

1. Police treat seriously

In general, do you think the police treat cases of domestic violence seriously enough when they are called, or do you think the police are more likely to treat domestic violence as just a family matter?

	Gender			Age				3 Point Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Treat cases of domestic violence seriously enough	57%	63%	53%	53%	63%	57%	55%	52%	56%	69%
Treat domestic violence as just a family matter	43%	37%	47%	47%	37%	43%	45%	48%	44%	31%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (991)	100% (476)	100% (515)	100% (180)	100% (253)	100% (389)	100% (169)	100% (333)	100% (417)	100% (241)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Treat cases of domestic violence seriously enough	57%	58%	53%	57%	56%	60%	65%	65%	56%	53%	61%
Treat domestic violence as just a family matter	43%	42%	47%	43%	44%	40%	35%	35%	44%	47%	39%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (991)	100% (761)	100% (114)	100% (116)	100% (345)	100% (297)	100% (199)	100% (183)	100% (211)	100% (360)	100% (237)

2. Police or private issue

Do you feel that domestic violence is usually handled best by the police and the courts, or usually handled just by the people involved?

	Total	Gender		Age				3 Point Party ID		
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
The police and the courts	73%	68%	77%	67%	73%	76%	74%	79%	69%	73%
Just by the people involved	27%	32%	23%	33%	27%	24%	26%	21%	31%	27%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (983)	100% (471)	100% (512)	100% (178)	100% (253)	100% (383)	100% (169)	100% (330)	100% (414)	100% (239)

	Total	Race			Family Income			Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
The police and the courts	73%	76%	62%	67%	72%	75%	74%	77%	72%	73%	71%
Just by the people involved	27%	24%	38%	33%	28%	25%	26%	23%	28%	27%	29%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (983)	100% (753)	100% (115)	100% (115)	100% (343)	100% (293)	100% (197)	100% (181)	100% (212)	100% (357)	100% (233)

3. Always charge and prosecute

Should the police and prosecutors always arrest and charge suspected perpetrators of domestic violence regardless of what the victim wants or should they allow the victim of domestic violence to decide whether or not to prosecute?

	Total	Gender		Age				3 Point Party ID		
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Perpetrators should always be arrested and prosecuted	52%	46%	58%	49%	45%	57%	56%	59%	46%	54%
Victims should be able to decide whether or not to prosecute	29%	36%	23%	34%	33%	25%	24%	20%	33%	33%
Not sure	19%	18%	19%	17%	22%	18%	20%	21%	21%	13%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (477)	100% (518)	100% (182)	100% (256)	100% (388)	100% (169)	100% (332)	100% (420)	100% (243)

	Total	Race			Family Income			Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Perpetrators should always be arrested and prosecuted	52%	54%	46%	48%	56%	52%	47%	52%	54%	54%	45%
Victims should be able to decide whether or not to prosecute	29%	29%	32%	29%	30%	25%	35%	27%	24%	29%	36%
Not sure	19%	18%	22%	23%	15%	23%	18%	21%	21%	17%	19%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (764)	100% (115)	100% (116)	100% (346)	100% (300)	100% (198)	100% (183)	100% (213)	100% (361)	100% (238)

4. Abuser change

If someone has committed domestic violence in the past do you think that they are capable of changing or do you think it is inevitable that they will be violent again?

	Gender			Age				3 Point Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
People are capable of changing	47%	56%	39%	52%	47%	48%	40%	44%	45%	55%
Further violence is inevitable	37%	32%	41%	29%	34%	38%	49%	39%	37%	33%
Not sure	16%	12%	20%	19%	19%	15%	11%	16%	18%	12%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (992)	100% (477)	100% (515)	100% (181)	100% (253)	100% (389)	100% (169)	100% (333)	100% (417)	100% (242)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
People are capable of changing	47%	48%	47%	42%	42%	50%	61%	41%	45%	48%	51%
Further violence is inevitable	37%	37%	33%	37%	40%	33%	28%	46%	34%	35%	36%
Not sure	16%	15%	20%	20%	18%	17%	12%	14%	21%	16%	13%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (992)	100% (762)	100% (115)	100% (115)	100% (345)	100% (300)	100% (198)	100% (182)	100% (213)	100% (360)	100% (237)

5. Victim of domestic abuse

Have you ever been physically attacked by someone that you were in a romantic relationship with?

Asked of those okay with being asked about personal experience with domestic violence

	Gender			Age				3 Point Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	25%	18%	32%	14%	25%	33%	24%	27%	23%	27%
No	73%	81%	67%	83%	73%	66%	76%	72%	75%	72%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (950)	100% (457)	100% (493)	100% (167)	100% (242)	100% (377)	100% (164)	100% (316)	100% (402)	100% (232)

	Race			Family Income			Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	25%	27%	23%	20%	34%	23%	20%	18%	29%	24%	29%
No	73%	73%	74%	77%	65%	76%	80%	80%	69%	75%	70%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%	—	1%	1%	1%	1%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (950)	100% (736)	100% (107)	100% (107)	100% (328)	100% (289)	100% (194)	100% (173)	100% (205)	100% (344)	100% (228)

6. Call the police when victim

Did you ever call the police when you were physically attacked by someone you were in a romantic relationship with?

Asked of those who have ever been physically attacked by someone with whom they were in a romantic relationship

	Total	Gender		Age				3 Point Party ID		
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	32%	9%	44%	24%	27%	36%	35%	34%	32%	31%
No	66%	91%	54%	76%	73%	64%	58%	66%	68%	64%
Prefer not to say	1%	—	2%	—	—	—	7%	—	—	5%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (253)	100% (84)	100% (169)	100% (30)	100% (64)	100% (125)	100% (34)	100% (94)	100% (99)	100% (60)

	Total	Race			Family Income			Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	32%	33%	40%	18%	34%	36%	18%	43%	29%	38%	23%
No	66%	65%	60%	82%	66%	61%	82%	57%	68%	62%	75%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	—	—	—	3%	—	—	3%	—	2%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (253)	100% (193)	100% (32)	100% (28)	100% (118)	100% (68)	100% (45)	100% (38)	100% (60)	100% (90)	100% (65)

7. Personally know a victim of abuse

Do you personally know anyone who has ever been physically attacked by someone they were in a romantic relationship with?

Asked of those okay with being asked about personal experience with domestic violence

	Total	Gender		Age				3 Point Party ID		
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	59%	58%	61%	57%	58%	67%	49%	60%	60%	59%
No	40%	41%	38%	42%	40%	33%	49%	39%	39%	40%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (949)	100% (456)	100% (493)	100% (167)	100% (242)	100% (377)	100% (163)	100% (316)	100% (401)	100% (232)

	Total	Race			Family Income			Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	59%	58%	72%	58%	66%	59%	53%	50%	59%	62%	63%
No	40%	41%	26%	41%	33%	40%	47%	50%	39%	37%	36%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	—	—	2%	1%	1%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (949)	100% (736)	100% (106)	100% (107)	100% (327)	100% (290)	100% (194)	100% (173)	100% (204)	100% (344)	100% (228)

8. Call police for victim

Did the person you personally know who was physically attacked call the police?

Asked of those who personally know anyone who has ever been physically attacked by someone with whom they were in a romantic relationship

	Total	Gender		Age				3 Point Party ID		
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	39%	44%	35%	45%	40%	36%	41%	40%	41%	36%
No	39%	31%	45%	31%	36%	44%	40%	40%	34%	47%
Don't know	21%	24%	19%	23%	24%	19%	19%	21%	24%	16%
Prefer not to say	1%	0%	1%	2%	—	0%	0%	—	0%	2%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (564)	100% (256)	100% (308)	100% (93)	100% (142)	100% (244)	100% (85)	100% (188)	100% (240)	100% (136)

	Total	Race			Family Income			Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	39%	38%	41%	45%	39%	33%	44%	37%	32%	44%	41%
No	39%	37%	45%	43%	35%	47%	38%	34%	50%	33%	41%
Don't know	21%	24%	11%	12%	25%	21%	18%	30%	18%	22%	17%
Prefer not to say	1%	0%	3%	—	0%	—	—	—	—	1%	1%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (564)	100% (425)	100% (74)	100% (65)	100% (211)	100% (172)	100% (111)	100% (91)	100% (120)	100% (209)	100% (144)

9. Other call police for victim

Did you or someone else call the police for the person you personally know who was physically attacked?

Asked of those who personally know anyone who has ever been physically attacked by someone with whom they were in a romantic relationship

	Total	Gender		Age				3 Point Party ID		
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	29%	30%	28%	30%	32%	27%	26%	31%	28%	28%
No	67%	66%	68%	67%	63%	69%	69%	63%	68%	70%
Prefer not to say	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%	2%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (563)	100% (257)	100% (306)	100% (91)	100% (143)	100% (244)	100% (85)	100% (188)	100% (238)	100% (137)

	Total	Race			Family Income			Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	29%	29%	30%	27%	35%	21%	22%	25%	30%	29%	30%
No	67%	67%	64%	70%	60%	74%	77%	72%	67%	66%	65%
Prefer not to say	4%	4%	6%	3%	5%	5%	1%	3%	3%	4%	5%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (563)	100% (425)	100% (74)	100% (64)	100% (211)	100% (173)	100% (109)	100% (90)	100% (120)	100% (209)	100% (144)