Common Ground on Police Reform

Majorities of both Democrats and Republicans agree on key police reform proposals. In the midst of national conversations about the use of force by law enforcement officers, especially against Black Americans, this unique survey helps us better understand Americans' views. Participants got briefed on the issues and heard the best arguments for and against proposals now before Congress.

Police Reform Options Congress is Considering:









| | National | Democrats | Republicans | Independents |
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| Body Cameras Require all officers to wear body cameras and turn them on when responding to a police call or interacting with a suspect. Disciplinary action for failure to do so. | 89% | 94% | 85% | 86% |
| Intervention for Excessive Force Require officers to intervene when they perceive another officer using excessive force • Provide training for when and how to intervene. | 82 % | 94% | 71% | 78% |
| Misconduct Database Create a national database of police misconduct accessible to police departments and the public, and require all law enforcement agencies to submit information including: • complaints filed by civilians against an officer. • disciplinary actions against an officer and the reason for them. • firing of an officer and the reason for it. • lawsuits against an officer and their outcomes. | 81% | 92% | 70% | 77% |
| Chokehold Prohibition Prohibit use of chokeholds and other restraints that prevent breathing or block the flow of blood/oxygen to the brain. | 73 % | 91% | 55% | 68% |
| Training: Implicit Bias Require implicit bias training for officers. | 72 % | 89% | 53% | 68% |
| Independent Prosecutors Offer states federal funding to hire an independent prosecutor when investigating or charging an officer for using deadly force. To receive this funding, the state must first put in place a policy requiring the use of an independent prosecutor in all such cases. | 70 % | 86% | 52% | 68% |





