

2014 Public Police Contact Survey

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Interviewer initials: |__|__|

Start Time: _____ AM / PM End Time: _____ AM / PM

Section 1: Interviewer: Read/ Paraphrase the following text:

Greeting: Hello. My name is _____, and I work for the Census Bureau. Thank you for agreeing to participate in our study.

What: In order to help us improve our surveys, we turn to people like you to find out if our questions make sense and are fairly easy to understand and answer. We have found that the best way to do that is to actually conduct the survey with people and see how it works for them. So, you will be helping us test a questionnaire from one of our surveys.

How: I want you to answer the questions exactly the way you would if an interviewer had come to your home for an official interview, but with one major difference...

Think Aloud: I would like you to think aloud as you answer the questions. I am interested in your answers, but I am also interested in the process you go through in your mind when you answer the questions. I would like you to tell me everything that you are thinking and feeling as you go about answering each question.

Practice: Lets do a practice question before we start: How many windows are in your home?

Interruptions: From time to time I'll ask you some questions about your answers, or about the questions themselves. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers, because only you know what you are thinking.

I really want to hear your opinions and reactions, so don't hesitate to speak up whenever something is unclear, is hard to answer, or doesn't seem to apply to you. Do you have any questions before we begin?

Confidentiality: Our session today is completely confidential. Any names you provide will never be used in our reports. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary and you can decline to answer any particular question.

Recording: So I don't have to rely on my memory later on, I'd like to tape record this interview. That way, I can focus today on what you're saying rather than having to concentrate on taking notes. Is that ok with you?

**** HAVE PARTICIPANT SIGN CONSENT FORM ****

Begin: ****TURN ON TAPE RECORDER****

OK, let's begin. Please remember to think aloud as you answer the questions.

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A. CONTACT SCREEN QUESTIONS

INTRO: Now I would like to ask some questions about any contacts you may have had with the police. {We estimate the survey will take between 2 to 10 minutes depending on your responses.}

1. Before I get to the questions about contacts you may have had with the police, I would like to find out how often you usually drive. Do you currently drive... (Read answer categories.)

- 1. Every day or almost every day?**
- 2. A few days a week?**
- 3. A few days a month?**
- 4. A few times a year?**
- 5. Never?**

2. I am going to read some questions about experiences you may have had seeking help or assistance from the police. Have you approached or sought help from the police for any of the following reasons in the last 12 months?

a. Have you reported any kind of crime, disturbance, or suspicious activity to the police?

1. Yes
2. No (skip to Q2b)

2a1. How many times did this happen during the past 12 months?

2a2. [Was this contact a/How many of these contacts were] face-to-face (in person) interactions with police?

b. Have you reported a non-crime emergency such as a traffic accident or medical emergency to the police?

1. Yes
2. No (skip to Q2c)

2b1. How many times did this happen during the past 12 months?

2b2. [Was this contact a/How many of these contacts were] face-to-face (in person) interactions with police?

c. Have you participated in block watch or other anti-crime programs WITH police?

1. Yes
2. No

PROBE: Can you give me an example of an anti-crime program?

Are you familiar with the term "block watch?"

d. Have you approached or sought help from the police in the last 12 months for something I haven't mentioned?

1. Yes → Specify _____
2. No (skip to Q2e)

2d1. How many times did this happen during the past 12 months?

2d2. [Was this contact a/How many of these contacts were]face-to-face (in person) interactions with police?

e. In the last 12 months, have you been involved in a traffic accident in which the police came to the scene?

1. Yes
2. No (skip to Q2f)

2e1. How many times did this happen during the past 12 months?

2e2. Were you arrested during [this contact/any of these contacts] with police?

1. Yes
2. No

Now I am going to ask you questions about any time in the last 12 months when police initiated contact with you. In the last 12 months:

f. Have you been stopped by the police while in a public place, but not while driving or riding in a vehicle? This includes being in a parked vehicle.

1. Yes
2. No (skip to Q2g)

PROBE: In your own words, what is this question asking?

What does "public space" mean to you in this question?

2f1. How many times did this happen during the past 12 months?

2f2. Were you arrested during [this contact/any of these contacts]?

1. Yes
2. No

g. Have you been stopped by the police while driving a motor vehicle (NOT including any driving violations captured by camera and ticketed by mail)?

1. Yes
2. No (skip to Q2h)

PROBE: What does "driving violation" mean to you in this question?

2g1. How many times did this happen during the past 12 months?

2g2. Were you arrested during [this contact/any of these contacts]?

1. Yes
2. No

h. Have you been the passenger in a motor vehicle that was stopped by police?

1. Yes
2. No (skip to Q2h)

2h1. How many times did this happen during the past 12 months?

2h2. Were you arrested during [this contact/any of these contacts]?

1. Yes
2. No

i. In the last 12 months, have you been arrested during any contact with police not previously mentioned?

1. Yes
2. No (skip to Q2j)

j. Have you been stopped or approached by the police in the last 12 months for something else that hasn't been discussed?

1. Yes → Specify _____
2. No (skip to Check Item A)

2j1. How many times did this happen during the past 12 months?

PROBE: Did you have any encounters with the police in the past 12 months that you didn't mention so far? IF YES: Can you tell me more about that?

IF MORE THAN ONE CONTACT WITH POLICE (a - j): Did you count the same contact with police on more than one of the questions I asked you?

FOR EACH YES IN A1-J1: Did you have any trouble deciding how many times this activity happened in the last 12 months?

CHECK ITEM A: Did the respondent answer 'Yes' to at least one item, a-j, in Q2?

- Yes → Skip to Check Item B
- No → End interview

CHECK ITEM B: Did the respondent report more than one type of contact with police in question 2a-j?

- Yes → Skip to Q3
- No → Skip to Check Item B1

CHECK ITEM B1:

- Reported a crime, disturbance, suspicious person, non-crime emergency to the police, or sought help from the police for something not mentioned (Q2a=1, OR Q2b=1, OR Q2d=1) → Skip to Section F (Page 23)
 - Was involved in a traffic accident that was reported to the police or other police initiated contact (Q2e=1 or Q2j=1) → Skip to ACCIDENT/OTHER INVOLUNTARY CONTACT INTRO 1 (Page 18)
 - Participated in block watch (Q2c=1) → Skip to CHECK ITEM P (Page 25)
 - Stopped by the police while in a public place but not a moving vehicle (Q2f=1) → Go to Section B (Page 7)
 - Stopped by the police while driving, or been the passenger in a vehicle that was stopped by police (Q2g=1 OR Q2h=1) → Skip to Section D (Page 15)
 - Other arrest (Q2i=1) → Skip to ARREST INTRO 1 (Page 19)
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3. You just mentioned several contacts with the police: [Fill from Q2a-j]. Which of these was the most recent?

1. Reported a crime, disturbance, suspicious person to the police
2. Reported a non-crime emergency to the police
3. Participated in block watch **WITH** police
4. Approached or sought help from the police for something else
5. Involved in a traffic accident in which the police came to the scene
6. Stopped by the police in a public place, but not while driving or riding in a vehicle
7. Stopped by the police while driving a motor vehicle
8. Was a passenger in a motor vehicle that was stopped by the police
9. Was arrested during a contact with police not previously mentioned
10. Was stopped or approached by the police for something else not already mentioned

PROBE: IF MORE THAN 1 CONTACT: Did you have any trouble deciding which was the most recent contact?

CHECK ITEM B2: What was the most recent contact the respondent reported?

- Reported a crime, disturbance, suspicious person, non-crime emergency to the police, or sought help from the police for something not mentioned (Q3=1, OR Q3=2, OR Q3=4) → Skip to Section F (Page 23)
 - Was involved in a traffic accident that was reported to the police OR other police initiated contact (Q3=5OR Q3=10) → Skip to ACCIDENT/OTHER INVOLUNTARY CONTACT INTRO 1 (Page 18)
 - Participated in block watch (Q3=3) → Skip to CHECK ITEM P (Page 25)
 - Stopped by the police while in a public place but not a moving vehicle (Q3=6) → Go to Section B (Page 7)
 - Stopped by the police while driving, or been the passenger in a vehicle that was stopped by police (Q3=7OR Q3=8) → Skip to Section D (Page 15)
 - Other arrest(Q3=9) → Skip to ARREST INTRO 1 (Page 19)
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B. Characteristics of Street Stop

READ STREET INTRO 1A ONLY IF MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF CONTACT WAS REPORTED (i.e. Q3=6), OR IF MORE THAN ONE OF THE SAME CONTACT WAS REPORTED (Q2f2 > 1 AND Check Item B=2).

READ STREET INTRO 1B FOR ALL WHO REPORTED STREET STOP AS THE MOST RECENT CONTACT ((Q2f=1 AND Check Item B=2) or Q3=6).

STREET INTRO 1a: Please tell me ONLY about the MOST RECENT contact you had with the police.

STREET INTRO 1b: I'm going to start by asking some questions about the nature of the stop and the officer or officers who stopped you.

4. Earlier you mentioned having contact with the police while in a public place but not driving or riding in a vehicle. Were there any other persons with you at the time of the stop? (PROBE IF NECESSARY: Where was the person(s) that was/were with you during the contact with police?)

1. Yes
2. No → Skip to Q6

5. How many other persons were with you at the time of the stop?

_____ number of persons

6. Did the police give a reason for stopping you?

1. Yes
2. No → skip to Q8

7. What was the reason given for this stop?

Did the police...

a. suspect you of something?

1. Yes
2. No

b. match you to the description of someone they were looking for?

1. Yes
2. No

PROBE: If "yes to 7b: Can you tell me more about that?"

Were the police...

c. seeking information about another person?

1. Yes
2. No

d. investigating a crime?

1. Yes
2. No

e. providing a service or assistance to you?

1. Yes

2. No

CHECK ITEM C: Was the respondent alone at the time of the stop? (Q4=2)?

- Yes → Skip to Q7h
 - No → Go to Q7f
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f. Did someone you were with match the description of someone the police were looking for?

1. Yes
2. No

g. Was someone you were with suspected of something?

1. Yes
2. No

h. Was there some other reason?

1. Yes → Specify _____
2. No

PROBE: Did you have any difficulty coming up with the reason why the police stopped you?

8. Would you say the police had a legitimate reason for stopping you?

1. Yes
2. No

PROBE: IF NOT ALREADY STATED: What were you thinking of when you answered this question?

What does “legitimate reason” mean to you in this question? Can you give an example of a “legitimate reason” for stopping you?

9. At the time you were stopped, was there one or more than one officer present?

1. One officer → Go to Q10
2. More than one officer → Skip to Q13
3. Don't know → Skip to STREET INTRO 2 (Page 11)

10. Was the police officer male or female?

1. Male
2. Female
3. Don't know

11. Was the police officer of Hispanic or Latino origin?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

PROBE: How did you decide on your answer to this question?

12. What race or races was the police officer? You may select more than one. Was the officer....

1. **White?**
2. **Black or African American?**
3. **American Indian or Alaska Native?**
4. **Asian?**
5. **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander?**
6. Don't know

PROBE: Did you have any difficulty coming up with your answer to this question?

SKIP TO STREET INTRO 2 (Page 11)

13. Were the police officers male or female?

1. All male → skip to Q15
2. All female → skip to Q15
3. Don't know → skip to Q15
4. Both male and female

PROBE: Did you have any difficulty coming up with your answer to this question?

IF 1 OR 2: Did you think that you could say there were both male and female police officers there?

14. Were they mostly male or mostly female?

1. Mostly male
2. Mostly female
3. Evenly divided
4. Don't know

PROBE: IF "mostly male" or "mostly female": How many were men and how many were women?

15. Was one or more of the police officers of Hispanic or Latino origin?

1. Yes
2. No → skip to Q17
3. Don't know → skip to Q17

PROBE: How did you decide on your answer to this question?

16. Were the officers mostly Hispanic, mostly non-Hispanic, or an equal number of Hispanic and non-Hispanic?

1. Mostly Hispanic or Latino
2. Mostly non-Hispanic
3. Equal number of Hispanic and non-Hispanic
4. Don't know

PROBE: In your own words, what is this question asking?

17. What race or races were the officers? You may select more than one. Were they...

1. **White?**
2. **Black or African American?**
3. **American Indian or Alaska Native?**
4. **Asian?**
5. **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander?**
6. Don't know

PROBE: Did you have any difficulty coming up with your answer to this question?

CHECK ITEM D. Is more than one box marked in Q17?

- Yes → Ask Q18
 - No → Skip to STREET INTRO 2 (Page 11)
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18. What race were most of the officers?

1. **Mostly White**
2. **Mostly Black or African American**
3. **Mostly American Indian or Alaska Native**
4. **Mostly Asian?**
5. **Mostly Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander?**
6. Equal number of each race
7. Don't know

PROBE: IF NOT ALREADY STATED: What were you thinking about when you answered this question?

C. Outcome of Street Stop

STREET INTRO 2: Now I'm going to ask you some questions about the outcome of your most recent stop and your interaction with police.

19. During this contact were you given a ticket? Please exclude any verbal or written warnings given to you by the police.

1. Yes
2. No → Skip to Q21
3. Don't know → Skip to Q21

PROBE: Are a "ticket" and a "warning" the same thing, or do they mean different things to you?

20. What were you ticketed for?

_____ → Skip to Q22

21. Were you given a written warning or a verbal warning?

1. Verbal
2. Written
3. Both
4. Neither
5. Don't know

22. At any point during the contact, did the police do any of the following:

a. Shout at you?

1. Yes
2. No

b. Curse at you?

1. Yes
2. No

c. Threaten to arrest you?

1. Yes
2. No

d. Threaten you with [a ticket/other tickets]?

1. Yes
2. No

e. Threaten to use force against you?

1. Yes
2. No

PROBE: What does "threaten to use force against you" mean to you in this question? Can you give me an example?

f. Actually push or grab you?

1. Yes
2. No

g. Handcuff you?

1. Yes
2. No

h. Actually kick or hit you?

1. Yes
2. No

i. Actually spray you with a chemical or pepper spray?

1. Yes
2. No

j. Actually use an electroshock weapon against you, such as a stun gun?

1. Yes
2. No

k. Actually point a gun at you?

1. Yes
2. No

l. Use any other type of force?

1. Yes → Specify _____
2. No

CHECK ITEM E: Is there at least one 'Yes' response in Q22a-l?

- Yes → Go to Q23
 - No → Skip to Q25
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23. You mentioned that the police [Fill from Q22a-l]. Do you feel that (this action was/these actions were) necessary?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

PROBE: How did you come up with your answer to this question?

24. Do you feel any of the actions used against you were excessive?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

PROBE: What does "excessive" mean to you in this question? Can you give me an example?

25. At any time during this contact did you...

a. Disobey or interfere with the officer(s)?

1. Yes
2. No

PROBE: In your own words, what is this question asking? Can you give me an example of "interfering" with an officer?

b. Try to get away?

1. Yes
2. No

c. Push, grab, or hit the police officer(s)?

1. Yes
2. No

d. Resist being handcuffed, arrested, or searched?

1. Yes
2. No

e. Complain to the officer(s)?

1. Yes
2. No

f. Argue with the police officer(s)?

1. Yes
2. No

g. Curse at, insult, or verbally threaten police officer(s)?

1. Yes
2. No

h. Physically do anything else?

1. Yes → Specify _____
2. No

CHECK ITEM F: Was the respondent involved in more than one street stop during the prior 12 months and was the respondent arrested during a street stop (Q2f1>1 and Q2f2=1)

- Yes → Go to Q26
 - No → Go to Q27
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26. You reported earlier that you were arrested during a contact in which the police stopped you, were you arrested during this most recent contact?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

27. At any time during this stop, did the police officer(s) search you, frisk you, or pat you down?

1. Yes
2. No → Skip to INTRO FOR ALL EXCEPT BLOCK WATCH (Page 24)
3. Don't know → Skip to INTRO FOR ALL EXCEPT BLOCK WATCH (Page 24)

28. Do you think the police officer(s) had a legitimate reason to search you, frisk you, or pat you down?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

PROBE: IF NOT ALREADY STATED: What were you thinking of when you answered this question?

What does "legitimate reason" mean to you in this question? Can you give an example of a "legitimate reason" for searching you?

29. During the search, did the police officer(s) find any illegal items, such as a weapon, drugs, or an open container of alcohol?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

CHECK ITEM G: Was the respondent arrested and personally searched? (Q2f1=1 AND Q2f2=1 OR Q26=1 AND Q27=1)?

- Yes → Go to Q30
 - No → Skip to INTRO FOR ALL EXCEPT BLOCK WATCH (Page 24)
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30. Earlier you said that you were arrested during the stop. Did the search occur before you were arrested?

1. Yes → Skip to INTRO FOR ALL EXCEPT BLOCK WATCH (Page 24)
2. No → Skip to INTRO FOR ALL EXCEPT BLOCK WATCH (Page 24)
3. Don't know → Skip to INTRO FOR ALL EXCEPT BLOCK WATCH (Page 24)

D. Characteristics of Traffic Stop

READ TRAFFIC INTRO 1a ONLY IF MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF CONTACT WAS REPORTED(Q3=7 or Q3=8), OR IF MORE THAN ONE OF THE SAME CONTACT WAS REPORTED(Q2g2>1 or Q2h2>1 AND Check Item B=2).

READ TRAFFIC INTRO 1B FOR ALL WITH TRAFFIC STOP AS MOST RECENT CONTACT ((Q2g=1 or Q2h=1 AND Check Item B=2) or Q3=7 or Q3=8).

TRAFFIC INTRO 1a: Please tell me ONLY about the MOST RECENT contact you had with the police.

TRAFFIC INTRO 1b: First, I'm going to start by asking you some questions about the officer or officers who stopped you and about why you were stopped.

31. At the beginning of your most recent contact with the police, was there one or more than one officer present?

1. One officer → Go to Q32
2. More than one officer → Skip to Q35
3. Don't know/remember → Skip to CHECK ITEM I (Page 17)

32. Was the police officer male or female?

1. Male
2. Female
3. Don't know

33. Was the police officer of Hispanic or Latino origin?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

PROBE: How did you decide on your answer to this question?

34. What race or races was the police officer? You may select more than one. Was the officer.... (enter all that apply)

1. White?
2. Black or African American?
3. American Indian or Alaska Native?
4. Asian?
5. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander?
6. Don't know

PROBE: Did you have any difficulty coming up with your answer to this question?

SKIP TO CHECK ITEM I (Page 17)

35. Were the police officers male or female?

1. All male → skip to Q37
2. All female → skip to Q37
3. Don't know → skip to Q37
4. Both male and female

PROBE: Did you have any difficulty coming up with your answer to this question?

IF "all male" or "all female": Did you think that you could say there were both male and female police officers there?

36. Were they mostly male or mostly female?

1. Mostly male
2. Mostly female
3. Evenly divided
4. Don't know

PROBE: IF "mostly male" or "mostly female": How many were men and how many were women?

37. Was one or more of the police officers of Hispanic or Latino origin?

1. Yes
2. No → skip to Q39
3. Don't know → skip to Q39

PROBE: How did you decide on your answer to this question?

38. Were the officers mostly Hispanic, mostly non-Hispanic, or an equal number of Hispanic and non-Hispanic?

1. Mostly Hispanic or Latino
2. Mostly non-Hispanic
3. Equal number of Hispanic and non-Hispanic
4. Don't know

PROBE: In your own words, what is this question asking?

39. What race or races were the officers? You may select more than one. Were they...

1. White?
2. Black or African American?
3. American Indian or Alaska Native?
4. Asian?
5. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander?
6. Don't know

PROBE: Did you have any difficulty coming up with your answer to this question?

CHECK ITEM H. Is more than one box marked in Q39?

- Yes → Ask Q40
 - No → Skip to CHECK ITEM I (Page 17)
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40. What race were most of the officers?

1. Mostly White
2. Mostly Black or African American
3. Mostly American Indian or Alaska Native
4. Mostly Asian?
5. Mostly Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander?
6. Equal number of each race
7. Don't know

PROBE: IF NOT ALREADY STATED: What were you thinking about when you answered this question?

CHECK ITEM I: Was the respondent the driver during a traffic stop? ((Q2g=1 and CHECK ITEM B=2) OR Q3=7)?

- Yes → Go to Q41
 - No → Go to Q43
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41. Were there any other persons in the vehicle with you at the time of the traffic stop?

1. Yes → Ask Q42
2. No → Go to Q43

42. How many other persons were in the vehicle with you at the time of the traffic stop?

_____ number of persons

E. Reasons for Traffic Stop

43. Did the police officer(s) give a reason for stopping the vehicle?

1. Yes → Go to Q44
2. No → Skip to Q45
3. Don't know → Skip to Q45

44. What reason or reasons did the officer(s) give for stopping the vehicle? (Check all that apply).

1. Speeding
2. Vehicle defect
3. Record check (for example, a license plate, driver's license, or vehicle registration)
4. Roadside check for drunk drivers
5. Seatbelt violation
6. Illegal turn or lane change
7. Stop sign or stop light violation
8. Using a cell phone while driving (includes talking and texting)
9. Some other reason → Specify _____

PROBE: What does "vehicle defect" mean to you in this question? Can you give me an example of a vehicle defect?

45. Would you say that the police officer(s) had a legitimate reason for stopping you?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

PROBE: IF NOT ALREADY STATED: What were you thinking of when you answered this question?

What does "legitimate reason" mean to you in this question? Can you give an example of a "legitimate reason" for stopping you?

READ TRAFFIC INTRO 2 FOR ALL WITH TRAFFIC STOP AS MOST RECENT CONTACT ((Q2g=1 or Q2h=1 AND Check Item B=2) or Q3=7 or Q3=8).

TRAFFIC INTRO 2: Now I'm going to ask you some questions about the outcome of the traffic stop that you have been telling me about. → (skip to Q46)

READ ACCIDENT/OTHER INVOLUNTARY CONTACT INTRO 1 FOR ALL WITH INVOLUNTARY CONTACT OR CONTACT DUE TO A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT AS MOST RECENT CONTACT ((Q2e=1 or Q2j=1 AND Check Item B=2) or Q3=5 or Q3=10).

ACCIDENT/OTHER INVOLUNTARY CONTACT INTRO 1: Now I'm going to ask you some questions about possible outcomes of your most recent contact with police that you may have experienced and about your interaction with police during this contact.

46. During this contact were you given a ticket? Please exclude any verbal or written warnings given to you by the police.

1. Yes
2. No → Skip to Q48
3. Don't know → Skip to Q48

PROBE: Are a "ticket" and a "warning" the same thing, or do they mean different things to you?

47. What were you ticketed for?

_____ → Skip to Q49

48. Were you given a written warning or a verbal warning? (FR NOTE: Work orders or requirements for vehicle maintenance and changes do NOT count as warnings)

1. Verbal
2. Written
3. Both
4. Neither
5. Don't know

PROBE: If "verbal" or "written" or "both": Were you counting any instructions the police may have given you to fix something on your car?

ALL RESPONSES SKIP TO Q49

READ ARREST INTRO 1 FOR ALL WITH AN ARREST AS MOST RECENT CONTACT ((Q2I=1 AND Check Item B=2) or Q3=9).

ARREST INTRO 1: I'm going to ask you some questions about your interactions with police during your most recent contact with police in which you were arrested.

49. At any point during this contact, did the police do any of the following:

a. Shout at you?

1. Yes
2. No

b. Curse at you?

1. Yes
2. No

c. Threaten to arrest you?

1. Yes
2. No

d. Threaten you with [a ticket/other tickets]?

1. Yes
2. No

e. Threaten to use force against you?

1. Yes
2. No

PROBE: What does "threaten to use force against you" mean to you in this question? Can you give me an example?

f. Actually push or grab you?

1. Yes
2. No

g. Handcuff you?

1. Yes
2. No

h. Actually kick or hit you?

1. Yes
2. No

i. Actually spray you with a chemical or pepper spray?

1. Yes
2. No

j. Actually use an electroshock weapon against you, such as a stun gun?

1. Yes
2. No

k. Actually point a gun at you?

1. Yes
2. No

l. Use any other type of force?

1. Yes → Specify _____
2. No

CHECK ITEM J: Is there at least one 'Yes' response in Q49?

- Yes → Ask Q50
- No → Skip to Q52

50. You mentioned that the police [Fill from Q49a-l]. Do you feel (this action was/these actions were) necessary?

1. Yes
2. No

51. Do you feel any of the actions used against you were excessive?

1. Yes
2. No

PROBE: What does "excessive" mean to you in this question? Can you give me an example?

52. At any time during this contact did you...

a. Disobey or interfere with the officer(s)?

1. Yes
2. No

PROBE: In your own words, what is this question asking?

Can you give me an example of "interfering" with an officer?

b. Try to get away?

1. Yes
2. No

c. Push, grab, or hit the police officer(s)?

1. Yes
2. No

d. Resist being handcuffed, arrested, or searched?

1. Yes
2. No

e. Complain to the officer(s)?

1. Yes
2. No

f. Argue with the police officer(s)?

1. Yes
2. No

g. Curse at, insult, or verbally threaten police officer(s)?

1. Yes
2. No

h. Physically do anything else?

1. Yes → Specify _____
2. No

CHECK ITEM K: Was the respondent involved in more than one traffic stop during the prior 12 months and was the respondent arrested during a traffic stop ((Q2g1>1 and Q2g2=1) OR (Q2h1>1 and Q2h2=1))

- Yes → Go to Q53
- No → CHECK ITEM L

CHECK ITEM L: Was the respondent involved in more than one traffic accident during the prior 12 months and was the respondent arrested during contact involving a traffic accident (Q2e1>1 and Q2e2=1)

- Yes → Go to Q53
- No → Go to Q54

53. You reported earlier that you were arrested during a contact with the police, were you arrested during this most recent contact?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

54. At any time during this contact, did the police officer(s) search you, frisk you, or pat you down?
(This includes searches of the person only, if the police searched the vehicle this should be reported in Q56)

1. Yes→Ask Q55
2. No→Skip to CHECK ITEM M
3. Don't know→Skip to CHECK ITEM M

PROBE: When you answered this question, were you thinking of the police searching your car? IF YES: Did you include that?

55. Do you think the police officer(s) had a legitimate reason to search you, frisk you, or pat you down?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

PROBE: IF NOT ALREADY STATED: What were you thinking of when you answered this question?

What does "legitimate reason" mean to you in this question? Can you give an example of a "legitimate reason" for searching you?

CHECK ITEM M: Was the most recent contact a traffic stop? ((Q2g1=1 or Q2h1=1) and CHECK ITEM B=2) OR (Q3=7 or Q3=8)

- Yes→ Go to Q56
 - No→ CHECK ITEM N
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56. At any time during the contact did the officer(s) conduct a vehicle search?

1. Yes→Ask Q57
2. No→Skip to CHECK ITEM N (Page 23)
3. Don't know→ Skip to CHECK ITEM N (Page 23)

57. Do you think the police officer(s) had a legitimate reason to search the vehicle?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

PROBE: IF NOT ALREADY STATED: What were you thinking of when you answered this question?

IF NOT PREVIOUSLY ASKED: What does "legitimate reason" mean to you in this question?

Can you give an example of a "legitimate reason" for searching a vehicle?

CHECK ITEM N: Did the police officer(s) search the vehicle or the respondent? (Q54 = 1 OR Q56 =1)?

- Yes → Go to Q58
 - No → Skip to INTRO FOR ALL EXCEPT BLOCK WATCH (Page 24)
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58. During the search, did the police officer(s) find any illegal items, such as a weapon, drugs, or an open container of alcohol?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

CHECK ITEM O: Was the respondent arrested and a search of vehicle or respondent performed? ((Q53=1 or (Q2i=1 and CHECK ITEM B=2)) AND (Q54=1 OR Q56=1)?

- Yes → Go to Q59
 - No → Skip to INTRO FOR ALL EXCEPT BLOCK WATCH (Page 24)
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59. Earlier you said that you were arrested and searched. Did the search occur before you were arrested?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Skip to INTRO FOR ALL EXCEPT BLOCK WATCH (Page 24)

F. Outcome of Voluntary Contacts

READ VOLUNTARY INTRO ONLY IF MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF CONTACT WAS REPORTED (Q3=1 or Q3=2 or Q3=4), OR IF MORE THAN ONE OF THE SAME CONTACT WAS REPORTED (Q2a1>1 or Q2b1>1 or Q2d1>1).

VOLUNTARY INTRO: Please tell me ONLY about the MOST RECENT contact you had with the police.

60. How did you contact the police?

1. Called the police (this includes calls made to 911, 311, a sheriff's office or any other type of law enforcement)
2. Went to police station
3. Security alarm contacted police
4. Someone else contacted the police for me
5. Approached an officer in a public place
6. Other → Specify _____
7. Don't remember

61. Did the police respond promptly to your request?

1. Yes
2. No

PROBE: What does “promptly” mean to you in this question?

How long did it take the police to respond to your request?

62. Did the situation improve after you contacted the police?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

PROBE: Can you tell me more about that?

63. Were you satisfied with the police response during your most recent contact?

1. Yes
2. No

PROBE: IF NOT ALREADY STATED: What were you thinking of when you answered this question?

64. Would you be more likely, less likely, or just as likely to contact the police in the future?

1. More likely to call
2. Less likely to call
3. Just as likely to call
4. Don't know

READ INTRO FOR ALL EXCEPT BLOCK WATCH FOR ALL CONTACTS WITH POLICE OTHER THAN FOR BLOCK WATCH OR ANTI-CRIME PROGRAMS ((Q2a=1 or Q2b=1 or Q2d=1 or Q2e= 1 or Q2f=1 or Q2g=1 or Q2h=1 or Q2i=1 or Q2j=1 AND Check Item B=2) or Q3=1,2 or 4-10).

INTRO FOR ALL EXCEPT BLOCK WATCH: Now, just a few questions about the characteristics of your (most recent) contact with the police and how you felt about the officer(s) during that contact.

65. About what time of day did this contact occur?

During Day

1. After 6am – 12 noon
2. After 12 noon – 6pm
3. Don't know what time of day

At night

4. After 6pm – 12 midnight
5. After 12 midnight – 6am
6. Don't know what time of night

OR

7. Don't know whether day or night

PROBE: How easy or difficult was it to answer this question?

66. How many minutes would you say this contact lasted?

_____ number of minutes

67. Do you believe the police spent an appropriate amount of time with you?

1. Yes
2. No, too much time
3. No, too little time
4. Don't know

PROBE: IF 2 OR 3: What would have been an appropriate amount of time?

68. Looking back on this contact, do you feel the police behaved properly?

1. Yes → CHECK ITEM P
2. No → Go to Q69
3. Don't know → CHECK ITEM P

PROBE: In your own words, what is this question asking?

69. Did you file a complaint against the police?

1. Yes → Go to Q70
2. No → CHECK ITEM P

70. With whom did you file the complaint?

1. the police
2. citizen review board
3. Don't know

CHECK ITEM P: Was the respondent's only or most recent contact with police in the prior 12 months to report a crime, disturbance, suspicious person, non-crime emergency to the police, or seek help from the police for something not mentioned [(CHECK ITEM B=2 and (Q2a=1, OR Q2b=1, OR Q2d=1)) or (Q3=1, 2, or 4)]?

- Yes → Ask Q71
 - No → Skip to CHECK ITEM Q
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71. During this contact with police, did the police USE or THREATEN TO USE force against you?

1. Yes → CHECK ITEM Q
2. No → CHECK ITEM Q
3. Don't know → CHECK ITEM Q

PROBE: Can you give me an example of using or threatening to use force?

CHECK ITEM Q: Did the respondent have more than one contact with police during the prior 12 months (CHECK ITEM B=1 OR Q2a1>1 OR Q2b1>1 OR Q2d1>1 OR Q2e1>1 OR Q2f1>1 OR Q2g1>1 OR Q2h1>1 OR Q2j1>1)?

- Yes → Ask Q72
 - No → Debriefing Questions
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72. During any of your EARLIER contacts with police in the last 12 months, did the police USE or THREATEN TO USE force against you?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

PROBE: IF NOT PREVIOUSLY ASKED: Can you give me an example of using or threatening to use force?

DEBRIEFING QUESTIONS:

NOTE TO FIELD REPRESENTATIVES: If there is anything about the respondent's contact with police that is still not clear to you, probe here as necessary.

Overall, did you find the survey questions easy or difficult to understand? Which ones were particularly difficult?

Do you think others might find any of the questions sensitive? IF YES: Which ones?

Is there anything else you would like to add?