

# RealClear Opinion Research

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**Sample:** N=895 Registered Voters – City of Chicago

**Interviewing Period:** 26 September - 4 October 2020

**Mode:** Telephone & Online

**Credibility Interval:** +/- 3.28 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

**INTRODUCTION:** Thank you for taking this important survey about current events. It should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Please be assured that all of your answers will be kept confidential.

1. Please indicate your gender:

Male ..... 46%  
Female..... 54%

2. What is your age?

18-34 ..... 30%  
35-50 ..... 37%  
50-64 ..... 17%  
65+ ..... 16%

3. What is your race and ethnicity?

White, Non-Hispanic ..... 39%  
Black, Non-Hispanic ..... 36%  
Hispanic ..... 19%  
Asian ..... 2%  
Other, Non-Hispanic ..... 1%  
Two or more races, Non-Hispanic ..... 1%  
Two or more races, Hispanic ..... 1%

4. We understand that plenty of people are not registered to vote, but we are wondering if you are registered to vote?

Yes ..... 100%

5. When it comes to politics, with which party do you consider yourself to be affiliated?

Democratic ..... 60%  
Republican..... 14%  
Independent/Lean Democrat ..... 10%  
Independent/Lean Republican..... 4%  
Independent/Unaffiliated do not lean either way ..... 10%  
Don't know ..... 2%

6. Will be voting in the general election for president in 2020? Would you say you will...
- |                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Definitely will be voting .....  | 75% |
| Probably will be voting .....    | 12% |
| 50-50 .....                      | 11% |
| Probably won't be voting .....   | 1%  |
| Definitely won't be voting ..... | 1%  |
7. If the election for President were held today, and the candidates were: **[ROTATE CANDIDATES]** Joe Biden, the Democrat, and Donald Trump, the Republican, Jo Jorgensen, The Libertarian, and Howie Hawkins, the Green Party candidate, for whom would you vote?
- |                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Joe Biden.....             | 75% |
| Donald Trump .....         | 13% |
| Jo Jorgensen .....         | 1%  |
| Howie Hawkins .....        | 1%  |
| Don't know/undecided ..... | 10% |
8. All in all, do you feel things in the United States are:
- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| Headed in the right direction.....                    | 21% |
| Off on the wrong track .....                          | 63% |
| Not sure what direction the country is headed in..... | 16% |
9. All in all, do you feel things in the city of Chicago are:
- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| Headed in the right direction.....                  | 28% |
| Off on the wrong track .....                        | 50% |
| Not sure what direction the city is headed in ..... | 23% |
10. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, or somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?
- |                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Net: Approve .....</b>    | <b>25%</b> |
| <b>Net: Disapprove .....</b> | <b>72%</b> |
| Strongly approve .....       | 13%        |
| Somewhat approve.....        | 12%        |
| Somewhat disapprove .....    | 13%        |
| Strongly disapprove .....    | 59%        |
| Don't know .....             | 3%         |

11. What about the job J.B. Pritzker is doing as Governor of Illinois? Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, or somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove?

**Net: Approve** ..... **63%**

**Net: Disapprove** ..... **31%**

Strongly approve ..... 25%

Somewhat approve..... 38%

Somewhat disapprove ..... 16%

Strongly disapprove..... 15%

Don't know ..... 6%

12. And what about the job Lori Lightfoot is doing as Mayor of Chicago? Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, or somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove?

**Net: Approve** ..... **61%**

**Net: Disapprove** ..... **33%**

Strongly approve ..... 24%

Somewhat approve..... 37%

Somewhat disapprove ..... 14%

Strongly disapprove..... 19%

Don't know ..... 5%

How would you rate the job Mayor Lori Lightfoot is doing handling the following issues?

#### ROTATE Q13-Q24

13. Economic development

**Net: Good** ..... **50%**

**Net: Bad** ..... **37%**

Excellent ..... 15%

Good ..... 35%

Not so good ..... 18%

Poor ..... 19%

Don't know ..... 13%

14. Coronavirus

**Net: Good** ..... **58%**

**Net: Bad** ..... **39%**

Excellent ..... 22%

Good ..... 36%

Not so good ..... 24%

Poor ..... 15%

Don't know ..... 3%

15. Race relations

**Net: Good** ..... **44%**  
**Net: Bad** ..... **47%**

Excellent ..... 13%  
 Good ..... 31%  
 Not so good ..... 24%  
 Poor ..... 23%  
 Don't know ..... 8%

16. Public schools

**Net: Good** ..... **48%**  
**Net: Bad** ..... **39%**

Excellent ..... 16%  
 Good ..... 33%  
 Not so good ..... 19%  
 Poor ..... 20%  
 Don't know ..... 12%

17. The city budget

**Net: Good** ..... **43%**  
**Net: Bad** ..... **41%**

Excellent ..... 16%  
 Good ..... 27%  
 Not so good ..... 18%  
 Poor ..... 23%  
 Don't know ..... 16%

18. Racial justice related protests

**Net: Good** ..... **44%**  
**Net: Bad** ..... **49%**

Excellent ..... 14%  
 Good ..... 29%  
 Not so good ..... 24%  
 Poor ..... 24%  
 Don't know ..... 8%

19. Violent crime

**Net: Good .....31%**  
**Net: Bad .....62%**

Excellent ..... 11%  
 Good ..... 20%  
 Not so good ..... 28%  
 Poor ..... 33%  
 Don't know ..... 7%

20. Gun violence

**Net: Good .....30%**  
**Net: Bad .....63%**

Excellent ..... 12%  
 Good ..... 19%  
 Not so good ..... 24%  
 Poor ..... 38%  
 Don't know ..... 7%

21. Police reform

**Net: Good .....39%**  
**Net: Bad .....53%**

Excellent ..... 12%  
 Good ..... 27%  
 Not so good ..... 28%  
 Poor ..... 25%  
 Don't know ..... 8%

22. Public safety

**Net: Good .....46%**  
**Net: Bad .....48%**

Excellent ..... 15%  
 Good ..... 31%  
 Not so good ..... 24%  
 Poor ..... 24%  
 Don't know ..... 6%

## 23. Paying attention to the needs and concerns in my neighborhood

**Net: Good** ..... **45%****Net: Bad** ..... **48%**

Excellent ..... 19%

Good ..... 25%

Not so good ..... 24%

Poor ..... 24%

Don't know ..... 7%

## 24. Taxes

**Net: Good** ..... **36%****Net: Bad** ..... **48%**

Excellent ..... 11%

Good ..... 25%

Not so good ..... 22%

Poor ..... 25%

Don't know ..... 16%

## 25. Overall, how would you say the Chicago Police Department for how they are handling their job?

**Net: Good** ..... **44%****Net: Bad** ..... **51%**

Excellent ..... 18%

Good ..... 26%

Not so good ..... 28%

Poor ..... 23%

Don't know ..... 5%

## 26. Thinking about the taxes you pay to the City of Chicago, how would you rate the value of the services you receive?

**Net: Good** ..... **41%****Net: Bad** ..... **52%**

Excellent ..... 12%

Good ..... 28%

Not so good ..... 28%

Poor ..... 24%

Don't know ..... 8%

27. Overall, how would you rate race relations in the City of Chicago?

Race relations are okay in Chicago ..... 21%  
 Race relations are not good, but getting better ..... 37%  
 Race relations are not good, and getting worse ..... 35%  
 Don't know ..... 7%

28. Do you support or oppose defunding the police?

**Net: Support** ..... **39%**  
**Net: Oppose** ..... **51%**

Strongly support ..... 14%  
 Somewhat support ..... 25%  
 Somewhat oppose ..... 20%  
 Strongly oppose ..... 31%  
 Don't know ..... 10%

29. From what you have read or heard, do you support or oppose Black Lives Matter?

**Net: Support** ..... **76%**  
**Net: Oppose** ..... **24%**

Strongly support ..... 49%  
 Somewhat support ..... 27%  
 Somewhat oppose ..... 9%  
 Strongly oppose ..... 15%

I am going to read you a few arguments that supporters and opponents of defunding the police have made. Please tell me if you find each of these arguments very convincing, somewhat convincing, not very convincing, or not at all convincing.

#### ROTATE Q30-Q33

30. Defunding the police would lead to fewer police officers in your neighborhood.

**Net: Convincing** ..... **54%**  
**Net: Not Convincing** ..... **40%**

Very convincing ..... 30%  
 Somewhat convincing ..... 24%  
 Not very convincing ..... 21%  
 Not at all convincing ..... 19%  
 Don't know ..... 5%

31. Defunding the police will mean more funding for social services that can improve things such as mental health, addiction, and homelessness.

**Net: Convincing** ..... **52%**

**Net: Not Convincing** ..... **43%**

Very convincing ..... 31%

Somewhat convincing..... 21%

Not very convincing ..... 23%

Not at all convincing ..... 21%

Don't know ..... 4%

32. Defunding the police could lead to an increase in crime in your neighborhood.

**Net: Convincing** ..... **62%**

**Net: Not Convincing** ..... **33%**

Very convincing ..... 37%

Somewhat convincing..... 25%

Not very convincing ..... 17%

Not at all convincing ..... 16%

Don't know ..... 5%

33. Defunding the police is necessary to start a real dialogue about the changes needed for policing in Chicago.

**Net: Convincing** ..... **47%**

**Net: Not Convincing** ..... **45%**

Very convincing ..... 23%

Somewhat convincing..... 24%

Not very convincing ..... 20%

Not at all convincing ..... 26%

Don't know ..... 8%

34. Would you rather police in Chicago spend more time, the same amount of time, or less time as they currently spend in your neighborhood?

More time..... 53%

Less time ..... 13%

The time they currently spend ..... 27%

Don't know ..... 8%



35. If you had an interaction with Chicago police in your area, how confident are you that they would treat you with courtesy and respect?
- Net: Confident..... 60%**  
**Net: Not Confident..... 35%**
- Very confident..... 29%  
 Somewhat confident..... 31%  
 Not very confident..... 16%  
 Not at all confident..... 18%  
 Don't know..... 5%
36. When you see a police officer in your neighborhood, does it make you feel safer, less safe, or does it make no difference?
- Safer..... 44%  
 Less safe..... 19%  
 Makes no difference..... 33%  
 Don't know..... 4%
37. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view:
- There is systemic racism in the Chicago Police Department, and significant reforms are needed ..... 45%
- There are a few bad apples in the Chicago Police Department, And dealing with those specific officers should be the focus of reforms..... 48%  
 Don't Know..... 7%
38. Which of the following do you think is a bigger problem in Chicago today:
- Police brutality against minorities in the city..... 44%  
 Crime in your neighborhood..... 46%  
 Don't know..... 10%
39. Thinking about your own experience, have you ever been racially profiled in your interactions with police officers in Chicago?
- Yes..... 35%  
 No..... 57%  
 Not sure..... 8%
40. Since May, have you attended any protests that have advocated for racial justice or criminal justice and police reform?
- Yes..... 22%  
 No..... 74%  
 Refused..... 3%

41. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the Chicago Police Department has handled recent riots that occurred this summer?

**Net: Approve** ..... **50%**

**Net: Disapprove** ..... **41%**

Strongly approve ..... 18%

Somewhat approve..... 32%

Somewhat disapprove ..... 26%

Strongly disapprove..... 15%

Don't Know ..... 10%

**[IF DISAPPROVE, ASK]**

42. Which of the following reasons is closest to who you think is responsible for the approach that police took? (N=364)

**RANDOMIZE**

Individual officers for being too confrontational ..... 22%

Chicago Police Department..... 15%

Policies for being too confrontational..... 12%

The protesters for confronting police ..... 11%

Chicago Police Department policies..... 11%

Mayor Lightfoot policies on policing..... 11%

For not being confrontational enough..... 4%

Other (Please specify) ..... 2%

Don't know ..... 11%

43. Some recent protests in Chicago have turned into looting, and other destructive behavior has occurred. Who do you think is more to blame for the violence at some of the recent protests:

**ROTATE**

Police for being too aggressive and overreacting

or

individuals for resorting to violence

Police ..... 21%

Individuals who resorted to violence..... 49%

Mixed ..... 25%

Don't Know ..... 4%

44. Recently, most of the Minneapolis City Council members have said they support disbanding the police department and creating a new system of public. If a candidate for the Chicago City Council embraced disbanding the Chicago Police Department, would it make you more likely to vote them, less likely to vote them, or would it not change your vote either way?

More likely to vote for them ..... 26%  
 Less likely to vote for them ..... 37%  
 Would not change my vote either way..... 22%  
 Don't Know ..... 16%

45. Sometimes in a survey like this, people change their minds on some issues. Knowing what you know now, do you support or oppose defunding the police?

**Net: Support ..... 41%**  
**Net: Oppose ..... 53%**

Strongly support ..... 18%  
 Somewhat support..... 23%  
 Somewhat oppose..... 24%  
 Strongly oppose..... 28%  
 Don't Know ..... 6%

These last few questions are just to make sure we have a representative sample.

46. What is the highest level of education you've completed?

Some high school or less ..... 2%  
 High school or equivalent ..... 21%  
 Some college, but no degree..... 18%  
 Associate's degree/Trade school degree ..... 12%  
 Bachelor's degree..... 35%  
 Graduate degree ..... 7%  
 Doctorate degree..... 3%  
 Prefer not to answer ..... 1%

47. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Employed full-time ..... 45%  
 Employed part-time ..... 10%  
 Self-employed..... 8%  
 Not employed ..... 21%  
 Not employed/homemaker ..... 12%  
 Student ..... 2%  
 Prefer not to answer ..... 2%

48. How would you describe your socio-economic?

Socio-Economic.....	All
Upper-class or upper-middle class .....	13%
Middle class.....	35%
Lower-middle class.....	19%
Working class .....	21%
Working poor or below poverty line .....	8%
Don't know.....	1%
Prefer not to answer .....	3%

49. How often do you vote in local elections, such as elections for City Council and Mayor?

All the time.....	58%
Some of the time .....	27%
Rarely .....	9%
Never .....	6%

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