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
   How would you describe your encounters with the police?
   Positive  Mostly Positive  Neutral  Mostly Negative  Negative  N/A
   Do Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) officers treat people in your neighborhood with respect?
   Always  Almost Always  Sometimes  Almost Never  Never  N/A
   Do MPD officers in your neighborhood make you feel safe?
   Always  Almost Always  Sometimes  Almost Never  Never  N/A
   Do MPD officers abuse their authority?
   Always  Almost Always  Sometimes  Almost Never  Never  N/A

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
   Have you ever been stopped or questioned by the police? (If no, please skip to section 4.)
   Yes  No  Unsure
   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) __________

Date: __________________________
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 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