



Informed Consent

University of Central Oklahoma
Informed Consent Form for Participation

Law Enforcement Perceptions Project

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, agree to participate in research as part of an authorized research program of the University of Central Oklahoma, under the supervision of Dr. Alicia McLean. The purpose of this study is to examine the nature of how attitudes and demographics of jurors predict jury decisions. I understand that I will answer a variety of questions toward this goal, including describing my feelings and opinions, reading and responding to multiple vignettes, and providing demographic information.

If I have any questions about this study, I may contact Dr.

Alicia McLean by phone, at (405) 974-5454, or by e-mail, at amclean3@uco.edu. If I have any questions about my rights as a research participant, I may contact the UCO Institutional Review Board by phone, at (405) 974-5479, or by e-mail, at irb@uco.edu.

- For this study, I will complete a variety of questionnaires that will be presented online, which should take about 15-20 minutes. If I am completing this study for credit towards my course requirement, I will receive credit for my participation within 48-hours of my completion of the questionnaires.
- I understand that there is minimal risk associated with my participation in this study. That is, I understand that I will be answering questions about items that may be personal in nature. Some of these items may make some participants slightly uncomfortable. However, I also understand that participants in this study may gain insight into their own psychological state by answering the items during the laboratory session. In addition, they will be exposed to the research process by participating in the study (which is a benefit to the participants as well as the researchers in this study).
- This study is voluntary – I do not have to participate if I choose not to, and I may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty. I understand that I may refuse to

answer any question at any time without penalty or loss of benefits.

- I understand that this study is anonymous – any information collected from me will only be used in an analysis as part of a larger group of participants. Moreover, the online data collection mechanism used in the study (i.e., www.qualtrics.com) will deidentify the answers provided by me, such that none of my responses will be linked to me. To this end, I understand that the researchers cannot refer me to anyone on the basis of my answers to the materials, but if I would like to visit with someone regarding sensitive or special concerns, I may contact the UCO Psychology Clinic by phone, at (405) 974-2758, or by e-mail, at psychclinic@uco.edu.
- I understand that I must be 18 years of age or older to participate.

I understand that by agreeing to participate in this research, I do not waive any of my legal rights. I understand that the research investigator named above will answer any of my questions about the research procedure and my rights as a participant. I understand that the research investigator is also available and willing to answer any questions I may have about the nature, importance, or contribution of the results of this study. I understand all of

the above information and understand that I will not be deceived during the course of the study. I hereby agree to participate in the above-described research. I understand my participation is voluntary and that I may withdraw at any time without penalty. By continuing, I affirm that I am at least 18 years of age.

- ☐ I consent to participation
- ☐ I do not consent to participation

Legal Attitudes Questionnaire – Revised

Instructions: This is a questionnaire to determine legal attitudes and beliefs of different people on a variety of statements. Please answer each statement by giving as true a picture of your own beliefs as possible, indicating your agreement with each statement using the scale below.

Strongly
disagree

Strongly
agree

1. Unfair treatment of underprivileged groups and classes is the chief cause of crime.

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Strongly
disagreeStrongly
agree

2. Too many obviously guilty persons escape punishment because of legal technicalities.

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3. The Supreme Court is, by and large, an effective guardian of the Constitution.

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4. Evidence illegally obtained should be admissible in court if such evidence is the only way to obtain a conviction.

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5. Most prosecuting attorneys have a strong sadistic streak.

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6. Search warrants should clearly specify the person or things to be seized.

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7. No one should be convicted of a crime on the basis of circumstantial evidence, no matter how strong such evidence.

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8. There is no need in a criminal case for the accused to prove the accused's own innocence beyond a reasonable doubt.

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	Strongly disagree					Strongly agree
9. Any person who resists arrest commits a crime.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
10. When determining a person's guilt or innocence, the existence of prior arrest record should not be considered.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
11. Wiretapping by anyone and for any reason should be completely illegal.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
12. A lot of recent Supreme Court decisions sound suspiciously Communistic.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
13. Treachery and deceit are common tools of prosecutors.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
14. Defends in a criminal case should be required to take the witness stand.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
15. All too often, minority group members do not get fair trials.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
16. Because of the oppression and persecution minority groups suffer, they deserve leniency and special treatment in the courts.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Strongly
disagreeStrongly
agree

17. Citizens need to be protected against excess police power as well as against criminals.

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18. Persons who testify in court against underworld characters should be allowed to do so anonymously to protect themselves from retaliation.

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19. It is better for society that several guilty people be freed than one wrongfully imprisoned.

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20. Accused persons should be required to take lie-detector tests.

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21. When there is a "hung" jury in a criminal case, the defendant should always be freed and the indictment dismissed.

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22. A society with true freedom and equality for all would have very little crime.

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Strongly
disagreeStrongly
agree

23. It is moral and ethical for a lawyer to represent a defendant in a criminal case even when he believes his client is guilty.

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24. Police should be allowed to arrest and question suspicious looking persons to determine whether they have been up to something illegal.

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25. The law coddles criminals to the detriment of society.

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26. A lot of judges have connections with the underworld.

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27. The freedom of society is endangered as much by overzealous law enforcement as by the acts of individual criminals.

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28. There is just about no such thing as an honest cop.

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29. In the long run, liberty is more important than order.

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30. Upstanding citizens have nothing to fear from police.

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Belief in a Just World

Below you will find various statements. Most likely, you will strongly agree with some statements, and strongly disagree with others. Sometimes you may feel more neutral. Read each statement carefully and decide to what extent you personally agree or disagree with it.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. I think basically the world is a just place.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2. I believe that, by and large, people get what they deserve.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3. I am confident that justice always prevails over injustice.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
4. I am convinced that in the long run people will be compensated for injustices.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
5. I firmly believe that injustices in all areas of life (e.g., professional, family, politic) are the exception rather than the rule.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
6. I think people try to be fair when making important decisions.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Need for Closure Scale (NCS)

Directions: Read each of the following statements and decide how much you agree with each according to your beliefs and experiences. Please respond according to the following scale.

	strongly disagree	moderately disagree	slightly disagree	slightly agree	moderately agree	strongly agree
1. I don't like situations that are uncertain.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2. I enjoy the uncertainty of going into a new situation without knowing what might happen.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3. I feel irritated when one person disagrees with what everyone else in a group believes.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

	strongly disagree	moderately disagree	slightly disagree	slightly agree	moderately agree	strongly agree
4. I tend to put off making important decisions until the last possible moment.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
5. In most social conflicts, I can easily see which side is right and which is wrong.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	strongly disagree	moderately disagree	slightly disagree	slightly agree	moderately agree	strongly agree
6. When thinking about a problem, I consider as many different opinions on the issue as possible.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
7. It's annoying to listen to someone who cannot seem to make up his or her mind.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
8. I like to have a plan for everything and a place for everything.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
9. I feel uncomfortable when someone's meaning or intention is unclear to me.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

strongly disagree moderately disagree slightly disagree slightly agree moderately agree strongly agree

10. I do not usually consult many different options before forming my own view.

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Directions: Please rate the degree to which you agree with the following statements.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

It's not wise to let people know your secrets.

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Whatever it takes, you must get the important people on your side.

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Avoid direct conflict with others because they may be useful in the future.

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Keep a low profile if you want to get your way.

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Manipulating the situation takes planning.

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	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
Flattery is a good way to get people on your side.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I love it when a tricky plan succeeds.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
People see me as a natural leader.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I have a unique talent for persuading people.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Group activities tend to be dull without me.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I know that I am special because people keep telling me so.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I have some exceptional qualities.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I'm likely to become a future star in some area.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I like to show off every now and then.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
People often say I'm out of control.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
I tend to fight against authorities and their rules.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I've been in more fights than most people of my age and gender.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I tend to dive in, then ask questions later.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I've been in trouble with the law.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I sometimes get into dangerous situations.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
People who mess with me always regret it.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
Watching a fist-fight excites me.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I really enjoy violent films and video games.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
It's funny when idiots fall flat on their face.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I enjoy watching violent sports.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Some people deserve to suffer.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Strongly
disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly
agree

Just for kicks, I've said
mean things on
social media.

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I know how to hurt
someone with words
alone.

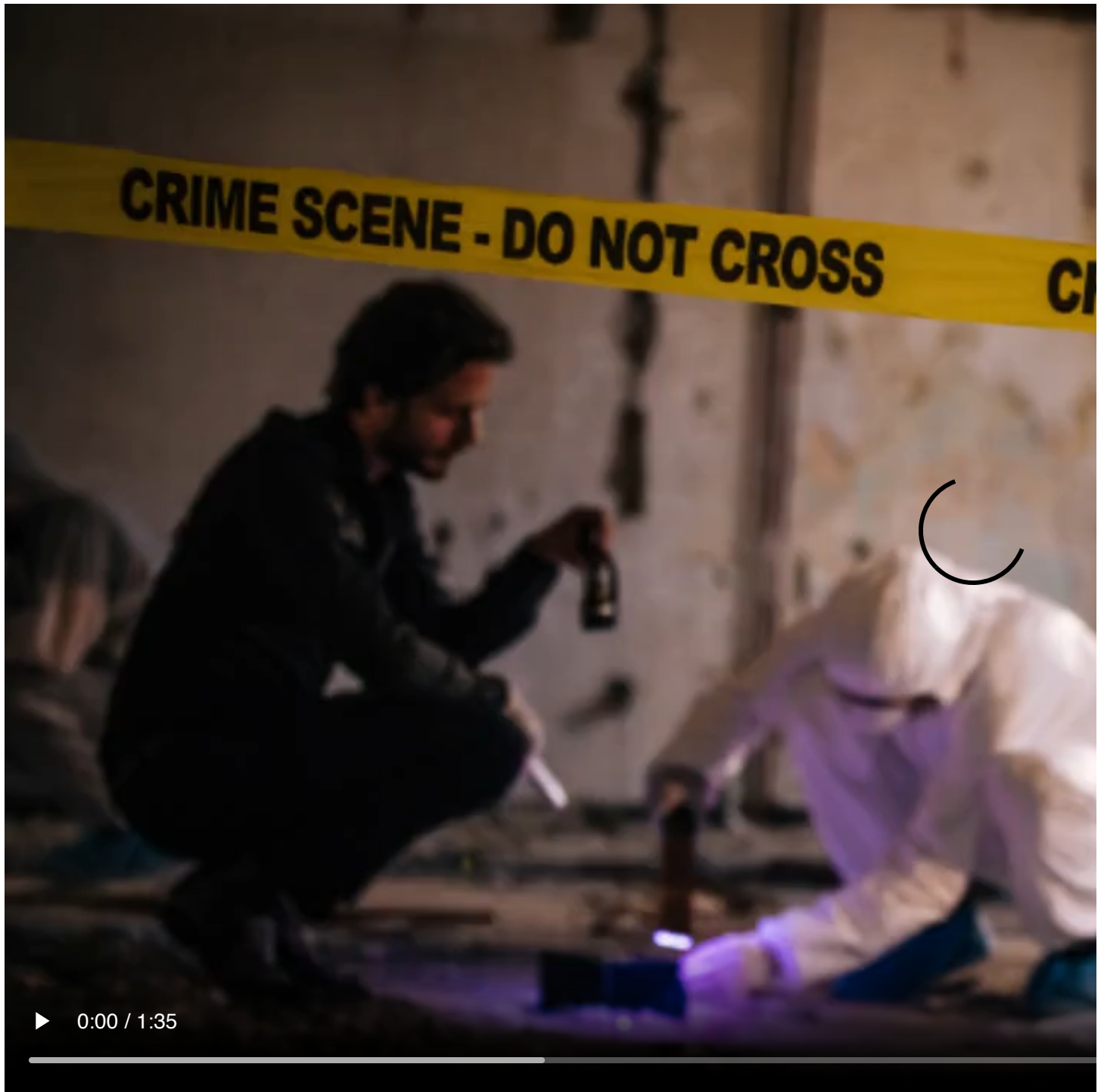
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No Informational Video

What was the subject of last movie or show you watched?

Informational Video

Please watch the video clip in its entirety before continuing the study. Answer the question below and move to the next page when you have completed the clip.



What was the subject of the video you just watched?

Need for Cognition Scale (NCogs)

Directions: For each statement below, please indicate the extent to which the statement is characteristic of you.

	Extremely uncharacteristic								Extremely characteristic
1. I would prefer complex to simple problems.	☐		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2. Thinking is not my idea of fun.	☐		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3. I find satisfaction in deliberating hard and for long hours.	☐		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
4. I only think as hard as I have to.	☐		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
5. I prefer to think about small, daily projects to long-term ones.	☐		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Extremely uncharacteristic								Extremely characteristic

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uncharacteristicExtremely
characteristic

6. I like tasks that require little thought once I've learned them.

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7. I really enjoy a task that involves coming up with new solutions to problems.

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8. I prefer my life to be filled with puzzles that I must solve.

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9. I feel relief rather than satisfaction after completing a task that required a lot of mental effort.

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10. It's enough for me that something gets the job done; I don't care how or why it works.

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Personal Need for Structure (PNS)

Directions: Read each of the following statements and decide how much you agree with each according to your attitudes, beliefs, and experiences. It is important for you to realize that there are no "right" or

"wrong" answers to these questions. People are different, and we are interested in how you feel. Please respond according to the following 6-point scale:

	Strongly disagree	Moderately disagree	Slightly disagree	Slightly agree	Moderately agree	Strongly agree
1. It upsets me to go into a situation without knowing what I can expect from it.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2. I'm not bothered by things that interrupt my daily routine.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3. I enjoy having a clear and structured mode of life.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
4. I like to have a place for everything and everything in its place.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Strongly disagree	Moderately disagree	Slightly disagree	Slightly agree	Moderately agree	Strongly agree
5. I enjoy being spontaneous.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
6. I find that a well-ordered life with regular hours makes my life tedious.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
7. I don't like situations that are uncertain.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

	Strongly disagree	Moderately disagree	Slightly disagree	Slightly agree	Moderately agree	Strongly agree
8. I hate to change my plans at the last minute.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
9. I hate to be with people who are unpredictable.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
10. I find that a consistent routine enables me to enjoy life more.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
11. I enjoy the exhilaration of being in unpredictable situations.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
12. I become uncomfortable when the rules in a situation are not clear.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Ten Item Personality Inventory (TIPI)

Directions: Here are a number of personality traits that may or may not apply to you. Please write a number next to each statement to indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with that statement. You should rate the extent

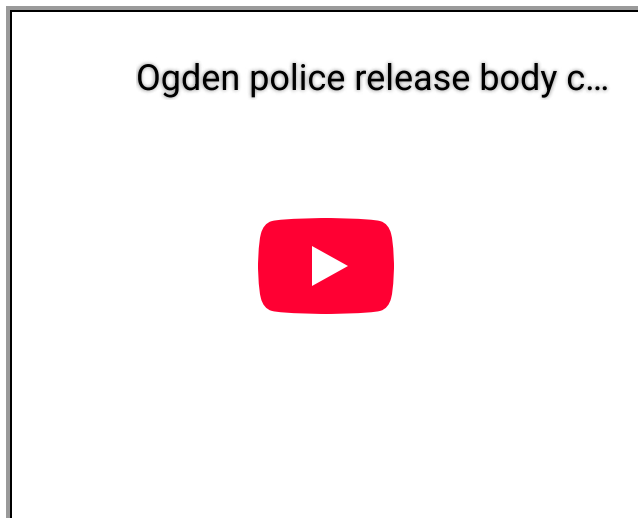
to which the pair of traits applies to you, even if one characteristic applies more strongly than the other.

	Disagree strongly	Disagree moderately	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Agree moderately	Agree strongly
1. Extraverted, enthusiastic.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2. Critical, quarrelsome.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3. Dependable, self- disciplined.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
4. Anxious, easily upset.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
5. Open to new experiences, complex.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Disagree strongly	Disagree moderately	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Agree moderately	Agree strongly
6. Reserved, quiet.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
7. Sympathetic, warm.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
8. Disorganized, careless.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

	Disagree strongly	Disagree moderately	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Agree moderately	Agree strongly
9. Calm, emotionally stable.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
10. Conventional, uncreative.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Justified Condition

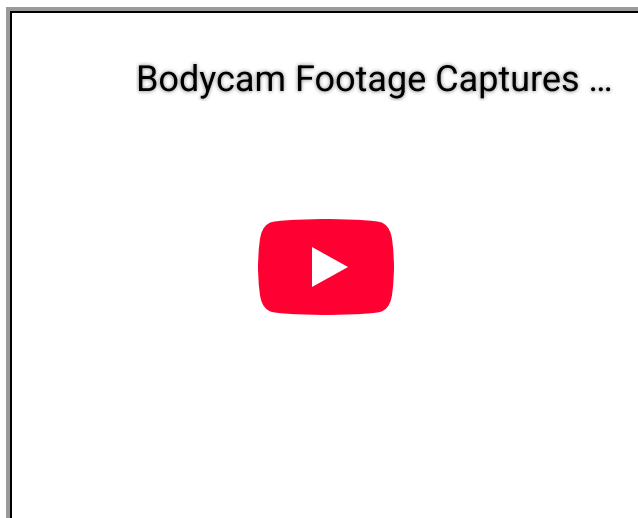
Please watch the video clip in its entirety before continuing the study. Answer the question below and move to the next page when you have completed the clip.



How many police officers were involved in this incident?

Unjustified Condition

Please watch the video clip in its entirety before continuing the study. Answer the question below and move to the next page when you have completed the clip.



How many police officers were involved in this incident?

Demographic Questions

How old are you (in years)?

What is your gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Other/Neither

What is your sexual orientation?

- ☐ Asexual
- ☐ Bisexual or pansexual
- ☐ Gay or lesbian

- ☐ Straight or heterosexual
- ☐ Other

Which of these best describes your racial background?
Choose the group with whom you identify most.

- ☐ White, non-Hispanic
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska native
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino/a
- ☐ Multiracial
- ☐ Middle Eastern
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Which of these best describes your ethnic background?
Choose the group with whom you identify most.

- ☐ White, non-Hispanic
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska native
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska native

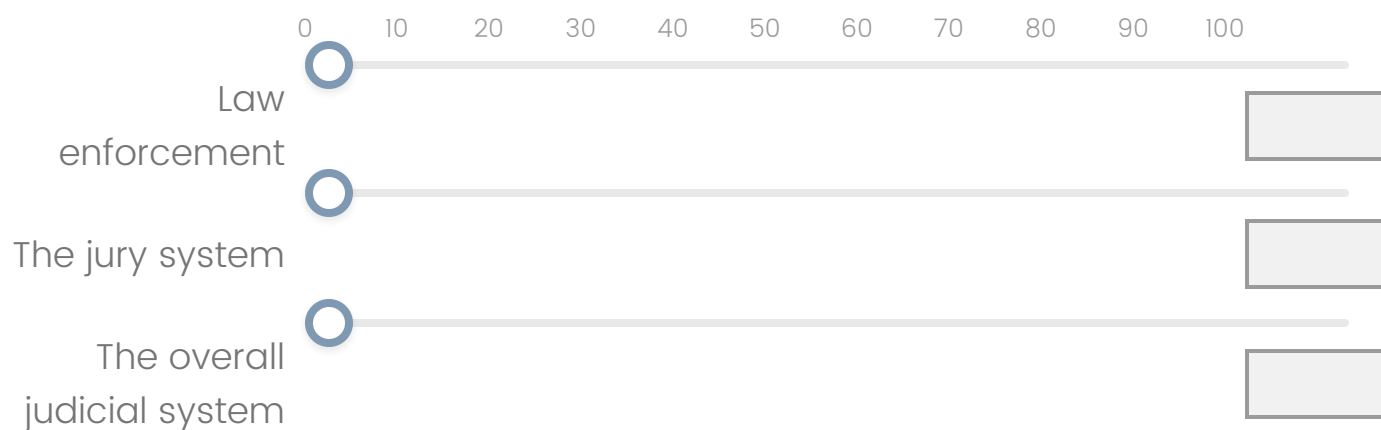
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino/a
- ☐ Multiracial
- ☐ Middle Eastern
- ☐ Other (please specify)

What is your major?

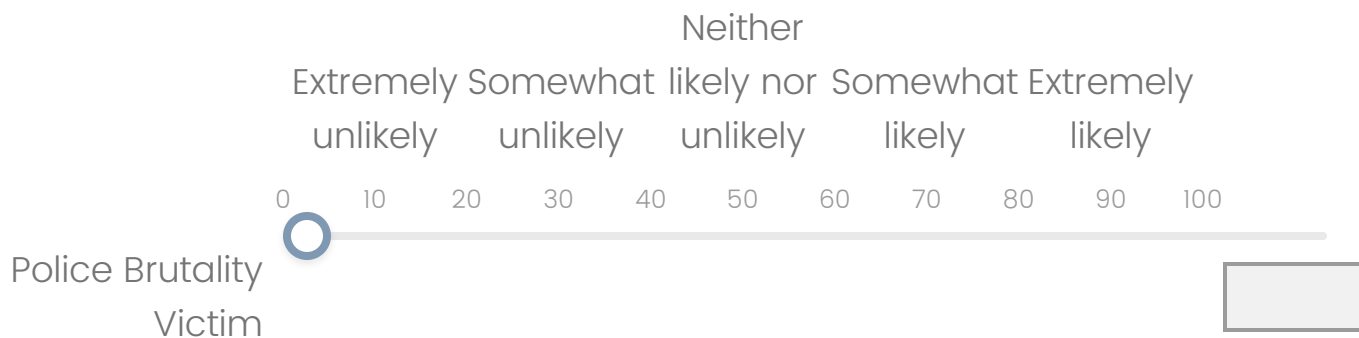
- ☐ English
- ☐ Psychology
- ☐ Criminal Justice
- ☐ Forensic Science
- ☐ Nursing
- ☐ Communication
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Biology
- ☐ Chemistry
- ☐ Finance
- ☐ Phsyics
- ☐ Other

How much trust do you have in the following (from 0 = none

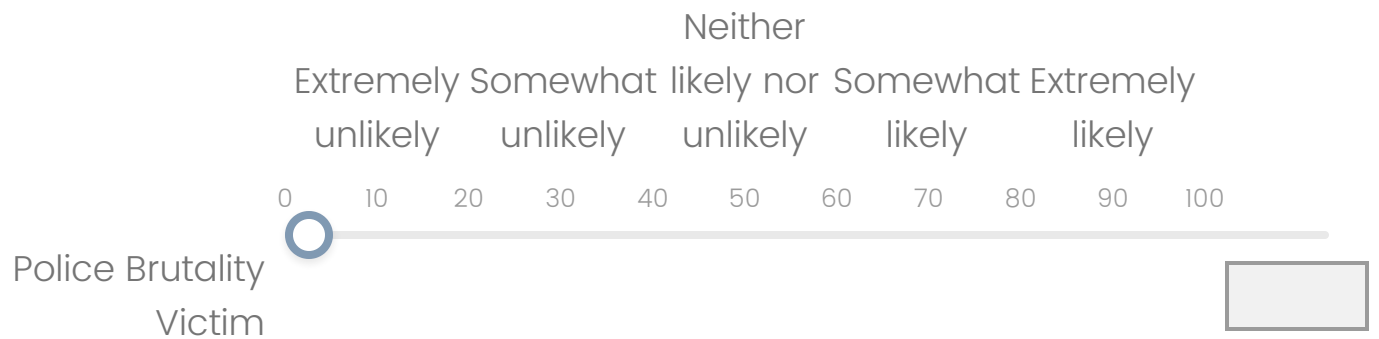
at all to 100 = complete trust)?



How likely do you feel like you are to be a victim of police brutality?



How likely do you feel like someone you know would be a victim of police brutality?



What one thing would you most like to see changed about the criminal justice system?

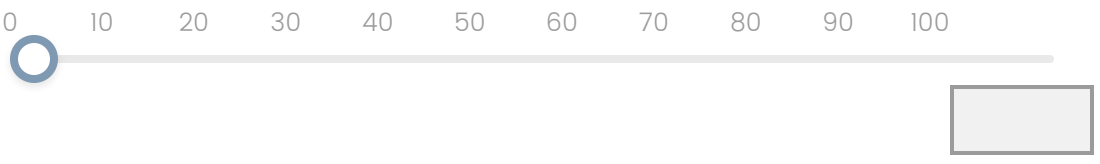
What stickers are on your car (or even your water bottle)?

How many times per month do you attend religious services?

How would you rate your religious involvement (from 0 = not at all involved to 100 = completely involved)?

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

Religious involvement



How do you identify your religious affiliation?

- ☐ Atheist
- ☐ Agnostic
- ☐ Pagan
- ☐ Wiccan
- ☐ Druid
- ☐ Universal
- ☐ Unitarian/Universalist
- ☐ Deist
- ☐ East Asian
- ☐ Confucianism
- ☐ Shinto
- ☐ Taoism
- ☐ Indian
- ☐ Hinduism
- ☐ Buddhism
- ☐ Judaism
- ☐ Islam

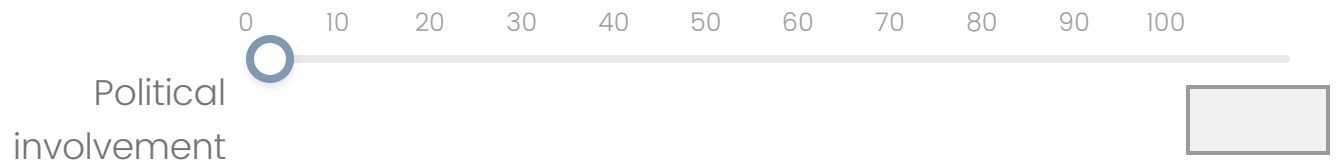
- ☐ Christian – Roman Catholic
- ☐ Christian – Orthodox (including Greek, Eastern, and Oriental Orthodox)
- ☐ Christian – Baptist (including Southern Baptist and Free Will Baptist)
- ☐ Christian – Methodist (including United and Free Will Methodist, Nazarene, and Wesleyan)
- ☐ Christian – Lutheran, Presbyterian, or Anglican (including Church of England and Episcopal)
- ☐ Christian – Anabaptist (including Mennonite, Amish, and Quaker)
- ☐ Christian – Pentecostal (including Assembly of God and New Apostolic Church)
- ☐ Christian – Non-denominational evangelical (including Calvary Chapel and New Life Fellowship)
- ☐ Christian – Restorationist (including Church of Christ and Disciples of Christ)
- ☐ Christian – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- ☐ Christian – Jehovah's Witness
- ☐ Christian – Church of Christ, Scientist
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Generally speaking, with which political affiliation do you identify/agree (this may be different than your official registration)?

- ☐ Republican
- ☐ Democrat
- ☐ Independent
- ☐ Libertarian

☐ Something else

How would you rate your political involvement (from 0 = not at all involved to 100 = completely involved)?



In the 2024 Presidential election, for whom did you vote?

- ☐ Donald Trump/J.D. Vance
- ☐ Kamala D. Harris/Tim Walz
- ☐ Robert F. Kennedy Jr./Nicole Shanahan
- ☐ Chase Oliver/Mike ter Maat
- ☐ Someone else
- ☐ Registered at that time but did not vote
- ☐ Not registered to vote at that time

In general, what do you believe is the basis for most people's life outcomes?

- ☐ Their own personalities, choices, and behaviors

☐ Luck, fate, or karma

Do you have previous legal experience?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, I was a jury member for a trial
- ☐ Yes, I am a current judge, lawyer, or law student
- ☐ Yes, I am a former judge, lawyer, or law student
- ☐ Yes, I am a current member of law enforcement
- ☐ Yes, I am a former member of law enforcement

Do you have military experience?

- ☐ Yes, I am currently in the military and have deployed
- ☐ Yes, I am currently in the military and have not deployed
- ☐ Yes, I was prior military and have deployed
- ☐ Yes, I was prior military and have not deployed
- ☐ Yes, I was or am in ROTC
- ☐ No

Are you currently registered to vote?

- ☐ Yes, in Oklahoma
- ☐ Yes, in another state

☐ No

On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 = not at all; 10 = completely), how annoyed would you be to find that your favorite television/streaming show was canceled mid-season with no story resolution?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Show canceled

Do you have a firearm at home?

☐ No

☐ Yes

Are you licensed to conceal carry a firearm?

☐ Yes

☐ No

How did you hear about this study?

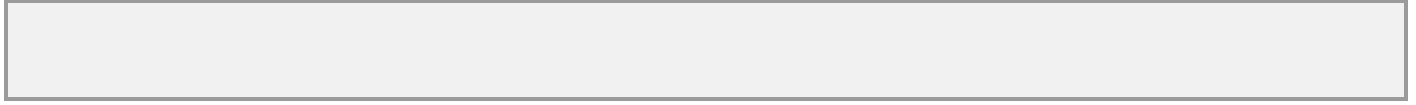
- ☐ E-mail blast through UCO
- ☐ Sona-systems (General Psychology)
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Instagram
- ☐ Reddit
- ☐ GroupMe
- ☐ Other

Thank you!

Thank you for participating in this study. The purpose of this survey learn more about factors that predict jury recommendations. Due to the nature of this study, we ask that you do not provide any information regarding the purpose or experience of this study to any other possible participants. Providing this information would undermine the purpose behind the survey. If you have any questions about this research or its findings, please contact the primary investigator, Dr. Alicia McLean, at alimke@uco.edu or at aliciamclean@ou.edu.

If you are completing this study for Sona-Systems credit

(General Psychology), your credit should be assigned within 48 hours of the deadline for completion.



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