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Race and Criminal Justice

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RESULTS FROM A NATIONALLY REPRESENTATIVE SURVEY OF YOUNG PEOPLE AGE 18-30 TAKEN JULY 9-20...

✓ **Majorities of young people of all races and ethnicities believe violence against police is an extremely or very serious problem in the United States**
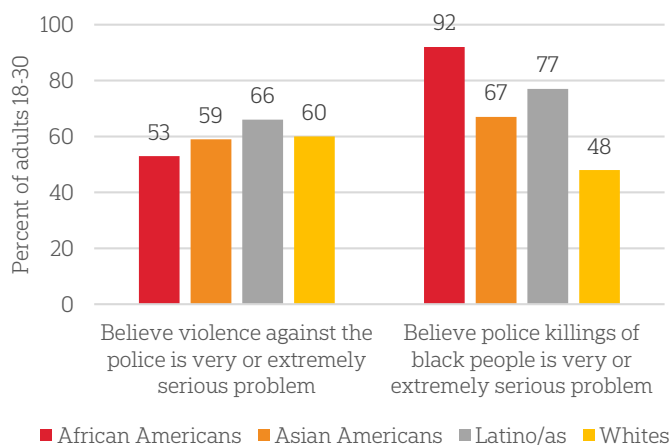
- Sixty-six percent of Latino/as, 60 percent of whites, 59 percent of Asian Americans, and 53 percent of African Americans say violence against the police is an extremely or very serious problem

✓ **African Americans are nearly twice as likely as whites to believe police killings of black people is an extremely or very serious problem**

- Ninety-two percent of African Americans say the killing black people by the police is a very/extremely serious problem compared with 76 percent of Latino/as, 67 percent of Asian Americans, and 48 percent of whites

A majority of young people express high levels of concern about violence against the police, concern about police killing black people varies widely by race and ethnicity

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Questions: How serious a problem do you think violence against the police is in the United States? How serious a problem do you think the killing of black people by the police is in the United States?

✓ **African Americans are more likely than other young people to believe police brutality is one of the country's most important problems**

- Forty-five percent of African Americans cite police brutality as one of the three most important problems facing the country compared with 27 percent of Latino/as, 16 percent of whites, and 13 percent of Asian Americans

✓ **African Americans are much more likely than their peers to report they or someone they know has been a victim of police harassment or violence**

- Two in 3 African Americans say that themselves/someone they know has been the victim of police harassment or violence compared with 40 percent of Latino/as, 30 percent of whites, and 29 percent of Asian Americans

✓ **Majorities of young people, especially those of color, say the not-guilty verdicts for police officers tried in the death of Freddie Gray give them less faith in the criminal justice system**

- Seventy-six percent of African Americans, 73 percent of Latino/as, 66 percent of Asian Americans, and 57 percent of whites say verdicts in the cases related to Freddie Gray's death give them less faith in the criminal justice system
- Only 10 percent of whites, 5 percent of Latino/as, and 4 percent of African Americans and Asian Americans say the cases give them more faith in the criminal justice system

✓ **Many African Americans, Asian Americans, and Latino/as see racism as one of the most important issues facing the United States**

- Racism is the most cited problem among African Americans (49 percent), Asian Americans (32 percent), and Latino/as (31 percent), as well as the fourth most cited problem among whites (20 percent)

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