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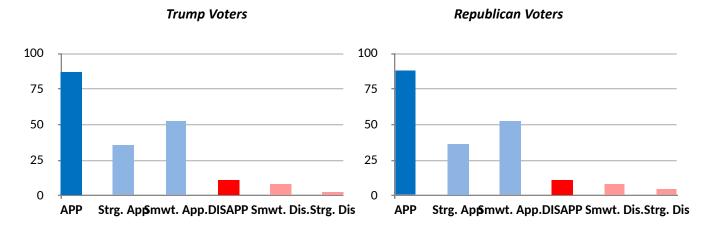
Re: National Survey of Likely Voters – Survey Summary

# Survey of Likely Voters on Safety Services Shows Republican and 2024 Trump Voters Support Federal Funding for Violence Prevention Programs and Victim Services

Mclaughlin and Associates conducted a survey of likely voters across the US and found strong majorities support the use of federal funding for violence prevention and victim services. This memo highlights the findings for likely voters who voted for Trump in the 2024 general election and likely voters who are affiliated with the Republican Party. Republican voters and people who voted for Trump in 2024 oppose cuts to victim services and violence prevention programs. These voters believe violence prevention and victim services are essential public safety programs that should receive federal funding and are important to protect from federal cuts.

With near unanimity at 87% and 88% respectively, Trump and Republican voters approve of "Federal funding for violence prevention programs and victim services."

## Do you approve or disapprove of federal funding for violence prevention programs and victim services?



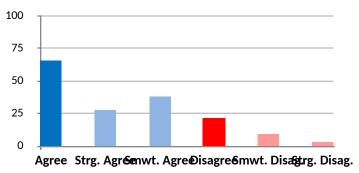
Moreover, two-thirds of Trump voters (66%) and 68% of Republican voters agree that "The Trump administration and the Department of Justice should *reinstate funding* for victim services, community violence prevention programs and youth outreach."

Agree/Disagree: "The Trump administration and the Department of Justice should reinstate funding for victim services, community violence prevention programs and youth outreach."

**Trump Voters** 

Republican Voters







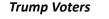
### <u>Trump and Republican Voters Strongly Support Funding for Community Violence Intervention and Youth</u> Services:

Youth violence prevention programs, law enforcement and community partnerships, and community violence intervention programs all contribute to violence mitigation and safer communities. Likely voters strongly support law enforcement AND other measures to alleviate pressure on police departments by stopping violence before it happens.

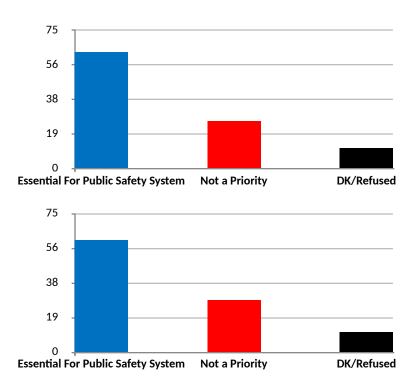
- Trump and Republican voters consider community violence intervention programs that train residents in conflict mediation, peer counseling and community safety essential for public safety and should be protected from cuts.
  - o Fifty-nine percent (59%) of Trump voters and 58% of Republican voters say these programs are essential
  - Fifty-six percent (56%) of Trump voters and 56% Republican voters say these programs should be protected from cuts
- Trump and Republican voters consider youth programs that prevent delinquency and gang activity, and promote schooling, education and job training essential for public safety and should be protected from cuts.
  - Seventy-five percent (75%) of Trump voters and 76% of Republican voters say these programs are essential
  - Sixty-six percent (66%) of Trump and 66% Republican voters say these programs should be protected from cuts
- Sixty-three percent (63%) of Trump voters and 61% of Republican voters agree "Strong neighborhood programs
  that can prevent violence, help reduce pressures on law enforcement agencies and reduce crime are essential for
  a strong public safety system."



Which of the following statements comes closest to your own personal opinion: "Strong neighborhood programs that can prevent violence, help reduce pressures on law enforcement agencies and reduce crime are essential for a strong public safety system," OR "Strong neighborhood programs that can prevent violence should not be a public safety priority for government investment."?



### Republican Voters



# <u>Trump and Republican Voters Strongly Support Funding for Victim Services, Including Trauma Recovery Centers:</u>

In the current political environment, where crime has been highlighted by public figures, Trump and Republican voters show a heightened awareness of its impact on victims and the importance of funding services to help victims recover. Voters believe helping victims recover from trauma, physical injury, and economic loss are an essential component of public safety.

- Trump and Republican voters consider trauma recovery centers for victims of violence, rape, and abuse essential for public safety and should be protected from cuts.
  - Seventy-five percent (75%) of Trump voters and 75% Republican voters say trauma recovery centers are essential.



- Seventy-two percent (72%) of Trump voters and 73% of Republican voters say trauma recovery centers should be protected from cuts.
- Fifty-five percent (55%) of Trump voters and 54% of Republican voters agree "Services for victims of violent crime that help them recover from economic loss, physical injury and trauma are an essential part of crime reduction and public safety programs."

Which of the following statements comes closest to your own personal opinion: "Services for victims of violent crime that help them recover from economic loss, physical injury and trauma are an essential part of crime reduction and public safety programs," OR "Services for victims of violent crime that help them recover from economic loss, physical injury and trauma should not be a public safety priority for government investment."?

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### Republican Voters

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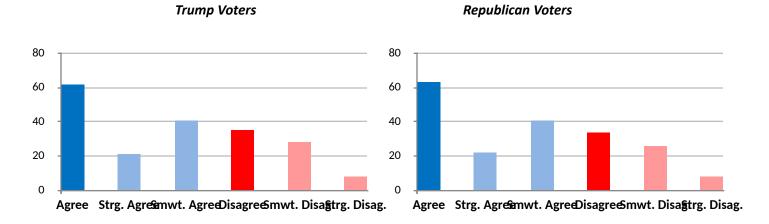


### **Trump and Republican Voters Strongly Support Funding for Domestic Violence Victim Services:**

Trump and Republican voters strongly agree that victims of domestic violence deserve the utmost support. Preserving funding and services for victims of domestic violence is considered one of the most important goals of the government and private organizations that support these victims.

- Trump voters and Republican voters consider emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence essential for public safety and should be protected from cuts.
  - Seventy-six percent (76%) of Trump voters and 74% of Republican voters say these programs are essential
  - Seventy-one percent (71%) of Trump voters and 71% of Republican voters say these programs should be protected from federal cuts
- Sixty-two percent (62%) of Trump voters and 63% of Republican voters agree "Cutting funding for victim services
  will result in the loss of counseling for victims and their families, safe housing for victims of domestic violence,
  and increase the odds of repeated violence."

Agree / Disagree: "Cutting funding for victim services will result in the loss of counseling for victims and their families, safe housing for victims of domestic violence, and increase the odds of repeated violence."



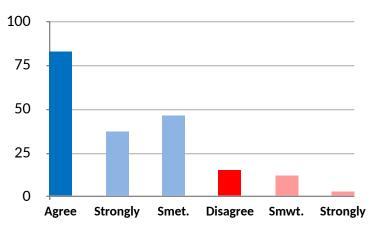


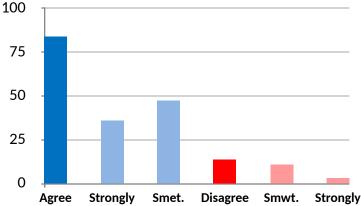
# <u>Trump Voters and Republican Voters Strongly Support Law Enforcement Partnerships with Community Programs</u>:

Trump voters and Republican voters believe that community programs can help law enforcement. Overwhelmed police departments need strong neighborhood programs that can address crises like drug addiction, mental illness and at-risk youth so those issues don't become problems police have to deal with.

Eighty-three percent (83%) of Trump voters and 84% of Republican voters agree that "There is no one size fits all
solution to violence and crime. It requires strong neighborhood programs such as community violence
prevention programs and victim services, as well as effective law enforcement response."

### Trump Voters Republican Voters





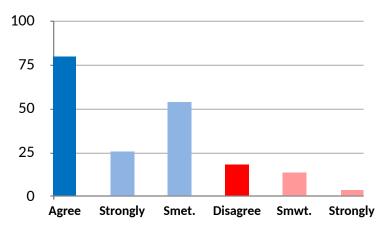
• Eighty percent (80%) of Trump voters and 80% Republican voters agree that "Federal funding for public safety should be used for police and community partnerships that are proven to work, such as community violence

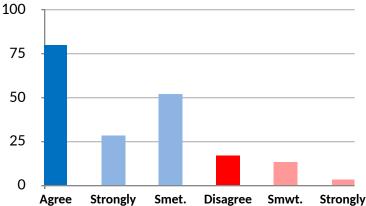


prevention programs and trauma recovery services."



### Republican Voters



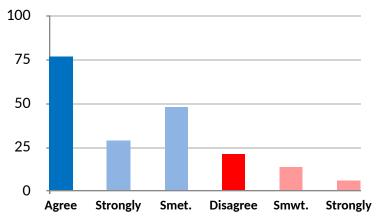


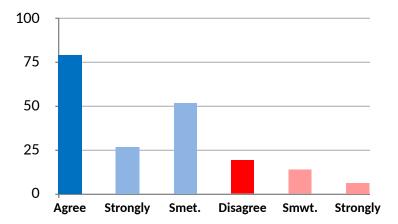
Seventy-seven percent (77%) of Trump voters and 79% of Republican voters agree that "Police cannot stop cycles
of violence on their own. Neighborhood programs that prevent violence and provide crisis assistance are an
important part of crime prevention."

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Republican Voters







### **Conclusion:**

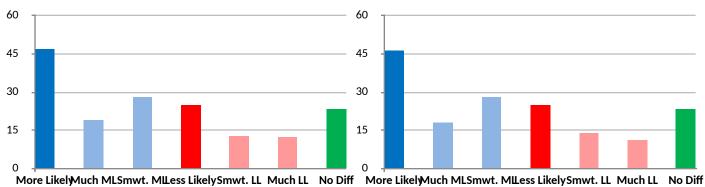
After being informed about the scale of the April 2025 grant terminations, 66% of Trump voters and 68% of Republican voters agreed that the "Trump administration and the Department of Justice should reinstate funding for victim services, community violence prevention programs and youth outreach."

Additionally, by a nearly two to one margin, Trump Voters (47% vs 25%) and Republican voters (46% vs 25%) were more likely to vote for a candidate who supports using taxpayers' money to support policies that reduce crime and support victim service than they were less likely.

Are you more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate who supports using taxpayers' money on programs to reduce crime and support victim service programs? If it would make no difference, just say so.

**Trump Voters** 

Republican Voters



### Methodology:

McLaughlin & Associates conducted a national online survey of 1,000 likely voters from May 5-12, 2025, on behalf of the Alliance for Safety and Justice. A personalized text message invitation was sent to each respondent to complete the survey on a secure online platform. Interview selection was random and interviews were stratified by area, race/ ethnicity, age, gender and vote history to correlate with actual voter turnout from previous even-year elections. In order to qualify for this survey, respondents had to indicate that they are likely to vote in U.S. Senate and House elections. This memo reports the results for 468 respondents who voted for Trump in the 2024 General Election and 370 respondents who are likely Republican voters. This survey of 1,000 likely voters has an accuracy of +/- 3.1% at a 95% confidence interval. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations. Totals may not add up to exactly 100% due to rounding errors.