

Hello, my name is _____ and I am conducting a survey for Suffolk University and the USA TODAY network. This week we are polling just Los Angeles CITY residents and I would like to include you in the survey. Would you be willing to spend up to seven minutes answering some questions? (If YES, proceed. If NO/UNDECIDED, terminate)

1.	Are you a resident of the CITY of Los Angeles? (N=500)	n	%
	Yes-----	500	100.00
2.	With which gender identity do you most identify? (OPEN) (N=500)	n	%
	Man/male -----	247	49.40
	Woman/female-----	248	49.60
	Something else/all other responses (transgender man, transgender woman, gender variant/non- conforming -----	3	0.60
	Refused-----	2	0.40
3.	What is your age category? (N=500)	n	%
	18-24 Years -----	71	14.20
	25-34 Years -----	102	20.40
	35-44 Years -----	101	20.20
	45-54 Years -----	73	14.60
	55-64 Years -----	64	12.80
	65-74 Years -----	42	8.40
	75 Years or older -----	33	6.60
	Refused-----	14	2.80
4.	For statistical purposes only, do you consider yourself? {READ} (N=500)	n	%
	White/Caucasian-----	175	35.00
	Black/African-American -----	45	9.00
	American Indian/Alaska Native-----	9	1.80
	Asian -----	49	9.80
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander -----	1	0.20
	Hispanic/Latino-----	179	35.80
	Two or more races-----	14	2.80
	Other-----	16	3.20
	Refused-----	12	2.40
5.	Do you think of yourself as a Democrat, Republican, or Independent? (N=500)	n	%
	Democrat -----	221	44.20
	Republican-----	60	12.00
	Independent -----	134	26.80
	Undecided -----	58	11.60
	Refused-----	27	5.40

6. How would you rate the city of Los Angeles as a place to live? {ROTATE .1-.4 ASC-DESC}

(N=500)	n	%
Excellent-----	56	11.20
Good-----	164	32.80
Fair-----	175	35.00
Poor-----	99	19.80
Undecided-----	6	1.20
Refused-----	0	0.00

7. Of the following issues, what do you think is the biggest issue facing the city of Los Angeles today? {RANDOMIZE .1-.9}

(N=500)	n	%
Police reform-----	10	2.00
Public safety-----	19	3.80
Affordable housing-----	107	21.40
Jobs-----	7	1.40
Education-----	12	2.40
Taxes-----	17	3.40
Race relations-----	8	1.60
COVID-19-----	41	8.20
Homelessness-----	235	47.00
Other-----	32	6.40
Undecided-----	12	2.40
Refused-----	0	0.00

8. How would you rate the job the Los Angeles police are doing? {ROTATE ASC-DESC}

(N=500)	n	%
Excellent-----	48	9.60
Good-----	145	29.00
Fair-----	188	37.60
Poor-----	99	19.80
Undecided-----	18	3.60
Refused-----	2	0.40

9. Unless they qualify for a waiver, do you think Los Angeles police officers should be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19, or lose their jobs – yes or no?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	307	61.40
No-----	169	33.80
Undecided-----	21	4.20
Refused-----	3	0.60

10. Do you think Los Angeles police officers have responded appropriately when removing unhoused people from public parks and sidewalks – yes or no?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	198	39.60
No-----	211	42.20
Undecided-----	87	17.40
Refused-----	4	0.80

11. Do you think more city funding should be used to help the homeless, even if that means cutting other city programs – yes or no?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	272	54.40
No-----	170	34.00
Undecided-----	53	10.60
Refused-----	5	1.00

12. Do you think more city funding should be used to help the homeless, even if that means raising taxes – yes or no?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	227	45.40
No-----	231	46.20
Undecided-----	38	7.60
Refused-----	4	0.80

13. In your own neighborhood, have you seen an increase or decrease in homicides and shootings in the last year or two?

(N=500)	n	%
Increase-----	183	36.60
Decrease-----	98	19.60
Same-----	138	27.60
Undecided-----	81	16.20
Refused-----	0	0.00

14. To the best of your knowledge, compared to thirty years ago (the early 1990s), is there: more, less, or about the same amount of violent crime in Los Angeles?

(N=500)	n	%
More violent crime-----	192	38.40
Less violent crime-----	158	31.60
Same-----	71	14.20
Undecided-----	72	14.40
Refused-----	7	1.40

15. Homicides and shootings have increased significantly in Los Angeles since 2019. WHY do you think that has happened?

(N=500)	n	%
“Covid-19/Pandemic”	65	13.00
“Lack of consequences”	33	6.60
“Drugs/Gangs”	27	5.40
“Gun control/Access to guns”	26	5.20
“Unemployment”	27	5.40
“Police”	27	5.40
“Homeless”	24	4.80
“Economy”	23	4.60
“Desperate/Frustrated/Angry”	14	2.80
“Party affiliation/Trump”	12	2.40
“Defund the police”	11	2.20
“Income inequality”	11	2.20
“Poverty”	11	2.20
“Leadership/Governor”	10	2.00
“People are crazy”	10	2.00
“People are broke/no income”	9	1.80
“Population increase”	6	1.20
“Mental health issues”	7	1.40
“Race relations/issues”	8	1.60
“Stress”	6	1.20
“Lack of resources/support”	6	1.20
Other	33	6.60
DK/NA/Refused	94	18.80

16. Thinking about the city of Los Angeles in general, do you feel you are treated the same as residents of other races, or do you think you are treated differently because of your race?

(N=500)	n	%
Treated the same as others	223	44.60
Treated differently	248	49.60
Undecided	24	4.80
Refused	5	1.00

{FOR 16.2}

17. Are you treated better or worse than others because of your race?

(N=248)	n	%
Better	114	45.97
Worse	109	43.95
Undecided	22	8.87
Refused	3	1.21

18. Do you generally feel safe in your neighborhood – yes or no?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes	402	80.40
No	86	17.20
Undecided	11	2.20
Refused	1	0.20

19. If you witnessed a crime, how likely would you be to report it or to provide information to the police? Would you say...? {ROTATE ASCENDING – DESCENDING .1-.4}

(N=500)	n	%
Very likely-----	340	68.00
Somewhat likely-----	89	17.80
Not very likely-----	26	5.20
Not at all likely-----	23	4.60
Undecided-----	18	3.60
Refused-----	4	0.80

20. Would you feel safer with more or fewer police officers on the job in your neighborhood?

(N=500)	n	%
More-----	318	63.60
Fewer-----	97	19.40
Undecided-----	81	16.20
Refused-----	4	0.80

21. Do you think the Los Angeles police use force only when necessary – yes or no?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	190	38.00
No-----	260	52.00
Undecided-----	47	9.40
Refused-----	3	0.60

22. Have you ever called the police for help yourself – yes or no?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	269	53.80
No-----	228	45.60
Undecided-----	1	0.20
Refused-----	2	0.40

{FOR 22.1}

23. How satisfied were you with how the police handled your call for help? {ROTATE ASCENDING – DESCENDING .1-.4}

(N=269)	n	%
Very satisfied-----	99	36.80
Somewhat satisfied-----	92	34.20
Not very satisfied-----	32	11.90
Not at all satisfied-----	44	16.36
Undecided-----	2	0.74
Refused-----	0	0.00

24. Has a police officer ever stopped you (while investigating a crime) – yes or no?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	135	27.00
No-----	358	71.60
Undecided-----	4	0.80
Refused-----	3	0.60

25. {FOR 24.1} How satisfied were you with how the police handled that encounter? {ROTATE ASCENDING – DESCENDING .1-.4}

(N=135)	n	%
Very satisfied -----	48	35.56
Somewhat satisfied-----	27	20.00
Not very satisfied-----	14	10.37
Not at all satisfied-----	43	31.85
Undecided-----	3	2.22
Refused-----	0	0.00

26. Which comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right? {ROTATE}

(N=500)	n	%
The LA police generally do a good job and treat people of different races fairly, even if there are a few bad apples on the force. -----	299	59.80
The LA police are racist in the way they treat people, even if some of them try to do a good job. -	161	32.20
Undecided-----	36	7.20
Refused-----	4	0.80

27. Quote “defund the police” end quote, is a slogan some activists have espoused. Is that an idea you support or oppose?

(N=500)	n	%
Support-----	159	31.80
Oppose-----	283	56.60
Undecided-----	56	11.20
Refused-----	2	0.40

28. Would you support or oppose the idea of cutting some funding from the police and using the money for social services – for instance, to help the homeless and the mentally ill?

(N=500)	n	%
Support-----	303	60.60
Oppose-----	163	32.60
Undecided-----	32	6.40
Refused-----	2	0.40

29. Thinking about where you live and work, do you find yourself spending most of your time with people of the same race? Or do you find yourself spending most of your time with people of different races?

(N=500)	n	%
Same race-----	133	26.60
Different races-----	346	69.20
Undecided-----	13	2.60
Refused-----	8	1.60

30. In your opinion, has the media exaggerated stories of police brutality and racism in this country – yes or no?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes-----	210	42.00
No-----	255	51.00
Undecided-----	32	6.40
Refused-----	3	0.60

31. In 1991, there was a confrontation between Los Angeles police officers and a black motorist named Rodney King that sparked riots. Of the following three options, which comes closest to your awareness of this event? {ROTATE ASCENDING – DESCENDING .1-.3}

(N=500)	n	%
I remember the event from 1991 -----	292	58.40
I wasn't aware of it in 1991, but I've read or heard about it since then-----	157	31.40
I haven't heard about it -----	42	8.40
Undecided -----	7	1.40
Refused-----	2	0.40

32. {FOR 31.1 – 31.2} Just your best guess, did this event have a major impact on Los Angeles and its residents, or not?

(N=449)	n	%
Yes, had a major impact-----	384	85.52
No, did not have a major impact -----	42	9.35
Undecided -----	23	5.12
Refused-----	0	0.00

33. Thinking about the past thirty years, do you think the relationship between the community and the Los Angeles police has gotten better or worse, or it hasn't changed?

(N=500)	n	%
Better -----	146	29.20
Worse-----	161	32.20
No change -----	137	26.40
Undecided -----	54	11.80
Refused-----	2	0.40

34. In the case of Rodney King, four LA police officers were eventually tried on charges of using excessive force, but none were convicted. Two of the officers were later found guilty of federal civil rights violations. Just your best guess -- if this happened today, would the police officers be more likely to have been convicted of using excessive force, or less likely, or would it not be any different?

(N=500)	n	%
More likely to be convicted-----	314	62.80
Less likely -----	38	7.60
No difference-----	111	22.20
Undecided -----	33	6.60
Refused-----	4	0.80

{THE FINAL QUESTIONS WILL HELP US CLASSIFY YOUR RESPONSES WITH OTHERS TAKING THE SURVEY}

35. What is the highest level of education you have completed? {READ}

(N=500)	n	%
Some high school-----	68	13.60
High school graduate -----	97	19.40
Some college-----	111	22.20
Trade/technical/vocational training-----	28	5.60
College graduate-----	121	24.20
Masters or PhD -----	69	13.80
Undecided -----	6	1.20

36.	What is your annual household income? {READ}		
	(N=500)	n	%
	Under \$20,000 per year -----	61	12.20
	Under \$50,000 per year -----	88	17.60
	Under \$75,000 per year -----	79	15.80
	Under \$100,000 per year -----	70	14.00
	Under \$140,000 per year -----	57	11.40
	\$140,000 per year or more -----	82	16.40
	Undecided -----	63	12.60
37.	What best describes your current living situation? {RANDOMIZE .1-.7}		
	(N=500)	n	%
	Homeowner -----	188	37.60
	Renter -----	278	55.60
	Los Angeles public housing -----	5	1.00
	Los Angeles affordable housing -----	5	1.00
	University housing/dormitory -----	5	1.00
	Assisted living or nursing home -----	0	0.00
	Currently displaced or homeless -----	3	0.60
	Undecided -----	13	2.60
	Refused -----	3	0.60
38.	Does anyone in your household own a firearm – yes or no?		
	(N=500)	n	%
	Yes -----	90	18.00
	No -----	386	77.20
	Undecided -----	9	1.80
	Refused -----	15	3.00
39.	Do any members of your household work in public safety – yes or no?		
	(N=500)	n	%
	Yes -----	31	6.20
	No -----	464	92.80
	Undecided -----	1	0.20
	Refused -----	4	0.80
40.	Are any members of your household part of the LGBTQ community – yes or no?		
	(N=500)	n	%
	Yes -----	73	14.60
	No -----	422	84.40
	Undecided -----	2	0.40
	Refused -----	3	0.60

[THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. HAVE A NICE DAY/EVENING.]