

# National Opinion Survey of 1,000,000 Americans

## Concerning the War on America's Police and Keeping Our Neighborhoods Safe

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please fill in the oval next to the answer that comes closest to your view – like this . Leave questions blank if you prefer not to answer. Feel free to write your own answer if you don't find your opinion in the answer options.

**ABOUT THIS SURVEY:** We will release the results of this survey and make it available to your Governor.

**QUESTION #1:** Do you think most police officers behave recklessly, perhaps even maliciously, as many in the media and elsewhere claim? Or do you think our police are an overall force for good, and are just trying to do a dangerous job often under very difficult circumstances?

**20%** I think most police behave recklessly and even maliciously when on the job.

**75%** I think our police are an overall force for good and are just trying to do a dangerous job often under very difficult circumstances.

**5%** Don't Know/Undecided

**QUESTION #2:** Would you like to see more police patrolling your community? Or fewer police?

**72%** I would like to see MORE POLICE patrolling my community.

**21%** Fewer Police      **5%** About the Same      **2%** No Opinion

**QUESTION #3:** Do you think the anti-police rhetoric we're hearing from the news media and others is contributing to this increase in our police officers being gunned down?

**62%** I think the anti-police rhetoric is a big part of the reason for the increase in officer deaths.

**26%** I think the anti-police rhetoric has a small impact on the increase in officer deaths.

**10%** I think the anti-police rhetoric has no impact on the staggering increase in officers being gunned down.

**2%** Not Sure

**QUESTION #4:** Do you think most Americans UNDERESTIMATE or OVERESTIMATE how dangerous it is to be a police officer patrolling America's streets?

**72%** I think most Americans UNDERESTIMATE how dangerous it is to be a police officer on patrol.

**19%** I think most Americans OVERESTIMATE how dangerous it is to be a police officer on patrol.

**9%** Not Sure      **0%** Other \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTION #5:** What's your reaction to the fact that many police officers must purchase their own body armor vests using their own money? (Mark as many answers as you think appropriate)

**22%** Outrage      **42%** Dismay      **32%** Surprise

**15%** I believe police officers should be required to buy their own armor vests      **13%** No Opinion

**QUESTION #6:** What is your reaction to the fact that police officers in many smaller jurisdictions must purchase (using their own money) basic safety equipment such as emergency trauma kits and flashlights? (mark as many answers as you think appropriate)

**32%** Outrage      **41%** Dismay      **30%** Surprise

**12%** I believe police officers should be required to buy all their own equipment, even if it means they're often going on the streets without.

**13%** No Opinion

**QUESTION #7:** Do you think our government should be supplying police officers the equipment they need – including quality body armor vests – so they can do their job effectively and with maximum safety?

**80%** Yes      **15%** No      **5%** Not Sure