

YEAR 7 - RACIAL ATTITUDES – Focus on Crime

DATA CODEBOOK

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This study is based on a survey conducted by the UALR Institute of Government Survey Research Center. Interviews are conducted by telephone using a landline RDD split frame sample. English-speaking residents 18 years old and older living in a private residence in Pulaski County, Arkansas are eligible for the study. The sample is stratified to permit oversamples of specific racial and geographic groups (referred to as “geo-racial groups”), which for our research purposes include four geo-racial groups: black respondents living in the City of Little Rock (LR-blacks), white respondents living in the City of Little Rock (LR-whites), black respondents living in outside the city limits of Little Rock (OLR-blacks), and white respondents living in outside the city limits of Little Rock (OLR-whites). The oversample of OLR-blacks is intended to generate more reliable results for this subgroup and thus, provide greater opportunities for more robust analysis. Due to oversampling, each geo-racial group has nearly equal numbers of interviews; as such, the stratified samples are not adjusted to reflect a proportional representation of the general population in Pulaski County. Each geo-racial group contains between 402 and 433 respondents, which provide a potential for sampling error of ± 5 percent at the conventional 95 percent confidence interval. The data are weighted to approximate selected demographic proportions for Pulaski County for each geo-racial group; for this survey, these demographic weights are imposed for age and gender. The 2006-2008 American Community Survey provide sample estimates that form the basis for calculating these weights. There are a total of fifty-six weighted groups. Weighting factors ranged from 0.24 to 4.49.

GROUP2 - Geo-racial Group

- 1 LRBlack (n=410)
- 2 LRWhite (n=402)
- 3 OLRBlack (n=433)
- 4 OLRWhite (n=420)

Thinking back over your lifetime, how have civil rights for blacks changed in Pulaski County . . .

Q1. Would you say the situation has Greatly improved, Somewhat improved, Stayed pretty much the same, Somewhat worsened, or Greatly worsened?

- 1 Greatly improved
- 2 Somewhat improved
- 3 Stayed the same
- 4 Somewhat worsened
- 5 Greatly worsened
- 6 Don't Know
- 7 Refused

Q2. Would you say relations between whites and blacks are . . .

- 1 Very good
- 2 Somewhat good
- 3 Somewhat bad, OR
- 4 Very bad
- 5 Don't Know
- 6 Refused

Q3. Would you say relations between blacks and Hispanics are . . .

- 1 Very good
- 2 Somewhat good
- 3 Somewhat bad, OR
- 4 Very bad
- 5 Don't Know
- 6 Refused

Q4. Would you say relations between whites and Hispanics are . . .

- 1 Very good
- 2 Somewhat good
- 3 Somewhat bad, OR
- 4 Very bad
- 5 Don't Know
- 6 Refused

Q5SP. What do you think would be some good ways to improve race relations in Pulaski County?

Open-ended question

Enter 777 - Don't Know

Enter 999 - Refused

Q6. In your day to day life, have you ever felt that people act as if they think you are dishonest?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Don't Know
- 4 Refused

If Yes

Q7. About how often would you say this happens?

Would you say Never, Rarely, Sometimes, or Often?

- 1 Never
- 2 Rarely
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Often
- 5 Don't Know
- 6 Refused

Q8 Can you think of any occasion in the last 30 days when you were treated unfairly because you were BLACK . . .

BLACK RESPONDENTS ONLY

Q8STORE. In a store where you were shopping?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Not Applicable
- 4 Don't Know
- 5 Refused

Q8WORK At your place of work [because you were BLACK]?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Not Applicable
- 4 Don't Know
- 5 Refused

Q8REST. In a restaurant, bar, theater, or other entertainment place [because you were BLACK]?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Not Applicable
- 4 Don't Know
- 5 Refused

Q8POLICE In dealing with the police, such as traffic incidents [because you were BLACK]?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Not Applicable
- 4 Don't Know
- 5 Refused

Q8HEALTH. While getting healthcare for yourself or a family member [because you were BLACK]?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Not Applicable
- 4 Don't Know
- 5 Refused

[Note: Q9 to Q12 are left black]

Q13B. Have you ever been the victim of discrimination while getting an education?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Don't Know
- 4 Refused

Q13W. Reverse discrimination is when blacks or another minority discriminate against a white person. Have you ever been the victim of reverse discrimination while getting an education?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Don't Know
- 4 Refused

Q14B. Have you ever been the victim of discrimination while getting a job?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Don't Know
- 4 Refused

Q14W. Have you ever been the victim of reverse discrimination while getting a job?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Don't Know
- 4 Refused

Q15B. Have you ever been the victim of discrimination while getting a place to live?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Don't Know
- 4 Refused

Q15W. Have you ever been the victim of reverse discrimination while getting a place to live?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Don't Know
- 4 Refused

Q16. Overall, how would you describe the problem of crime in the neighborhood where you live? Is it . . .

- 1 Extremely serious
- 2 Very serious
- 3 Moderately serious
- 4 Not too serious
- 5 Not serious at all
- 6 Don't Know
- 7 Refused

Q17SP. What do you think is the biggest single crime problem in your neighborhood?

Open-ended question

Enter 777 - Don't Know

Enter 999 - Refused

Q18. Would you be afraid to walk alone in your neighborhood at night?

1 Yes

2 No

3 Don't Know

4 Refused

Q19. Are you afraid to be in your home alone at night?

1 Yes

2 No

3 Don't Know

4 Refused

Q20. To the best of your knowledge, have any serious crimes occurred in your neighborhood in the past 12 months?

IF NEEDED-->"In other words, whatever types of crimes you would consider serious."

1 Yes

2 No

3 Don't Know

4 Refused

If Yes

Q21SP. What types of serious crimes have occurred in your neighborhood in the past 12 months?

Comments

Enter 777 - Don't Know

Enter 999 - Refused

Q22. Do you have a Crime Watch Program in your neighborhood?

1 Yes

2 No

3 Don't Know

4 Refused

Q23MUR. Getting murdered? Would you say . . .

1 Frequently

2 Occasionally

3 Rarely, OR

4 Never

5 Doesn't apply [Volunteered]

6 Don't Know

7 Refused

Q24PASS. Being physically assaulted?

- 1 Frequently
- 2 Occasionally
- 3 Rarely, OR
- 4 Never
- 5 Doesn't apply [Volunteered]
- 6 Don't Know
- 7 Refused

Q25BURNOT. Your home being burglarized when you are not there?

- 1 Frequently
- 2 Occasionally
- 3 Rarely, OR
- 4 Never
- 5 Doesn't apply [Volunteered]
- 6 Don't Know
- 7 Refused

Q26BURTHE. Your home being burglarized when you are there?

- 1 Frequently
- 2 Occasionally
- 3 Rarely, OR
- 4 Never
- 5 Doesn't apply [Volunteered]
- 6 Don't Know
- 7 Refused

Q27CAR. Having your car stolen or broken into?

- 1 Frequently
- 2 Occasionally
- 3 Rarely, OR
- 4 Never
- 5 Doesn't apply [Volunteered]
- 6 Don't Know
- 7 Refused

Q28RAPE. Being raped or sexually assaulted?

- 1 Frequently
- 2 Occasionally
- 3 Rarely, OR
- 4 Never
- 5 Doesn't apply [Volunteered]
- 6 Don't Know
- 7 Refused

Q29. Being the victim of a hate crime? That is, a crime committed because the criminal hates the group of people to which the victim belongs.

- 1 Frequently
- 2 Occasionally
- 3 Rarely, OR
- 4 Never
- 5 Doesn't apply [Volunteered]
- 6 Don't Know
- 7 Refused

Please tell me which, if any, of these incidents have happened to YOU or SOMEONE ELSE in your household within the last twelve months.

Q30. Your house or apartment broken into?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Don't Know
- 4 Refused

Q31. Money or property stolen from you or another member of your household?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Don't Know
- 4 Refused

Q32. You or another household member physically or sexually assaulted?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Don't Know
- 4 Refused

Q33 Next, I'm going to read some things people do because of their concern over crime.

Q33RQDOG. Keep a dog for protection?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Not Applicable
- 4 Don't Know
- 5 Refused

Q33RQGUN Bought a gun for protection of yourself or your home?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Not Applicable
- 4 Don't Know
- 5 Refused

Q33RQALARM Had a burglar alarm installed in your home?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Not Applicable
- 4 Don't Know
- 5 Refused

[Note: Q34 and Q35 are left blank]

It has been reported that some police officers or security guards stop people of certain racial or ethnic groups because these officials believe that these groups are more likely than others to commit certain types of crimes. For each of the following situations, please say if you think this practice, known as "racial profiling," is widespread, or not? How about....

Q36. When motorists are stopped on roads and highways?

- 1 Widespread
- 2 Not widespread
- 3 Don't Know
- 4 Refused

Q37. When passengers are stopped at security checkpoints in airports?

- 1 Widespread
- 2 Not widespread
- 3 Don't Know
- 4 Refused

Q38. When shoppers in malls or stores are questioned about possible theft?

- 1 Widespread
- 2 Not widespread
- 3 Don't Know
- 4 Refused

Q39. Do you think it is ever justified for police to use racial or ethnic profiling when motorists are stopped on roads and highways, or it is never justified?

- 1 Justified
- 2 Never justified
- 3 Don't Know
- 4 Refused

Q40. Do you think it is ever justified for police to use racial or ethnic profiling with passengers at security checkpoints in airports, or it is never justified?

- 1 Justified
- 2 Never justified
- 3 Don't Know
- 4 Refused

Q41. Do you think it is ever justified for police to use racial or ethnic profiling when attempting to prevent theft in shopping malls or stores, or it is never justified?

- 1 Justified
- 2 Never justified
- 3 Don't Know
- 4 Refused

Q42. How much confidence do you have in the ability of the police to protect you from violent crime? A great deal, quite a lot, not very much, or none at all?

- 1 Great deal
- 2 Quite a lot
- 3 Not very much
- 4 None at all
- 5 Don't Know
- 6 Refused

Q43. How much trust do you have in the judicial system and courts? A great deal, some, or hardly any?

- 1 Great deal
- 2 Some
- 3 Hardly any
- 4 Don't Know
- 5 Refused

Q44. How much trust do you have for the police in your area? A great deal, some, or hardly any?

- 1 Great deal
- 2 Some
- 3 Hardly any
- 4 Don't Know
- 5 Refused

Q45. In general, how much trust and confidence do you have in the mass media, such as newspapers, TV, and radio when it comes to reporting the news fully, accurately, and fairly?

- 1 Great deal
- 2 A fair amount
- 3 Not very much
- 4 None at all
- 5 Don't Know
- 6 Refused

Racial attitudes may differ depending on age, income or other personal factors. Please remember your answers are strictly confidential.

Q46AGE. What is your age?

- _____ years
- 777 - Don't Know
- 999 - Refused

Q47SEX Gender

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

Q48. Are you currently . . .

- 1 Married
- 2 Divorced
- 3 Widowed
- 4 Separated
- 5 Never been married, OR
- 6 A member of an unmarried couple
- 7 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

Q49. What is the last grade or class that you completed in school?

- 1 None, or grade 1-4
- 2 Grades 5, 6 or 7
- 3 Grade 8
- 4 High school incomplete (Grades 9-11)
- 5 High school graduate, Grade 12 or GED
- 6 Assoc. degree, technical, trade, or business after H.S.
- 7 College/university incomplete
- 8 College/university graduate or more
- 77 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

Q50. How many children under the age of 18 are living with you right now?

This includes not only your own children through birth or marriage, but also those who may be living in your home for other reasons such as foster care or other relatives.

Number of children

- 888 - None
- 777 - Don't Know
- 999 - Refused

Q51. Are you currently . . .

- 1 Employed for wages (full or part time)
- 2 Self-employed
- 3 Out of work for more than 1 year
- 4 Out of work for less than 1 year
- 5 A Homemaker (not employed)
- 6 A Student (not employed)
- 7 Retired, or
- 8 Unable to work
- 9 Refusal

Q52. How many ADULT members of your household currently use a cell phone for any purpose?

Number of Adults

88 None

77 Don't Know/Not Sure

99 Refused

Q53. What is the estimated value of the vehicle you drive most often?

1 Less than \$2,000

2 2,000-5,000

3 5,001 - 8,000

4 8,001 - 10,000

5 10,001 - 15,000

6 15,001 - 20,000

8 20,001 - 30,000

10 30,000+

11 Not Applicable/No vehicle

7 Don't Know

9 Refused

INCOME If you added together the yearly incomes, before taxes, of all the members of your household for last year, 2009, would the total be

1 Less than 10,000

2 Less than 15,000

3 Less than 20,000

4 Less than 25,000

5 Less than 35,000

6 Less than 50,000

7 Less than 75,000

8 Less than 100,000

9 More than 100,000

777 Don't know

999 Refused

CELLORLL– Interview conducted on type of phone

1 Landline

2 Cell

WEIGHT – Weighting Factor

UNIQUEID – Unique Identifier