



## OVERVIEW

The study was conducted for CNN via telephone by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted from **April 21-26, 2021** among a sample of **1,004** respondents. The landline total respondents were **227** and there were **777** cell phone respondents. The margin of sampling error for total respondents is +/- **3.6** at the 95% confidence level. The design effect is **1.36**. More information about SSRS can be obtained by visiting [www.ssrs.com](http://www.ssrs.com). Unless otherwise noted, results beginning with the March 31-April 2, 2006 survey and ending with the April 22-25, 2017 survey are from surveys conducted by ORC International. Results before March 31, 2006 are from surveys conducted by Gallup.

Question text noted in parentheses was rotated or randomized. Values less than 0.5 percent are indicated by an asterisk (\*).

## NOTE ABOUT CROSSTABS

Interviews were conducted among a representative sample of the adult population, age 18 or older, of the United States. Members of demographic groups not shown in the published crosstabs are represented in the results for each question in the poll. Crosstabs on the pages that follow only include results for subgroups with a minimum N=125 unweighted cases. Results for subgroups with fewer than N=125 unweighted cases are not displayed and instead are denoted with "**SN**" because samples of that size carry larger margins of sampling error and can be too small to be projectable with confidence to their true values in the population.

**EMBARGOED FOR RELEASE:**

**Tuesday, April 27 at 4:00 p.m.**



GF1. As you may have heard, a jury found former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin guilty of murder in the death of George Floyd. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with this verdict?

	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	No opinion
April 21-26, 2021	77%	16%	6%

GF2. How has the verdict in the Chauvin trial changed your opinion of the criminal justice system, if at all? Would you say that your opinion of the criminal justice system in the U.S. has (improved), stayed the same, or (worsened) as a result of this verdict?

	Improved	Stayed the same	Worsened	No opinion
April 21-26, 2021	25%	55%	17%	3%

GF3. Thinking about policing in America today, do you think that policing works pretty well as it is, needs some minor changes, needs major changes, or does policing need a complete overhaul? **[RESPONSES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]**

	Works pretty well as it is	Needs minor changes	Needs major changes	Needs a complete overhaul	No opinion
April 21-26, 2021	14%	32%	35%	18%	1%

GF4. How likely do you think it is that there will be real changes in the way Blacks and other racial and ethnic minorities are treated in American society as a result of the conviction of Derek Chauvin? **[RESPONSES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]**

	NET Likely	Very likely	Somewhat likely	NET Not likely	Not too likely	Not at all likely	No opinion
April 21-26, 2021	53%	11%	41%	43%	25%	18%	4%

COMPARE TO:

How likely do you think it is that there will be real changes in the way Blacks and other racial and ethnic minorities are treated in American society because of the protests that have happened this summer? **[RESPONSES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]**

	NET Likely	Very likely	Somewhat likely	NET Not likely	Not too likely	Not at all likely	No opinion
Aug 28-Sept 1, 2020	60%	14%	47%	37%	22%	15%	3%



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#### **MORE ON METHODOLOGY**

A total of **1,004** adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Among the entire sample, **32%** described themselves as Democrats, **25%** described themselves as Republicans, and **43%** described themselves as independents or members of another party.

All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, population density, and telephone usage.

Results for the full sample have a margin of sampling error of +/- 3.6 percentage points.

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TABLE 038

Question GF1

GF1. As you may have heard, a jury found former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin guilty of murder in the death of George Floyd. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with this verdict?

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Ppl of Color	Biden approve	Biden disap prove
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Satisfied	77%	73%	81%	74%	83%	94%	58%
Dissatisfied	16%	20%	14%	20%	10%	3%	34%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	6%	7%	6%	6%	7%	3%	9%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	4.7	5.4	4.5	6.2	5.1	5.4

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Satisfied	77%	79%	75%	77%	77%	77%	77%
Dissatisfied	16%	15%	18%	16%	18%	17%	16%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	6%	6%	7%	7%	5%	6%	7%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	7.7	7.6	6.7	6.3	6.0	4.3

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Satisfied	77%	77%	78%	75%	81%	70%	80%
Dissatisfied	16%	16%	18%	18%	13%	23%	15%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	6%	7%	4%	6%	6%	7%	5%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	6.2	4.7	4.7	5.6	6.0	6.7

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Satisfied	77%	97%	77%	53%	95%	84%	56%
Dissatisfied	16%	2%	14%	40%	3%	11%	35%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	6%	1%	9%	7%	2%	5%	9%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	6.6	5.6	7.2	7.7	5.6	6.3

	Total	Lean Demo-cratic	Lean Repub lican	Reg. voter
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Satisfied	77%	96%	56%	78%
Dissatisfied	16%	2%	35%	16%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	6%	2%	8%	5%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	5.3	5.5	3.9



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TABLE 039

Question GF2

GF2. How has the verdict in the Chauvin trial changed your opinion of the criminal justice system, if at all? Would you say that your opinion of the criminal justice system in the U.S. has improved, stayed the same, or worsened as a result of this verdict?

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Ppl of Color	Biden approve	Biden disapprove
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Improved	25%	22%	28%	20%	35%	38%	11%
Stayed the same	55%	56%	54%	60%	47%	56%	53%
Worsened	17%	19%	14%	18%	14%	4%	33%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	3%	3%	3%	2%	5%	2%	3%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	4.7	5.4	4.5	6.2	5.1	5.4

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Improved	25%	21%	22%	28%	32%	20%	29%
Stayed the same	55%	63%	55%	54%	46%	61%	50%
Worsened	17%	14%	18%	17%	19%	15%	18%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	3%	3%	5%	1%	3%	3%	3%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	7.7	7.6	6.7	6.3	6.0	4.3

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White non-coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Improved	25%	31%	21%	27%	22%	20%	19%
Stayed the same	55%	48%	60%	51%	63%	56%	67%
Worsened	17%	17%	16%	19%	13%	22%	12%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	6.2	4.7	4.7	5.6	6.0	6.7

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Improved	25%	39%	22%	13%	38%	26%	14%
Stayed the same	55%	57%	57%	52%	59%	58%	51%
Worsened	17%	3%	16%	35%	2%	14%	32%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	3%	1%	5%	1%	*	2%	4%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	6.6	5.6	7.2	7.7	5.6	6.3

	Total	Lean Demo-crat	Lean Repub lican	Reg. voter
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Improved	25%	35%	14%	23%
Stayed the same	55%	60%	49%	57%
Worsened	17%	3%	34%	17%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	3%	2%	3%	2%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	5.3	5.5	3.9



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TABLE 040  
 Question GF3

GF3. Thinking about policing in America today, do you think that policing works pretty well as it is, needs some minor changes, needs major changes, or does policing need a complete overhaul?  
 Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Ppl of Color	Biden approve	Biden disap prove
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Works pretty well as it is	14%	17%	11%	15%	12%	4%	25%
Needs minor changes	32%	35%	28%	37%	23%	21%	44%
Needs major changes	35%	32%	37%	32%	40%	48%	19%
Needs a complete overhaul	18%	15%	22%	15%	24%	27%	10%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	4.7	5.4	4.5	6.2	5.1	5.4

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Works pretty well as it is	14%	12%	17%	16%	11%	15%	13%
Needs minor changes	32%	28%	28%	34%	38%	26%	36%
Needs major changes	35%	39%	35%	31%	33%	38%	32%
Needs a complete overhaul	18%	20%	20%	18%	16%	20%	17%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	7.7	7.6	6.7	6.3	6.0	4.3

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Works pretty well as it is	14%	14%	14%	15%	11%	17%	12%
Needs minor changes	32%	29%	34%	31%	32%	36%	36%
Needs major changes	35%	32%	36%	33%	39%	30%	35%
Needs a complete overhaul	18%	24%	15%	19%	17%	15%	16%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	6.2	4.7	4.7	5.6	6.0	6.7

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Works pretty well as it is	14%	3%	11%	29%	3%	8%	29%
Needs minor changes	32%	18%	35%	45%	12%	34%	43%
Needs major changes	35%	49%	35%	17%	46%	40%	20%
Needs a complete overhaul	18%	30%	18%	6%	38%	17%	6%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	6.6	5.6	7.2	7.7	5.6	6.3

	Total	Lean Demo-cratic	Lean Repub lican	Reg. voter
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Works pretty well as it is	14%	4%	26%	14%
Needs minor changes	32%	18%	45%	32%
Needs major changes	35%	49%	21%	35%
Needs a complete overhaul	18%	28%	6%	19%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	1%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	5.3	5.5	3.9



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TABLE 041

Question GF4

GF4. How likely do you think it is that there will be real changes in the way Blacks and other racial and ethnic minorities are treated in American society as a result of the conviction of Derek Chauvin?

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Ppl of Color	Biden approve	Biden disapprove
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Very/Somewhat likely (Net)	53%	44%	60%	51%	55%	62%	42%
Very likely	11%	11%	12%	10%	14%	14%	9%
Somewhat likely	41%	34%	49%	42%	41%	48%	34%
Not too/Not at all likely (Net)	43%	51%	35%	45%	41%	37%	51%
Not too likely	25%	30%	21%	27%	23%	26%	24%
Not at all likely	18%	22%	14%	18%	17%	11%	27%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	1%	7%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	4.7	5.4	4.5	6.2	5.1	5.4

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Very/Somewhat likely (Net)	53%	43%	51%	58%	61%	47%	57%
Very likely	11%	5%	13%	17%	11%	8%	14%
Somewhat likely	41%	37%	37%	41%	50%	39%	43%
Not too/Not at all likely (Net)	43%	52%	45%	38%	35%	49%	39%
Not too likely	25%	31%	25%	22%	22%	27%	24%
Not at all likely	18%	22%	21%	15%	13%	22%	15%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	7.7	7.6	6.7	6.3	6.0	4.3

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Very/Somewhat likely (Net)	53%	59%	49%	55%	47%	53%	49%
Very likely	11%	15%	9%	14%	5%	12%	6%
Somewhat likely	41%	44%	40%	41%	41%	40%	44%
Not too/Not at all likely (Net)	43%	37%	46%	41%	49%	43%	47%
Not too likely	25%	21%	28%	23%	30%	25%	30%
Not at all likely	18%	16%	18%	18%	19%	19%	17%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	4%	4%	5%	4%	5%	4%	4%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	6.2	4.7	4.7	5.6	6.0	6.7

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Very/Somewhat likely (Net)	53%	60%	51%	47%	55%	57%	47%
Very likely	11%	11%	12%	10%	11%	12%	11%
Somewhat likely	41%	49%	39%	37%	45%	45%	36%
Not too/Not at all likely (Net)	43%	39%	44%	46%	43%	40%	45%
Not too likely	25%	29%	24%	21%	28%	24%	22%
Not at all likely	18%	9%	21%	25%	15%	16%	24%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	4%	1%	4%	7%	1%	3%	8%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	6.6	5.6	7.2	7.7	5.6	6.3

	Total	Lean Demo-crat	Lean Repub lican	Reg. voter
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Very/Somewhat likely (Net)	53%	58%	47%	51%
Very likely	11%	11%	12%	11%
Somewhat likely	41%	47%	35%	41%
Not too/Not at all likely (Net)	43%	41%	46%	45%
Not too likely	25%	29%	22%	27%
Not at all likely	18%	12%	24%	18%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	4%	1%	7%	4%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	5.3	5.5	3.9