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RE: NEW NATIONAL POLLING
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Our recent bi-partisan national survey conducted March 25-28, 2024 provides significant insights into attitudes towards public safety, law enforcement, and criminal justice reform. A total of 1000 voters were interviewed via online sample, yielding a credibility interval of $\pm 3.5$ percentage points.

## KEY FINDINGS

- An overwhelming majority of Americans support reforming the criminal justice system and believe the system needs significant improvements.
- By an $82 \%-18 \%$ margin, Americans support criminal justice reform, including one in three voters strongly supporting reform.
- By an $89 \%-11 \%$ margin, voters across the country believe the nation's criminal justice "needs significant improvements" rather than it "is working pretty well as it is."
- Posted up against other priorities, voters say more funding for police to solve more crimes as well as increased funding for addiction/mental health treatment would make them feel much safer.

- There is strong agreement the United States should invest more money in law enforcement to help solve more crimes, and significant support for shifting resources to increase the number of crimes solved.
- By a 76\%-20\% margin, Americans agree with the statement "we should invest more money in law enforcement to help solve more crimes." Republicans (85\% agree), independent voters (76\% agree), and Democrats (67\% agree) all believe more money should be invested in law enforcement to help solve more crimes.
- Fully three-quarters (77\%) of voters support the policy of "shifting resources from other parts of the criminal justice system to increase the percentage of crimes solved." Again, voters across party lines are supportive - including 80\% of Republicans, 76\% of independent voters, and 74\% of Democrats.
- Voters across party lines strongly support the VICTIM Act.

The VICTIM Act would authorize and release a total of $\$ 360$ million over six years to fund grants aimed at improving the rates of solved crimes such as homicides and firearm-related violent crimes. It would do so by prioritizing some of the following: hiring, training, and retaining detectives to investigate homicides and shootings; acquiring and upgrading technology; incentivizing the development of agency best practices; and ensuring that victims of violent crimes and family members of homicide victims have access to resources, including mental health treatment, grief counseling, and more.


