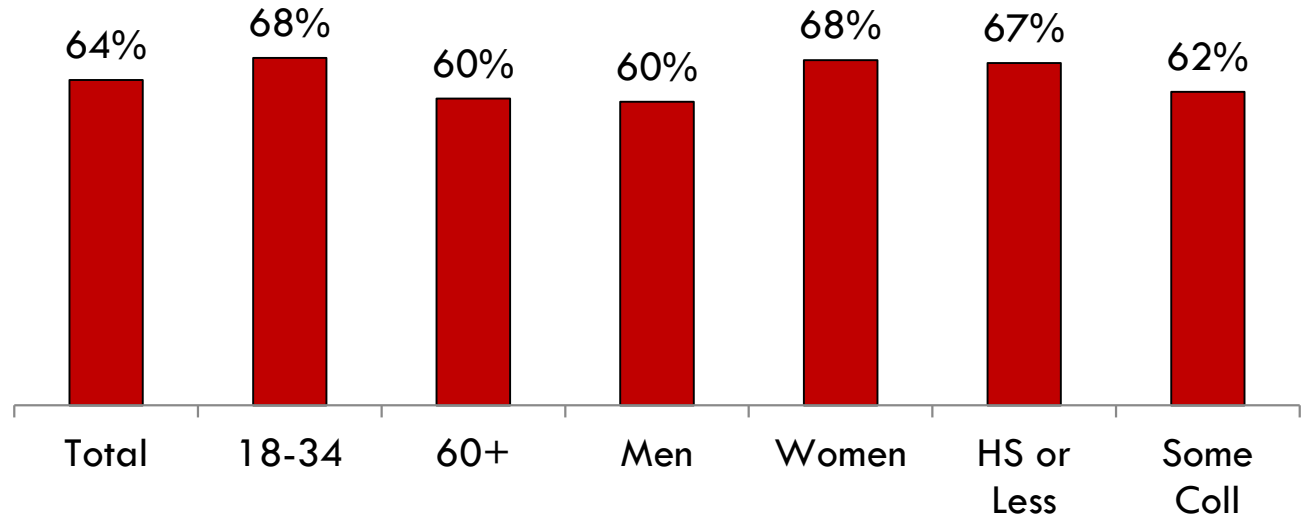
How do you feel about police officers stopping and searching people solely because of their race or ethnicity?



Treatment of Latinos by Police

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National attention has focused on the treatment of African Americans by the local police, do you think Latinos experience similar treatment by the local police?

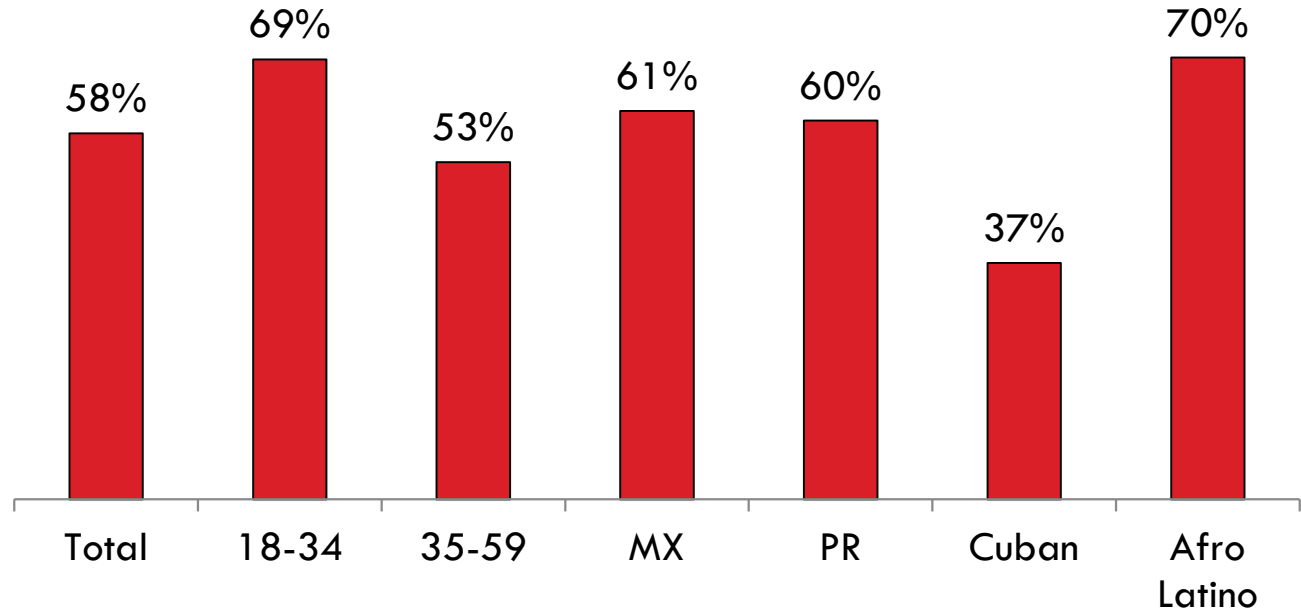


Deadly Force

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Police are more likely to unjustly use deadly force against Latinos / Hispanics than against whites.

(% agree)

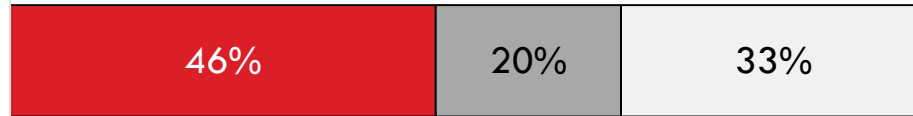


Policing & Victimization

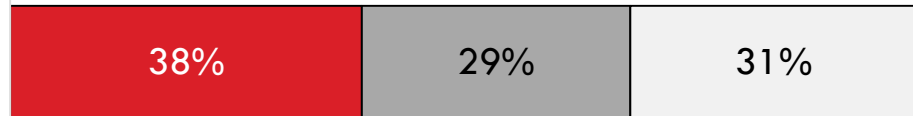
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■ Agree ■ Neither □ Disagree

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People like me are more likely to be victims of crime

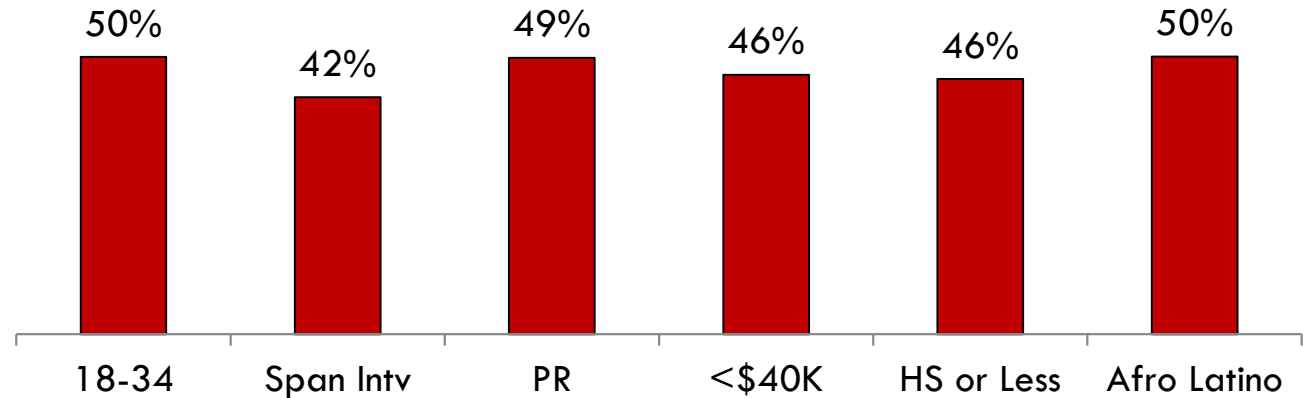


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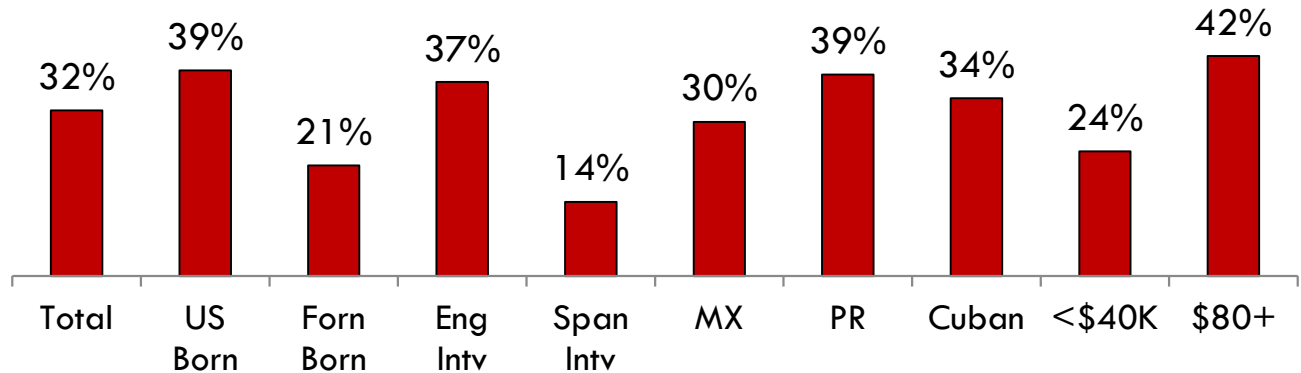
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Crime Victimization

Have you
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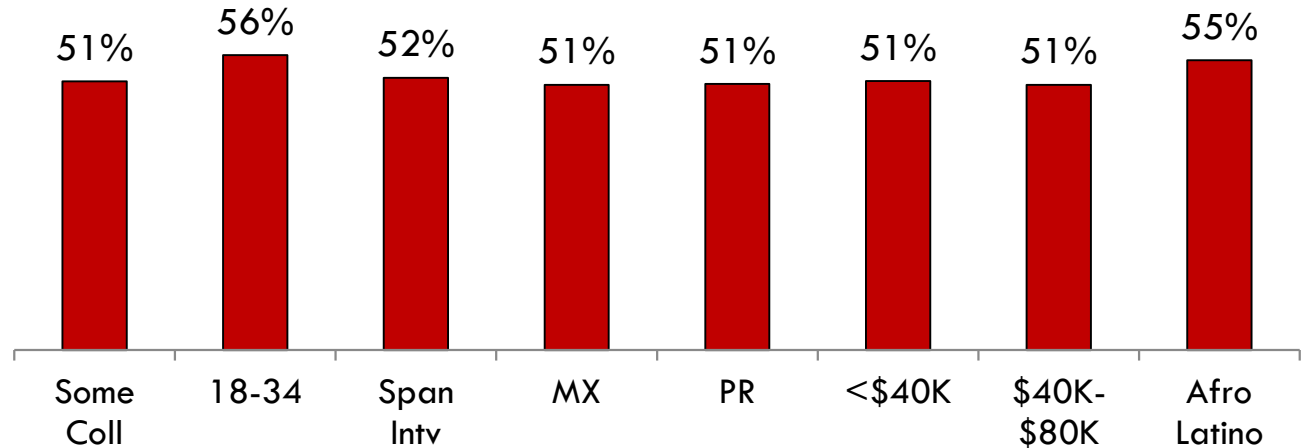
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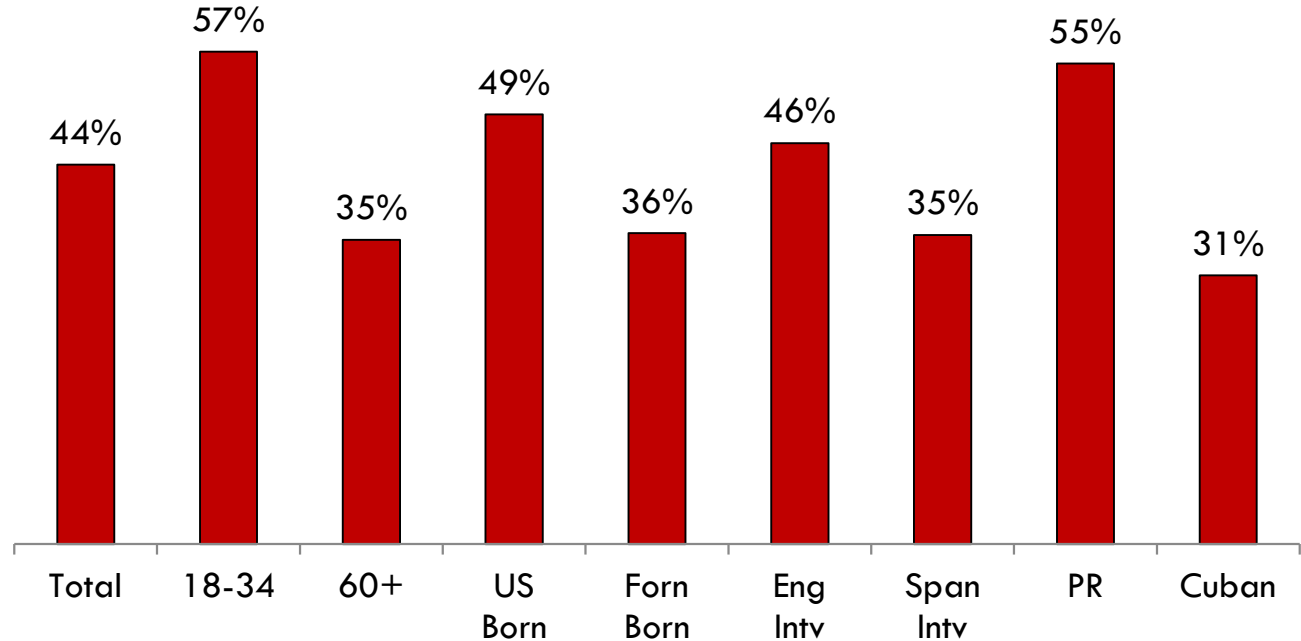


Linked Fate with Formerly Incarcerated

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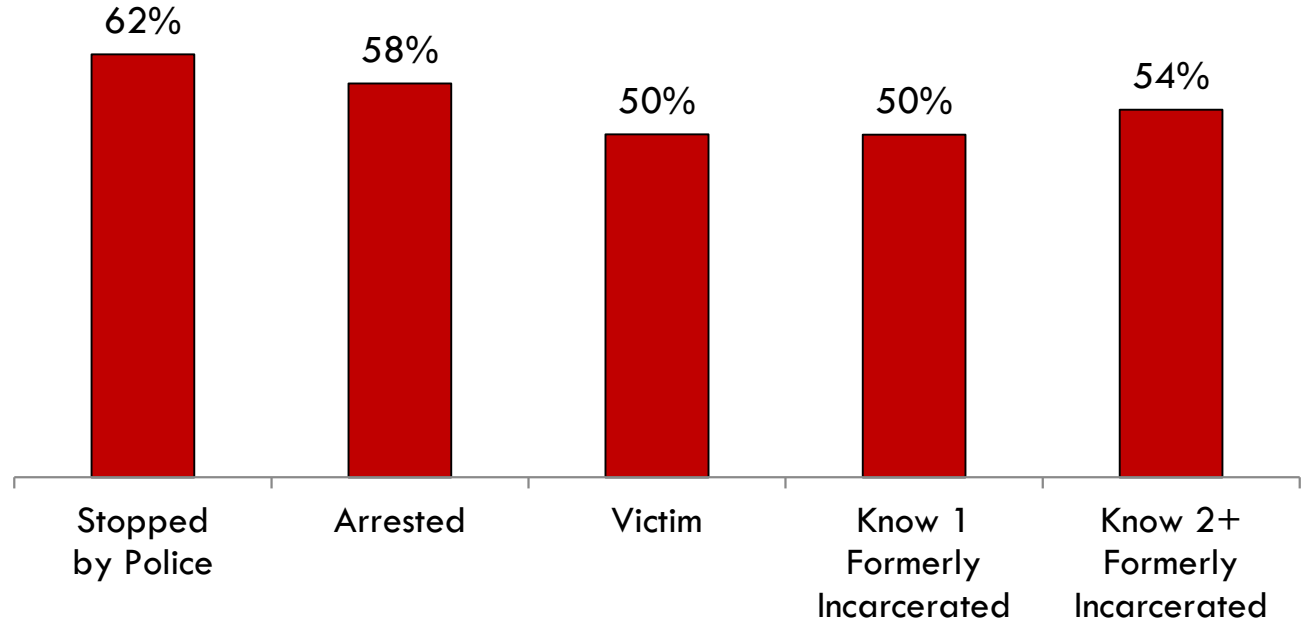


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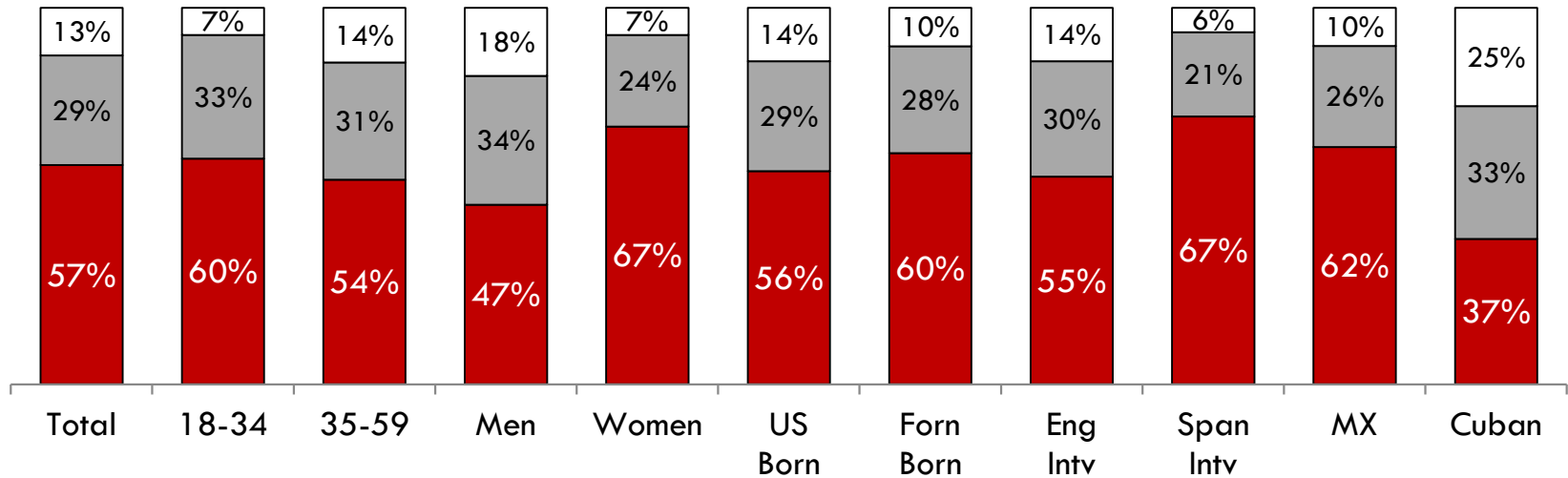
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Trump Administration & Safety

Since President Trump's election how safe do you feel?

■ Less safe ■ Same □ Safer

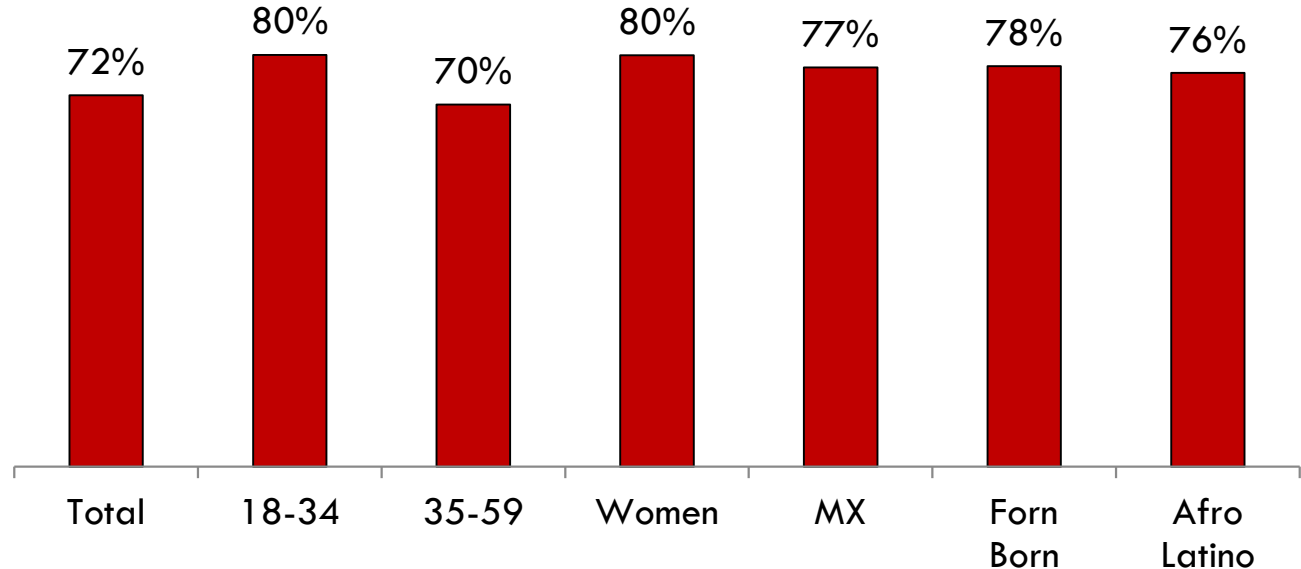


Trump Administration & Discrimination

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Since President Trump's election, do you feel that whites have become more racially discriminatory and angry towards Latinos?

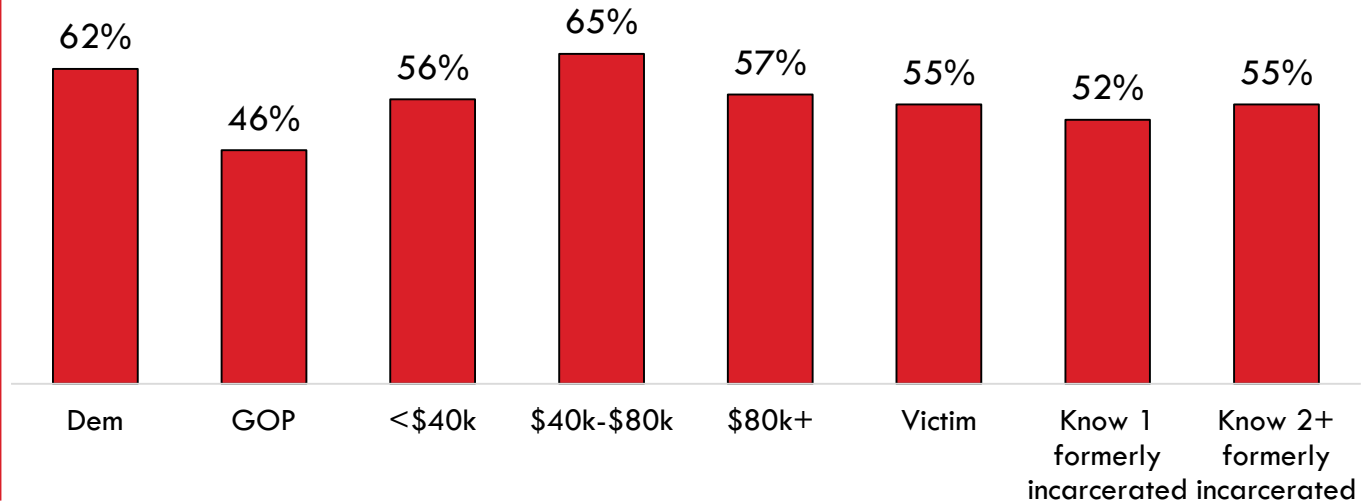
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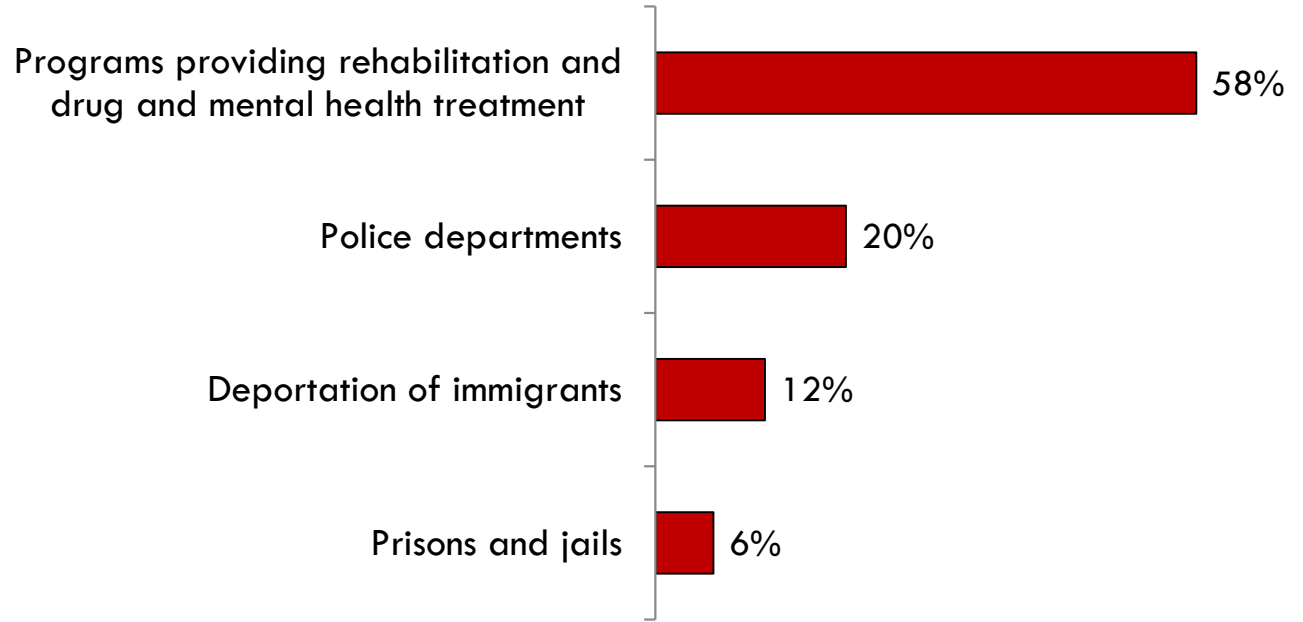
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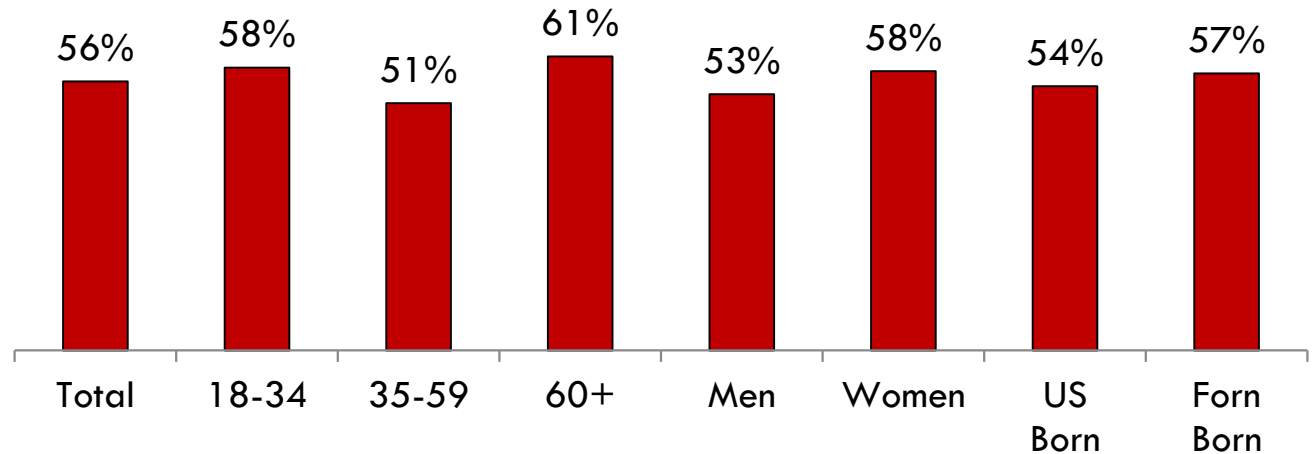
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Stricter Punishment or Rehabilitation

Do you think the country would be better served by stricter punishment for people convicted of crimes, or there should be greater efforts to rehabilitate people convicted of a crime?

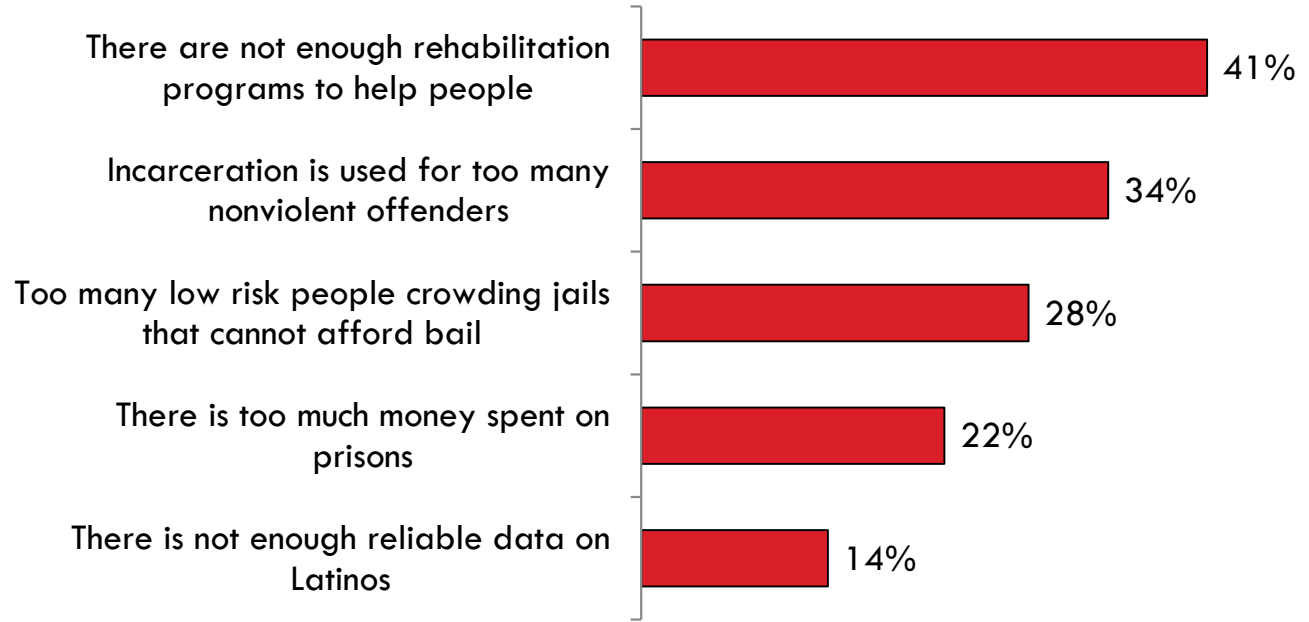
Percent responding more rehabilitation



Most Important Problems in CJ System

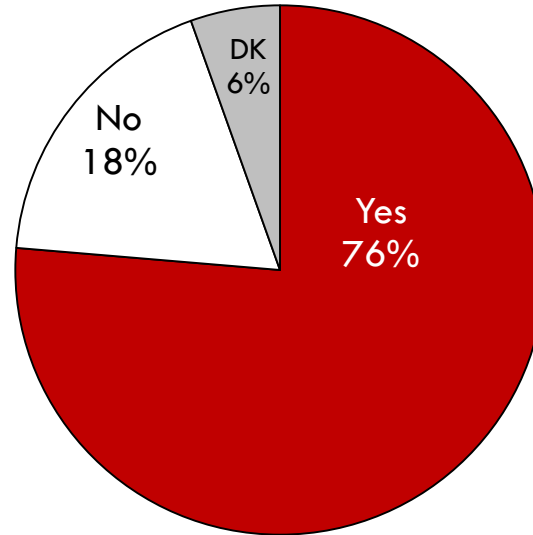
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Which problems do you think are most important to address in the criminal justice system?



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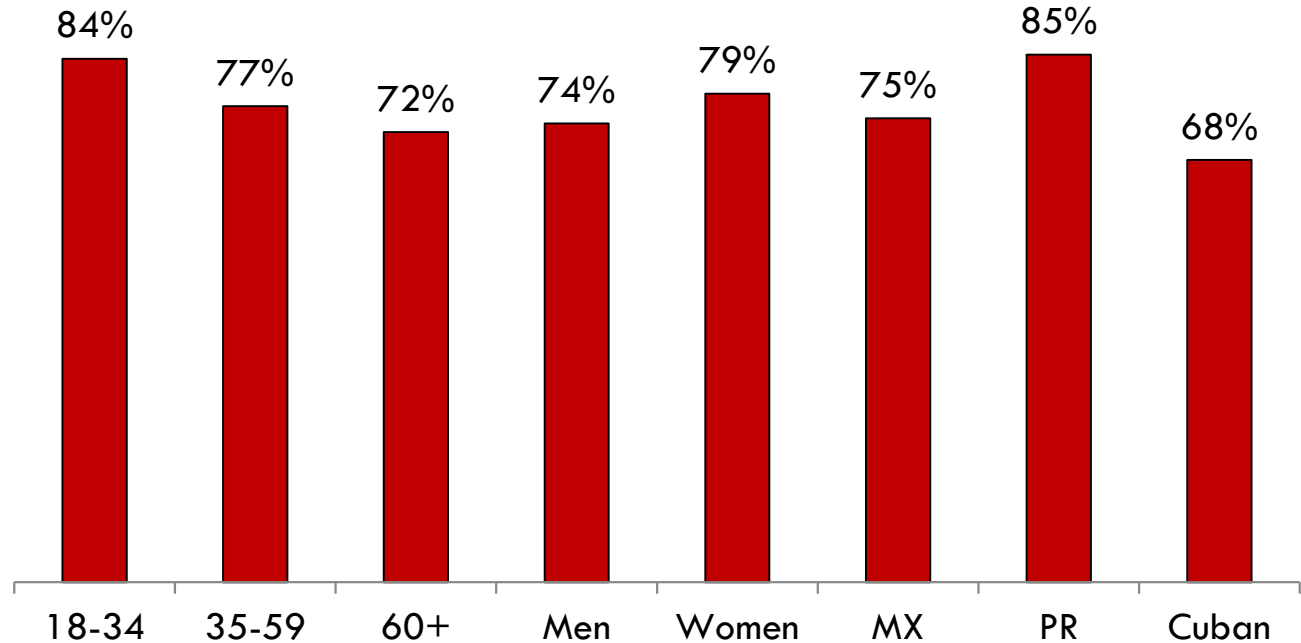
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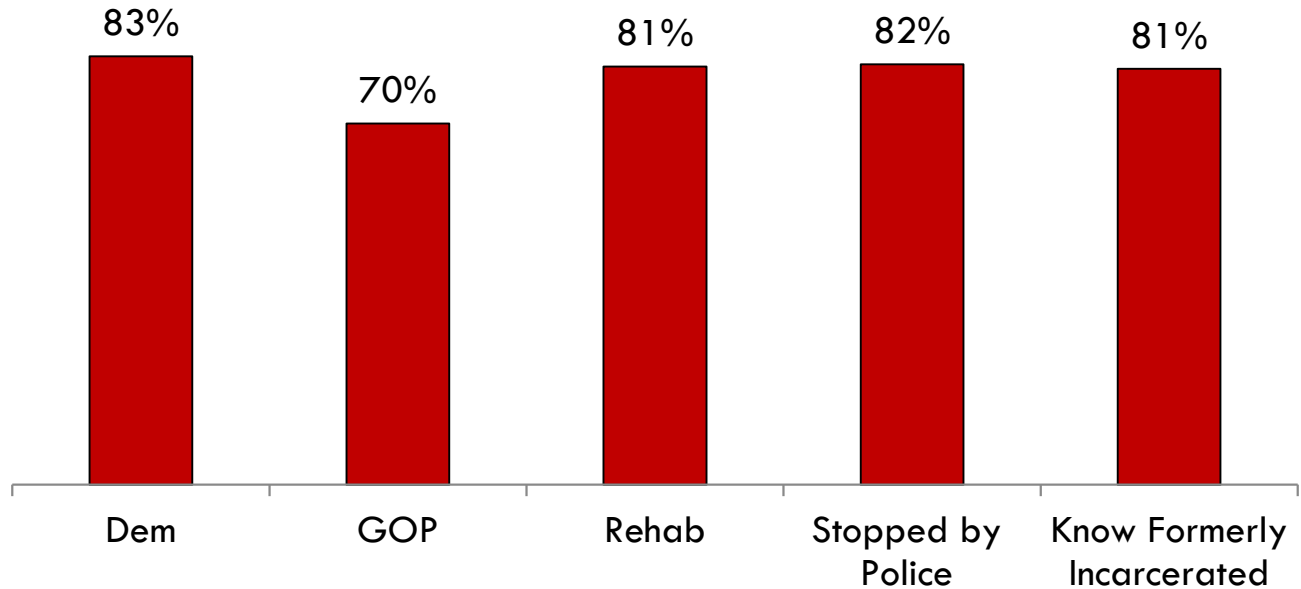
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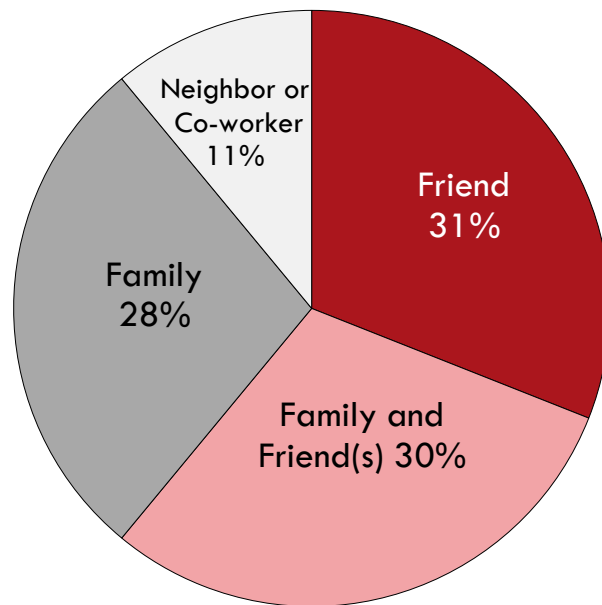


Relationships with Formerly Incarcerated

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[Among the 38% who know someone formerly incarcerated]

Is that a family member or a friend, who has been convicted of a felony, or do you know both?

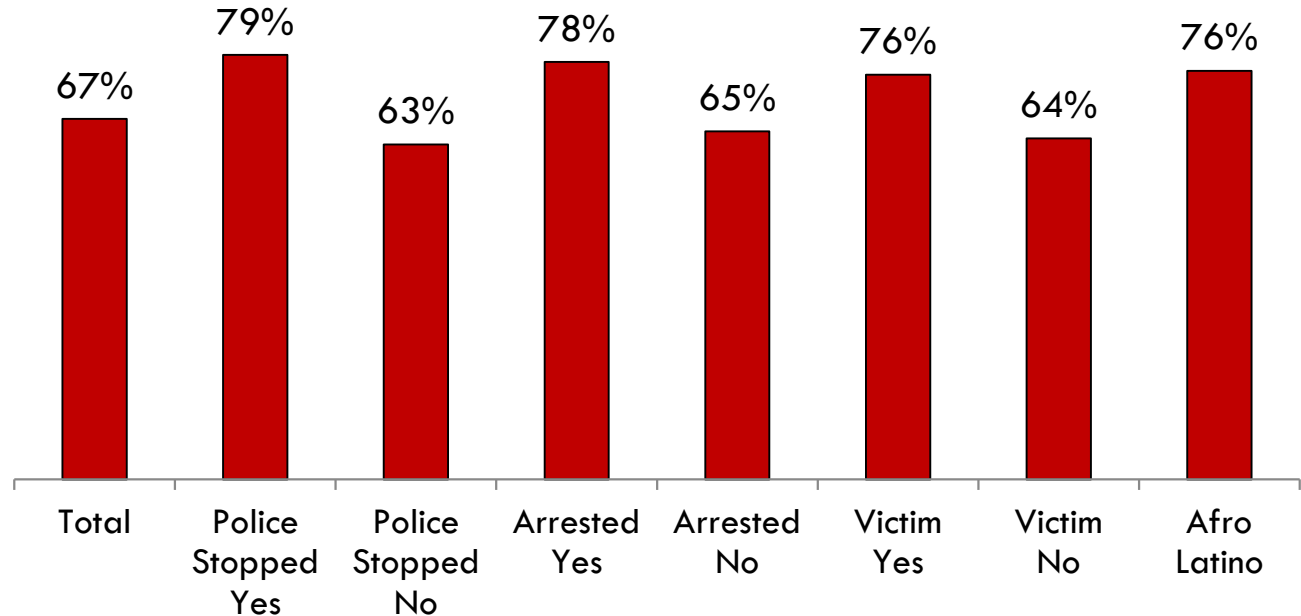


Data Gaps on Latinos in CJ System

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Currently the Department of Justice does not track and ask inmates their ethnicity, how important do you think it is to collect data on Latinos in the criminal justice system?

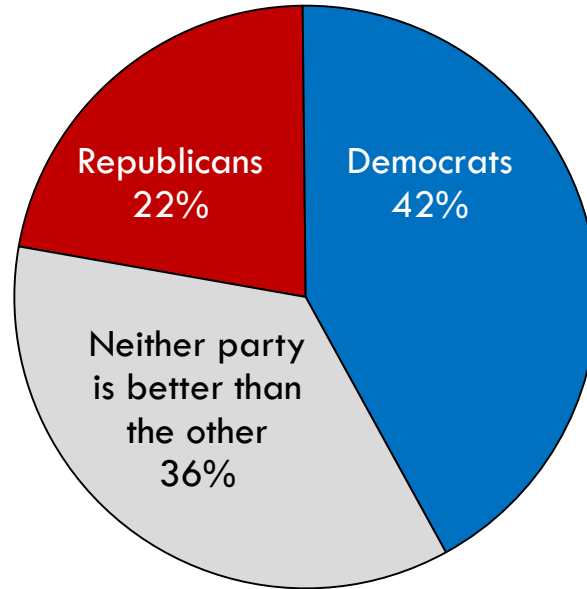
(% somewhat and very important)



Political Party & CJ Policy

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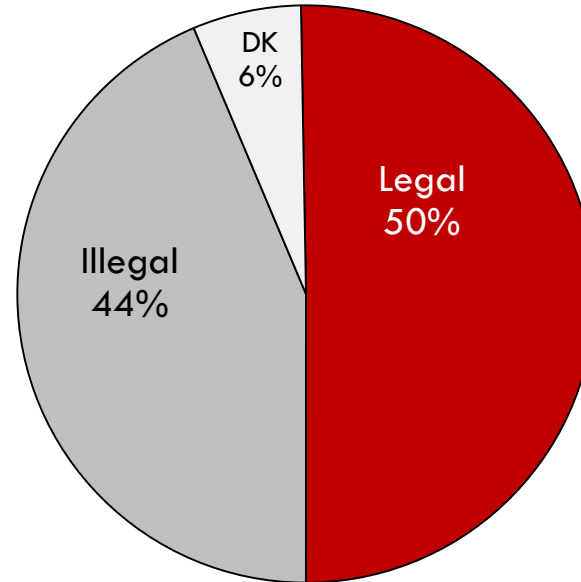
Which political party do you think has a better approach to handling criminal justice policy?



Marijuana for Personal Use

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Do you think it should be legal or illegal to possess Marijuana for personal use?

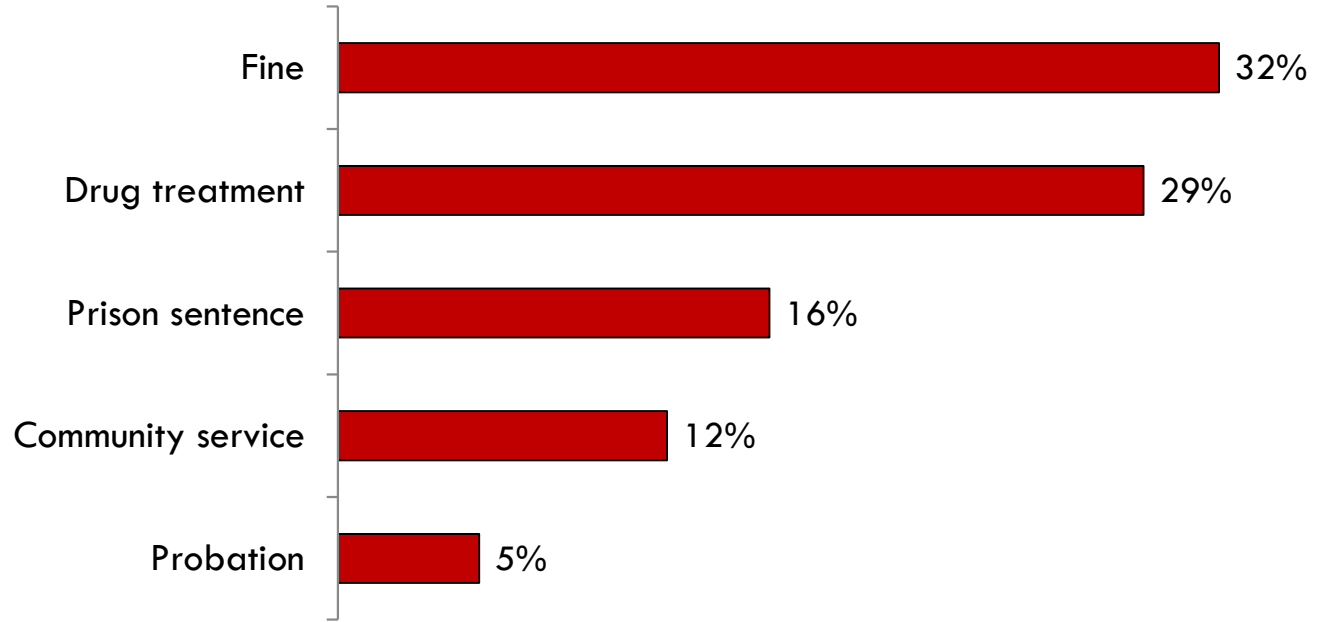


Marijuana Sentencing

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[Among those who say should be illegal for recreational use]

Which of the following items should be considered a penalty for people convicted of possessing Marijuana for personal use?



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