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Illinois Voters Oppose Police Militarization; Racial Differences Appear in Evaluations of Police

While most Illinoisans are satisfied with their police department's performance, response time, and treatment of different members of the community, opinions among non-whites are less positive, according to a new poll by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University.

Illinoisans also oppose the idea of arming police with military equipment and are split on whether it is necessary for a police force's racial makeup to match its community.

The poll of 1006 registered voters was taken Sept. 23 – Oct. 15 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The poll finds race plays a role in opinion differences among registered voters, with non-whites being more critical of police than whites on most issues, especially when it comes to the racial makeup of local police forces. Geographical areas and neighborhood type also make a difference, with Chicago or more diverse neighborhoods being more likely to see police in a less favorable light compared to their suburban, downstate, and predominately white neighborhood counterparts.

The poll examined broad questions concerning race and law enforcement in Illinois. It found Illinoisans are:

***Split on whether a police department's racial make-up should match the community it serves.** There were 47.8 percent of respondents saying matching racial make-up is necessary while 46.0 percent of respondents maintain that it isn't necessary. The difference is well within the margin of error for the entire sample.

Nearly 7 out of 10 black respondents stated that the racial composition of their local police department should be similar to the community's, while one half of white respondents said it is not necessary.

Clear majorities exist when political party and ideology are introduced. There were 67.7 percent of Republicans and 63.7 percent of conservatives who said matching the racial composition of a police force with its home community isn't necessary. These ratios almost flip when looking at Democrats and liberals, who said that police department racial composition does matter at 61.3 percent and 61.2 percent, respectively.

Geographically, 60.5 percent of Chicago residents polled agree their police department's racial makeup is important, while just 38.3 percent of Downstate residents take that same view. Respondents in the Chicago suburbs were almost equally divided.

"Living among people of different races and ethnicities makes a person more likely to agree that diversity is important in public officials," said Kent Dolezal, Simon Graduate Research Fellow, who worked on the poll. "Those living in mostly white neighborhoods most likely already have a police force that is of the same racial makeup. They may not see this being an issue of concern since they aren't experiencing it themselves."

***Give good marks to their local police department on the quality of their police protection.** Seven of ten Illinoisans give their local police department a favorable evaluation on police protection, while one in four give only fair or poor marks.

Republicans give local police the highest marks with over four out of five saying their police are excellent or good. Democrats and Independents give close to equal excellent or good ratings of around 70 percent. From a demographic standpoint, while four out of five whites give their police departments high marks, just half of black respondents do likewise. Black respondents also have the largest share of dissatisfaction at 47.3 percent.

Overall, Chicago residents gave the lowest ratings with two-thirds giving the excellent or good ratings, compared to the Chicago suburbs where the top ratings come from three-fourths of the sample. Downstate residents' ratings rest almost exactly between their two counterparts at 71.9 percent.

***Think police response times are good.** Seven out of ten Illinoisans say their police department is either excellent or good at quickly responding to calls for help and assistance. Police receive high marks across the political and ideological spectrum, topping 70 percent in most cases.

When race and ethnicity are taken into account, three-fourths of white Illinoisans give ratings of excellent or good. But that falls to just over a half when asking black Illinoisans, who report dissatisfaction with police timeliness almost two fifths of the time. Citizens of other races and ethnicities rate police highly two-thirds of the time.

***Believe their police department's racial makeup is similar to the community.** Almost three of five Illinoisans agree that their local police department's racial makeup represents that of the community.

However, black respondents were evenly split with 46.6 percent saying the police makeup was similar to their communities while 45.2 percent took the opposite view. Among

other non-whites, 51.0 percent stated the police were representative while 29.8 percent said otherwise. In the white community, 61.8 percent of respondents state the police reflect their community

When taking the area of the state or the racial composition of the neighborhood into consideration, a large proportion of blacks and other non-whites continue to see their police departments as out of balance with the local population; this is especially true in the Chicago suburbs, downstate and in more diverse neighborhoods. The white respondents in those same areas had responses of “don’t know” near or over 20 percent.

“When we see one set of people very tuned into an issue and a large portion of the other set not seeing it as an issue at all, the chances of a serious, constructive conversation are reduced,” Dolezal said. “One group is mystified why the other group is so concerned with the situation. At the same time, that second group is confused why the other group doesn’t seem to get it.”

***Feel police respond equally to all community members.** As to whether local police respond equally to the needs of all community members, Illinoisans in the poll affirmed the statement by a 76.3 percent to 12.7 percent margin. At 86.6 percent Republicans are the strongest supporters of this statement. Democrats and Independents both tally above 70 percent. Ideologically, conservatives are most likely to agree on the notion at 83.5%; Liberals and moderates agree at 71.9 percent and 75.7 percent, respectively.

As with other questions, the story is different when race, geographical area and neighborhood composition are added to the analysis. Whites, taken as a whole, see police providing services to all community members at high rates (80.4 percent). Whites living in predominately white neighborhoods affirmed the statement at 83.1 percent Whites living in more diverse neighborhoods and/or Chicago still supported the notion of non-bias among police officers at rates over 70 percent.

Police still had good favorability numbers when the views of minority groups are investigated. Black respondents gave the lowest marks among racial groups, but claims of equal treatment by police were still strong at 63 percent. Non-whites in Chicago were the most critical with only 55.1 percent seeing no bias.

Although police departments did not achieve any ratings below 50 percent, the disapproval numbers do become significant among minorities, topping 30 percent in Chicago, Downstate and for those living in diverse neighborhoods.

***Don’t want local police to have military equipment.** Three out of five Illinoisans said military style weapons and vehicles should be reserved for the armed forces and not be used by local police. Democrats and liberals are the strongest opponents, both topping 70 percent. Over half of Republicans and conservatives shared that opinion.

Among racial groups, seven of ten black respondents say such weapons should be returned to the military, compared with 61.9 percent of white respondents. Geographically,

opposition to police militarization was strongest in Chicago (69.5 percent) and its suburbs (67.2 percent), while downstate the opposition to militarization was still a majority (54.5 percent).

The Simon Institute Poll interviewed 1,006 registered voters across Illinois. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level. This means that if we were to conduct the survey 100 times, in 95 of those instances the results would vary by no more than plus or minus 3 points from the results obtained here.

Live telephone interviews were conducted by Customer Research International of San Marcos, Texas. Cell phone interviews accounted for 30 percent of the sample. A Spanish language version of the questionnaire and a Spanish-speaking interviewer were made available. Fieldwork was conducted from September 23 through October 15. Customer Research International reports no Illinois political clients. The survey was paid for with non-tax dollars from the Institute's endowment fund.

Crosstabs for the referenced questions will be on the Institute's web site, palusimoninstitute.org.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. My local police department represents the racial makeup of my community.

	Gender		
Whole sample	Male	Female	Total
Agree	61.4%	54.6%	58.0%
Disagree	20.9%	19.9%	20.3%
Neither	4.6%	4.8%	4.7%
Don't Know	13.1%	21.0%	17.1%
Count	502	504	1006

Race/Ethnicity

Whole sample	White	Black	Other races/ethnicities	Refused	Total
Agree	61.8%	46.6%	51.0%	51.1%	58.0%
Disagree	13.5%	45.2%	29.8%	23.4%	20.3%
Neither	5.1	2.1%	6.7%	2.1%	4.7
Don't know	19.6%	6.2%	12.5%	23.4%	17.1%
Count	709	146	104	47	1006

Political Party Affiliation

Whole sample	Democratic	Independent	Republican	Other/Don't know	Total
Agree	58.4%	56.0%	59.1%	55.9%	58.1%
Disagree	24.3%	15.7%	18.2%	14.0%	20.3%
Neither	4.4%	7.8%	3.3%	4.3%	4.7%
Don't know	13.0%	20.5%	19.3%	25.8%	16.7%
Count	478	269	166	93	1006

Ideology

Whole sample	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Don't know	Total
Agree	57.0%	59.8%	59.0%	48.1%	58.0%
Disagree	22.8%	19.9%	18.9%	13.5%	20.3%
Neither	4.5%	4.7%	3.4%	13.5%	4.7%
Don't know	15.7%	15.6%	18.6%	25.0%	16.7%
Count	356	276	322	52	1006

	Area			
Whole Sample	Chicago	Chicago Suburb	Downstate	Total
Agree	57.5%	59.4%	55.8%	58.0%
Disagree	22.5%	20.3%	18.8%	20.3%
Neither	6.0%	3.4%	5.9%	4.7%
Don't know	14.0%	16.9%	19.5%	17.1%
Count	200	503	303	1006
Whites only	Chicago	Chicago Suburb	Downstate	Total
Agree	63.2%	64.5%	57.5%	61.8%
Disagree	14.4%	10.7%	17.0%	13.5%
Neither	3.8%	4.7%	6.0%	5.1%
Don't know	18.9%	20.1%	19.2%	17.1%
Count	106	338	265	709
Non- Whites only	Chicago	Chicago Suburb	Downstate	Total
Agree	50.0%	47.3%	45.0%	48.0%
Disagree	34.6%	42.7%	50.0%	40.6%
Neither	7.7%	0.8%	5.0%	3.5%
Don't know	7.7%	9.2%	0%	7.9%
Count	78	131	20	229

Neighborhood Composition

Whole sample	All/Mostly White	Diverse Neighborhood	Other/ Don't know	Total
Agree	64.8%	49.4%	43.6%	58.0%
Disagree	13.0%	30.2%	28.2%	20.3%
Neither	3.8%	6.1%	2.6%	4.7%
Don't know	18.4%	14.3%	25.6%	17.1%
Count	576	391	39	1006

Whites only	All/Mostly White	Diverse Neighborhood	Other/ Don't know	Total
Agree	65.7%	53.4%	38.9%	61.8%
Disagree	11.2%	18.5%	27.8%	13.5%
Neither	4.4%	6.9%	5.6%	5.1%
Don't know	18.7%	21.2%	27.8%	19.6%
Count	502	189	18	709

Non-Whites Only	All/Mostly White	Diverse Neighborhood	Other/ Don't know	Total
Agree	52.0%	46.2%	66.7%	48.0%
Disagree	38.0%	42.2%	16.7%	40.6%
Neither	0%	4.6%	0%	3.5%
Don't know	10.0%	6.9%	16.9%	7.9%
Count	50	173	6	229

2. How would you rate your local police department on police protection?

Gender

Whole sample	Male	Female	Total
Excellent, Good	71.1%	74.4%	72.8%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	26.7%	22.0%	24.4%
Don't Know	2.2%	3.6%	2.9%
Count	502	504	1006

Whole sample	White	Black	Other races/ethnicities	Refused	Total
Excellent, Good	79.5%	50.7%	65.4%	55.3%	72.8%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	17.2%	47.3%	33.7%	40.4%	24.4%
Don't know	3.2%	2.1%	1.0%	4.3%	2.9%
Count	709	146	104	47	1006

Race/Ethnicity

Political Party Affiliation

Whole sample	Democratic	Independent	Republican	Other/Don't know	Total
Excellent, Good	70.1%	68.7%	81.0%	69.9	72.8%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	27.8%	17.5%	17.5%	21.5%	24.4%
Don't know	2.1%	4.2%	1.5%	8.6%	2.9%
Count	478	269	166	93	1006

Ideology

Whole sample	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Don't know	Total
Excellent, Good	73.6%	72.1%	74.8%	57.7%	72.8%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	24.4%	24.3%	22.7%	34.6%	24.4%
Don't know	2.0%	3.6%	2.5%	7.7%	2.9%
Count	356	275	322	52	1006

Area

Whole Sample	Chicago	Chicago Suburb	Downstate	Total
Excellent, Good	67.5%	75.3%	71.9%	72.8%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	28.0%	22.9%	24.4%	24.4%
Don't know	4.5%	1.8%	3.6%	2.9%
Count	200	503	303	1006

Whites only	Chicago	Chicago Suburb	Downstate	Total
Excellent, Good	78.3%	83.7%	74.7%	79.5%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	16.0%	14.5%	21.1%	17.2%
Don't know	5.7%	1.8%	4.2%	3.2%
Count	106	338	265	709

Non-whites only	Chicago	Chicago Suburb	Downstate	Total
Excellent, Good	53.8%	57.3%	55.0%	55.9%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	42.3%	42.0%	45.0%	42.4%

Don't know	3.8%	0.8%	0%	1.7%
Count	78	131	20	229

Neighborhood Composition

Whole sample	All/Mostly White	Diverse Neighborhood	Other/Don't know	Total
Excellent, Good	80.9%	61.4%	66.7%	72.8%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	16.6%	36.3%	28.2%	46.0%
Don't know	3.1%	2.3%	5.1%	2.9%
Count	576	391	39	1006

Whites only	All/Mostly White	Diverse Neighborhood	Other/Don't know	Total
Excellent, Good	81.9%	74.1%	72.2%	79.5%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	14.7%	23.3%	22.2%	17.2%
Don't know	3.4%	2.6%	5.6%	3.2%
Count	502	189	18	709

Non-whites only	All/Mostly White	Diverse Neighborhood	Other/Don't know	Total
Excellent, Good	78.0%	48.6%	83.3%	55.9%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	20.0%	49.7%	22.2%	42.4%
Don't know	2.0%	1.7%	5.6%	1.7%
Count	50	173	18	229

3. How would you rate your local police department on the ability to respond quickly to calls for help and assistance?

Gender

Whole sample	Male	Female	Total
Excellent, Good	70.5%	72.6%	71.6%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	23.7%	19.0%	21.4%
Don't Know	5.8%	8.3%	7.1%
Count	502	504	1006

Political Party Affiliation

Whole sample	Democratic	Independent	Republican	Other/Don't know	Total
Excellent, Good	70.1%	67.5%	78.8%	65.6%	71.6%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	27.8%	14.5%	24.1%	25.8%	21.4%
Don't know	6.5%	6.7%	8.4%	8.6%	7.1%
Count	478	269	166	93	1006

Race/Ethnicity

Whole sample	White	Black	Other races/ethnicities	Refused	Total
Excellent, Good	76.4%	53.4%	66.3%	66.0%	71.6%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	15.7%	40.4%	29.8%	29.8%	21.4%
Don't know	7.4%	6.2%	3.8%	4.3%	7.1%
Count	709	146	104	47	1006

Ideology

Whole sample	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Don't know	Total
Excellent, Good	69.4%	72.5%	75.8%	55.8%	71.6%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	23.8%	21.0%	18.3%	26.9%	21.4%
Don't know	7.0%	6.5%	5.9%	17.3%	7.1%
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Area

Whole Sample	Chicago	Chicago Suburb	Downstate	Total
Excellent, Good	59.0%	74.2%	75.6%	71.6%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	28.5%	20.9%	17.5%	21.4%
Don't know	12.5%	5.0%	6.9%	7.1%
Count	200	503	303	1006

Whites only	Chicago	Chicago Suburb	Downstate	Total
Excellent, Good	64.2%	80.5%	76.2%	76.4%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	21.7%	13.3%	16.2%	15.7%
Don't know	14.2%	6.2%	7.5%	7.9%
Count	106	338	265	709

Non-whites only	Chicago	Chicago Suburb	Downstate	Total
Excellent, Good	53.8%	58.8%	70.0%	58.1%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	35.9%	38.9%	25.0%	36.7%
Don't know	10.3%	2.3%	5.0%	5.2%

Count	78	131	20	229
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Neighborhood Composition

Whole sample	All/Mostly White	Diverse Neighborhood	Other/ Don't know	Total
Excellent, Good	77.6%	63.2%	66.7%	71.6%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	14.8%	31.5%	17.9%	21.4%
Don't know	7.6%	5.4%	15.4%	7.1%
Count	576	391	39	1006

Whites only	All/Mostly White	Diverse Neighborhood	Other/ Don't know	Total
Excellent, Good	77.9%	73.5%	66.7%	76.4%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	13.9%	20.6%	11.1%	15.7%
Don't know	8.2%	5.8%	22.2%	7.9%
Count	502	189	18	709

Non-whites only	All/Mostly White	Diverse Neighborhood	Other/ Don't know	Total
Excellent, Good	76.0%	52.0%	83.3%	58.1%
Fair, Poor, Very Poor	18.0%	42.8%	16.7%	36.7%
Don't know	6.0%	5.2%	0%	5.2%
Count	50	173	6	229

4. Should the racial makeup of a community's police department be similar to the racial makeup of that community as a whole, or isn't it necessary?

Gender

Whole sample	Male	Female	Total
Yes, should be similar	48.2%	47.4%	47.8%
No, not necessary	46.6%	45.4%	46.0%
Don't Know	5.2%	7.1%	6.2%

Race/Ethnicity

Whole sample	White	Black	Other races/ethnicities	Refused	Total
Yes, should be similar	43.2%	68.5%	51.0%	46.8%	47.9%
No, not necessary	49.9%	28.8%	43.3%	46.8%	45.9%
Don't know	6.9%	2.7%	5.8%	6.4%	6.2%
Count	709	146	104	47	1006

Political Party Affiliation

Whole sample	Democratic	Independent	Republican	Other/Don't know	Total
Yes, should be similar	61.3%	45.2%	27.9%	40.9	47.8%
No, not necessary	33.3%	45.8%	67.7%	49.5	46.0%
Don't know	5.4%	9.0%	4.5%	9.6%	6.2%
Count	478	269	166	93	1006

Ideology

Whole sample	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Don't know	Total
Yes, should be similar	62.1%	50.4%	31.4%	44.4%	47.8%
No, not necessary	32.9%	42.4%	63.7%	46.2%	46.0%
Don't know	5.9%	7.2%	5.0%	9.6%	6.2%
Count	356	276	322	53	1006

Area

Whole Sample	Chicago	Chicago Suburb	Downstate	Total
Yes, should be similar	60.5%	48.5%	38.3%	47.8%
No, not necessary	35.0%	45.3%	54.4%	46.0%
Don't know	4.5%	6.2%	7.3%	6.2%
Count	200	503	303	1006
White Only	Chicago	Chicago Suburb	Downstate	Total
Yes, should be similar	53.8%	45.3%	36.2%	43.2%
No, not necessary	40.6%	48.2%	55.8%	49.9%
Don't know	5.7%	6.5%	7.9%	6.9%
Count	148	344	213	705
Non-White Only	Chicago	Chicago Suburb	Downstate	Total
Yes, should be similar	67.9%	59.5%	65.0%	62.9%
No, not necessary	28.2%	35.1%	35.0%	32.8%
Don't know	3.8%	5.3%	0%	4.4%
Count	148	344	213	705

Neighborhood Composition

Whole sample	All/Mostly White	Diverse Neighborhood	Other/ Don't know	Total
Yes, should be similar	42.7%	55.8%	43.6%	47.8%
No, not necessary	51.2%	38.1%	48.7%	46.0%
Don't know	5.9%	7.2%	7.7%	6.2%
Count	576	391	39	1006

Whites only	All/Mostly White	Diverse Neighborhood	Other/ Don't know	Total
Yes, should be similar	41.0%	48.7%	44.4%	43.2%
No, not necessary	52.4%	43.4%	50.0%	49.9%
Don't know	6.6%	7.3%	5.6%	6.9%
Count	399	283	23	705

Non-Whites only	All/Mostly White	Diverse Neighborhood	Other/ Don't know	Total
Yes, should be similar	64.0%	63.6%	33.3%	62.9%
No, not necessary	34.0%	31.8%	50.0%	32.8%
Don't know	2.0%	4.6%	16.7%	4.4%
Count	50	173	6	229

5. My local police department responds to the needs of all members of the community.

Gender

Whole sample	Male	Female	Total
Agree	77.9%	74.8%	76.3%
Disagree	12.2%	13.3%	12.7%
Neither	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%
Don't Know	7.2%	9.1%	8.2%
Count	502	504	1006

Race/Ethnicity

Whole sample	White	Black	Other races/ethnicities	Refused	Total
Agree	80.4%	63.0%	73.1%	63.8%	76.3%
Disagree	9.0%	28.1%	17.3%	10.6%	12.7%
Neither	2.5%	2.7%	3.8%	4.3%	2.8%
Don't know	8.0%	6.2%	5.8%	21.3%	8.2%
Count	705	146	104	47	1006

Political Party Affiliation

Whole sample	Democratic	Independent	Republican	Other/Don't know	Total
Agree	73.4%	70.5%	86.6%	72.0%	76.3%
Disagree	15.5%	15.1%	5.9%	16.1%	14.0%
Neither	3.3%	4.2%	1.1%	2.1%	2.8
Don't know	7.7%	10.2%	6.3%	3.7%	11.8%
Count	478	269	166	93	1006

Ideology

Whole sample	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Don't know	Total
Agree	71.9%	75.7%	83.5%	65.4%	76.3%
Disagree	14.9%	13.8%	8.4%	19.2%	12.7%
Neither	3.7%	2.5%	2.2%	1.9%	2.8%
Don't know	9.6%	8.0%	5.9%	13.5%	8.2%
Count	356	276	322	52	1006

Area

Whole Sample	Chicago	Chicago Suburb	Downstate	Total
Agree	63.0%	79.3%	80.2%	76.3%
Disagree	19.0%	11.7%	10.2%	12.7%
Neither	5.0%	2.0%	2.6%	2.8%
Don't know	13.0%	7.0%	6.9%	8.2%
Count	200	503	303	1006

Whites only	Chicago	Chicago Suburb	Downstate	Total
Agree	71.1%	81.6%	82.3%	80.4%
Disagree	11.3%	8.3%	9.1%	9.0%
Neither	2.8%	2.1%	3.0%	2.5%
Don't know	14.2%	8.0%	5.7%	8.0%
Count	106	338	265	709

Non-Whites only	Chicago	Chicago Suburb	Downstate	Total
Agree	55.1%	72.5%	65.0%	65.9%
Disagree	30.8%	21.4%	30.0%	25.9%
Neither	6.4%	1.5%	0%	3.1%
Don't know	7.7%	4.6%	5.0%	5.7%
Count	78	131	20	229

Neighborhood Composition

Whole sample	All/Mostly White	Diverse Neighborhood	Other/ Don't know	Total
Agree	81.8%	69.9%	64.1%	76.3%
Disagree	7.1%	20.7%	15.4%	12.7%
Neither	3.3%	2.0%	2.6%	2.8%
Don't know	7.8%	7.7%	17.9%	8.2%
Count	576	391	39	1006

Whites only	All/Mostly White	Diverse Neighborhood	Other/ Don't know	Total
Agree	83.1%	74.6%	66.7%	80.4%
Disagree	6.6%	14.8%	16.7%	9.0%
Neither	3.2%	1.1%	0%	2.5%
Don't know	7.2%	9.5%	16.7%	8.0%
Count	502	189	18	709

Non-whites only	All/Mostly White	Diverse Neighborhood	Other/ Don't know	Total
Agree	76.0%	62.4%	88.3%	65.9%
Disagree	12.0%	30.1%	0%	25.3%
Neither	6.0%	2.3%	0%	2.5%
Don't know	6.0%	5.2%	16.7%	5.7%
Count	50	173	6	229

6. Should local police forces have military weapons and vehicles, such as assault rifles and tanks, or should these kinds of weapons be reserved only for the military and National Guard?

Gender

Whole sample	Male	Female	Total
Should have	33.3%	21.8%	27.8%
Only military	60.0%	67.7%	63.8%
Don't Know	6.2%	9.1%	8.3%
Count	502	504	1006

Race/Ethnicity

Whole sample	White	Black	Other races/ethnicities	Refused	Total
Should have	28.9%	25.3%	26.0%	23.4%	27.8%
Only military	61.9%	70.5%	67.3%	63.8%	63.8%
Don't know	9.2%	4.1%	6.7%	12.8%	8.3%
Count	709	146	104	47	1006

Political Party Affiliation

Whole sample	Democratic	Independent	Republican	Other/Don't know	Total
Should have	22.6%	27.1%	37.5%	28.0%	27.8%
Only military	71.3%	65.1%	52.4%	55.9%	63.8%
Don't know	6.1%	7.8%	10.0%	16.1%	8.3%
Count	478	269	166	93	1006

Ideology

Whole sample	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Don't know	Total
Should have	22.2%	24.3%	36.0%	34.6%	27.8%
Only military	71.9%	68.5%	53.1%	50.0%	63.8%
Don't know	5.9%	7.2%	10.9%	15.4%	8.3%
Count	356	276	322	52	1006

Whole Sample	Area			Total
	Chicago	Chicago Suburb	Downstate	
Should have	25.0%	26.0%	32.7%	27.8%
Only military	69.5%	67.2%	54.5%	63.8%
Don't know	5.5%	6.8%	12.9%	8.3%
Count	200	503	303	1006
Whites only	Chicago	Chicago Suburb	Downstate	Total
Should have	26.4%	26.6%	32.8%	28.9%
Only military	66.0%	66.6%	54.3%	61.9%
Don't know	7.5%	6.8%	12.8%	9.2%
Count	106	338	265	709
Non-Whites only	Chicago	Chicago Suburb	Downstate	Total
Should have	23.1%	24.4%	25.0%	24.0%
Only military	75.6%	71.0%	55.0%	71.2%
Don't know	1.3%	4.6%	20.0%	5.7%
Count	78	131	20	229

Neighborhood Composition

Whole sample	All/Mostly White	Diverse Neighborhood	Other/Don't know	Total
Should have	27.6%	28.1%	28.2%	27.8%
Only military	62.8%	65.5%	61.5%	63.8%
Don't know	9.5%	6.4%	10.3%	8.3%
Count	576	391	39	1006

Whites only	All/Mostly White	Diverse Neighborhood	Other/Don't know	Total
Should have	27.1%	33.9%	27.8%	28.9%
Only military	63.3%	57.7%	66.7%	61.9%
Don't know	9.6%	8.5%	5.6%	9.2%
Count	502	189	18	1006

Non-Whites only	All/Mostly White	Diverse Neighborhood	Other/Don't know	Total
Should have	32.0%	21.4%	33.3%	24.0%
Only military	60.0%	74.6%	66.7%	71.2%
Don't know	8.0%	4.0%	0%	4.8%
Count	50	173	6	229