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## A SURVEY ABOUT THE POLICE

The ACLU of Wisconsin, a civil rights organization, is collecting information about police-civilian interactions. If you're willing to help us, please fill out this form. Your answers are confidential and individual answers will not be shared. Please only complete the survey once. **Thank you!**

### 1. Identifying Information

Your Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Attitudes about the Police

How would you describe your views of police?

Positive	Mostly Positive	Neutral	Mostly Negative	Negative	N/A
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How would you describe your encounters with the police?

Positive	Mostly Positive	Neutral	Mostly Negative	Negative	N/A
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Do Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) officers treat people in your neighborhood with respect?

Always	Almost Always	Sometimes	Almost Never	Never	N/A
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Do MPD officers in your neighborhood make you feel safe?

Always	Almost Always	Sometimes	Almost Never	Never	N/A
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Do MPD officers abuse their authority?

Always	Almost Always	Sometimes	Almost Never	Never	N/A
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### 3. Experience/Encounters with the Police:

How often do you see MPD officers in your neighborhood?

Always	Almost Always	Sometimes	Almost Never	Never	N/A
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Have you ever been stopped or questioned by the police? (**If no, please skip to section 4.**)

Yes	No	Unsure
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If yes, how many times have you been stopped or questioned by police in your lifetime? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, where were you stopped or questioned? (check all that apply)

Street     Apartment building or house     Bus stop     Car     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Of all of the times you have been stopped in your lifetime, what do you believe was the most common reason for the stops? (Check all that apply.)

I was in a "bad" neighborhood     My sex/gender expression (how I express my gender identity/sexual orientation)

I was suspected of criminal activity     My age

My race     My clothes

Carrying an object     Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

My religion

Have you been patted down/frisked (has a police officer ever touched your outer clothing)?

Yes                  No                  Unsure

If yes, how many times have you been patted down by MPD officers in your lifetime? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been searched by a MPD officer? In other words, has a police officer ever gone through your pockets or bag?

Yes                  No                  Unsure

Have you been asked by the MPD officer to consent to being searched? Yes                  No                  Unsure

Has a police officer ever searched your cellphone messages or history? Yes                  No                  Unsure

How recently have you been stopped, questioned, frisked or searched by police officers? \_\_\_\_\_

Were you ever, in your opinion, treated inappropriately (physically or verbally) by a police officer?  
(This includes being threatened or called out of name.)

Yes                  No                  Unsure

If yes, in what way was the treatment inappropriate?

- Inappropriate use of force (push, shove, or hit)
- Verbal abuse (yell, curse or insult)
- Illegal stop or search (no reason to stop or search)
- Inappropriate sexual comments or contact
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

How many times did these incidents occur? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **4. School Safety**

Do you/did you attend a Milwaukee public school in the past 15 years? Yes                  No (Skip to section 5.)

What school do you/did you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Were there police/school safety officers in your school? Yes                  No                  Unsure

If yes, were you ever patted down or had your person searched by police/school safety in your school?

Yes                  No                  Unsure

Have you ever been handcuffed or arrested by the police/school safety?

Yes                  No                  Unsure

How many times have you witnessed someone being handcuffed or arrested in school? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think that the police in your school treat you respectfully?

Always              Almost Always              Sometimes              Almost Never              Never              N/A

## **5. Willingness to Engage with Police**

Do you feel comfortable talking with the police?

Always      Almost Always      Sometimes      Almost Never      Never      N/A

Explain why/why not: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you voluntarily help with a police investigation?

Always      Almost Always      Sometimes      Almost Never      Never      N/A

Explain why/why not: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you call the police if you needed help?

Always      Almost Always      Sometimes      Almost Never      Never      N/A

Explain why/why not: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe calling the police will make a situation better?

Always      Almost Always      Sometimes      Almost Never      Never      N/A

How many times have you witnessed someone being handcuffed or arrested? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever witnessed a crime and reported it?      Yes      No      Unsure

Have you ever witnessed a crime and did not report it?      Yes      No      Unsure

If yes, why didn't you report the crime? \_\_\_\_\_

## **6. Knowledge of Police and Oversight**

Have you ever filed a complaint against the police?      Yes      No      Unsure

If yes, why, and what was the outcome? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think filing a complaint against the police is effective?      Yes      No      Unsure

Have you had other encounters with the police that you would like to share?

If you had the ability to change the way the MPD operated, what changes would you make?

## **7. Additional Information**

In what year were you born? \_\_\_\_\_

Race:

Black or African American       White       Latino/Latina or Hispanic  
 Afro Caribbean       Middle Eastern       Asian, South Asian or Pacific Islander  
 Native American or American Indian, Alaskan Native       Other \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:

Male       Female       ( )

Sexual Orientation:

Gay       Lesbian       Straight  
 Bisexual       Unsure       Other \_\_\_\_\_

Were you born in this country?      Yes      No      Prefer not to answer

You do not have to provide your name or any contact information, but we'd like to be able to contact you with questions. If you would like to file a request for legal assistance please fill out our online form at [www.ACLU-WI.org](http://www.ACLU-WI.org) or call (414) 272-4032 x214. **Please complete this survey only once.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this survey to: ACLU of Wisconsin, 207 E. Buffalo St. Suite 325, Milwaukee WI 53202  
Or complete online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MilwaukeePolice>