

(T-27) Driving Under the Influence (DUI)

1	1: Much more attention	75	36%
2	2	64	31%
3	3: Neutral	51	25%
4	4	6	3%
5	5: Much less attention	2	1%
0	Abstain	8	4%
6	Object	2	1%

(T-28) Gang activity

1	1: Much more attention	98	47%
2	2	68	33%
3	3: Neutral	23	11%
4	4	5	2%
5	5: Much less attention	3	1%
0	Abstain	9	4%
6	Object	2	1%

(T-29) Identity theft

1	1: Much more attention	57	27%
2	2	68	33%
3	3: Neutral	57	27%
4	4	9	4%
5	5: Much less attention	3	1%
0	Abstain	11	5%
6	Object	3	1%

(T-30) Prostitution

1	1: Much more attention	8	4%
2	2	29	14%
3	3: Neutral	60	29%
4	4	59	28%
5	5: Much less attention	42	20%
0	Abstain	8	4%
6	Object	2	1%

(T-31) Vandalism/Graffiti

1	1: Much more attention	16	8%
2	2	35	17%
3	3: Neutral	94	45%
4	4	36	17%
5	5: Much less attention	15	7%
0	Abstain	10	5%
6	Object	2	1%

(T-32) Aggressive Panhandling

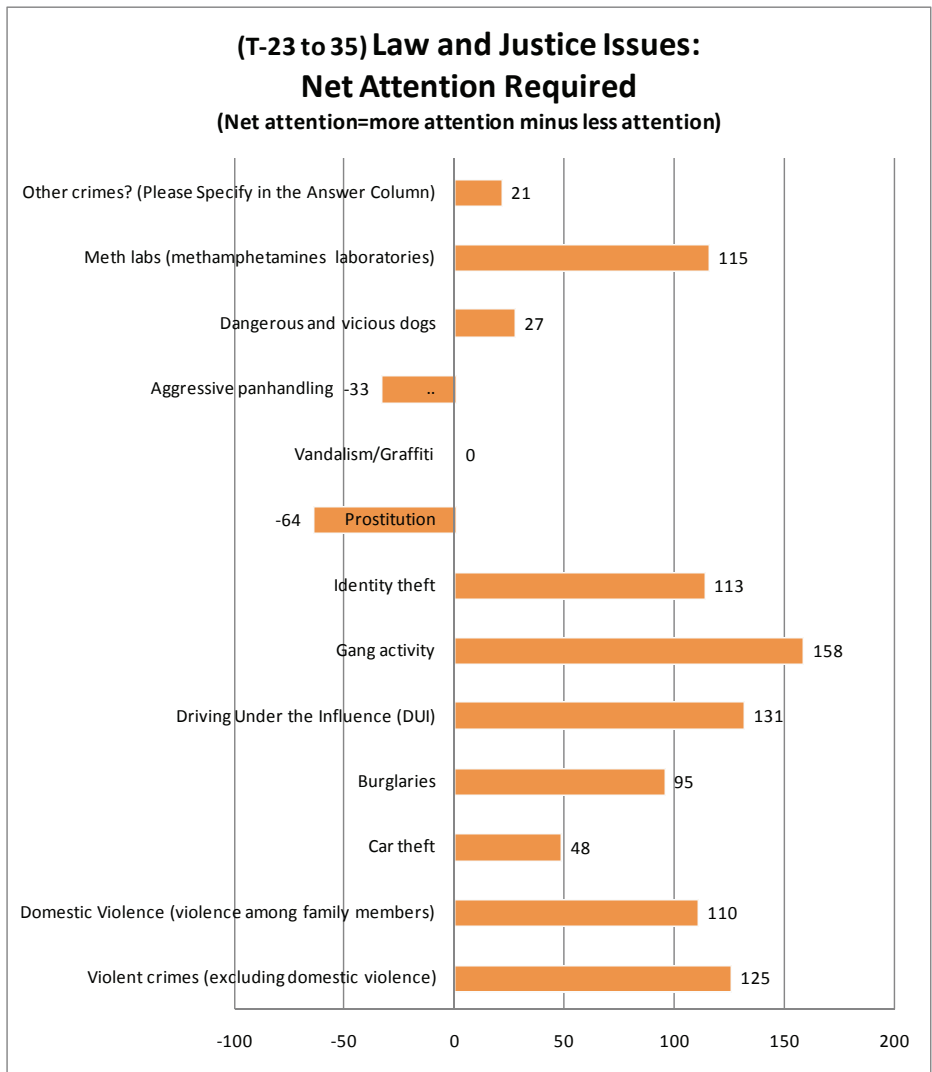
1	1: Much more attention	13	6%
2	2	32	15%
3	3: Neutral	71	34%
4	4	52	25%
5	5: Much less attention	26	13%
0	Abstain	12	6%
6	Object	2	1%

(T-33) Dangerous and vicious dogs

1	1: Much more attention	25	12%
2	2	52	25%
3	3: Neutral	71	34%
4	4	39	19%
5	5: Much less attention	11	5%
0	Abstain	8	4%
6	Object	2	1%

(T-34) Meth labs (methamphetamines laboratories)

1	1: Much more attention	72	35%
2	2	58	28%
3	3: Neutral	50	24%
4	4	10	5%
5	5: Much less attention	5	2%
0	Abstain	11	5%
6	Object	2	1%



Comments on T-35 (other crimes requiring more attention)

Bias, profiting by police & government officials

Domestic violence

In my experiences with non profit and with youth I have found that smaller crimes and poor behavior must be nipped in the bud.

Involuntary prostitution and/or work by immigrants or young male or female people

Less harsh sentences for buying

Marijuana usage

Parents & communities not educating children properly

Playground bullies

Police brutality prevention programs

Police brutality and racism in the workplace

Repeat violent sex offender

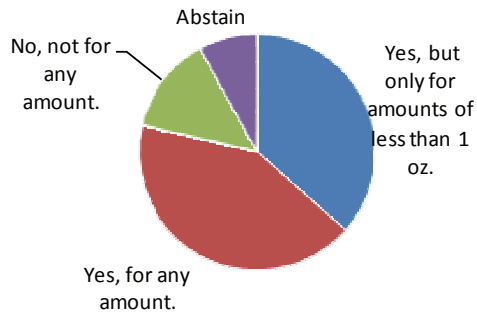
Sex victimization involving children and youth

Sexual predators

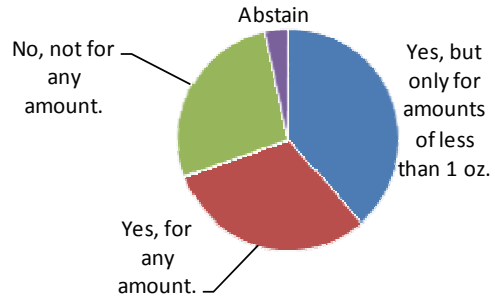
Teenager prostitution

(T-36) Should the county, to the extent allowed by state law, stop arresting and prosecuting adults whose only crime is possessing marijuana?			
1	Yes, but only for amounts of less than 1 oz.	75	36%
2	Yes, for any amount.	86	41%
3	No, not for any amount.	28	13%
0		Abstain	16 8%
6		Object	3 1%
(T-37) Should the county, to the extent allowed by state law, stop arresting and prosecuting adults whose only crime is selling marijuana to other adults?			
1	Yes, but only for amounts of less than 1 oz.	79	38%
2	Yes, for any amount.	63	30%
3	No, not for any amount.	55	26%
0		Abstain	7 3%
6		Object	4 2%
(T-38) Should the county, to the extent allowed by state law, stop arresting and prosecuting adults whose only crime is possessing cocaine or heroin or methamphetamines ("meth"), LSD or other "hard" drugs?			
1	Yes, but only for a personal amount.	51	25%
2	Yes, for any amount.	26	13%
3	No, not for any amount.	119	57%
0		Abstain	7 3%
6		Object	5 2%
(T-39) Should the county, to the extent allowed by state law, stop arresting and prosecuting adults whose only crime is selling cocaine or heroin or methamphetamines ("meth"), LSD or other "hard" drugs to other adults?			
1	Yes, but only for a small amount.	20	10%
2	Yes, for any amount.	19	9%
3	No, not for any amount.	155	75%
0		Abstain	7 3%
6		Object	7 3%
(T-40) Should a drug addict, arrested for a nonviolent crime, be given the option of successfully completing a comprehensive drug treatment program instead of jail?			
1	1. Yes, but only for the first time.	86	41%
2	2. Yes, but only for the first and second time.	86	41%
3	3. No, never. If there is effective treatment, it should be given to the addict while he or she is in jail.	22	11%
0		Abstain	7 3%
6		Object	7 3%

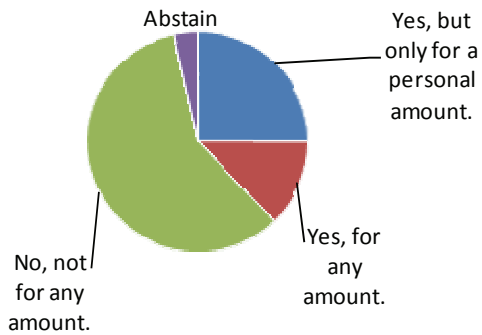
(T-36) Decriminalize Possession of Marijuana



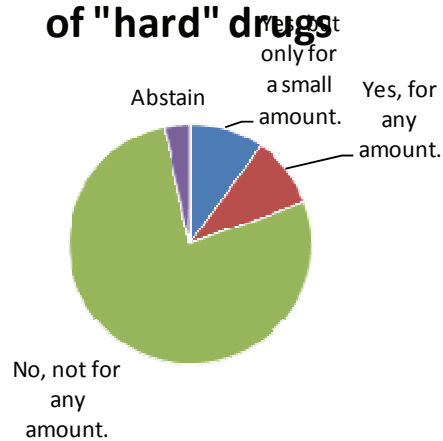
(T-37) Decriminalize Selling of Marijuana



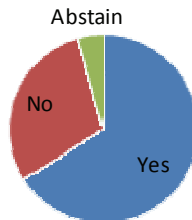
(T-38) Decriminalize Possession of "hard" drugs



(T-39) Decriminalize Selling of "hard" drugs



(T-41) Should the state legalize marijuana?



(T-41) Should the state legalize and tax the sale, possession and use of small amounts of marijuana, in a manner similar to that of alcohol?

1	Yes		137	66%
2	No		61	29%
0		Abstain	9	4%
6		Object	1	0%

Based on arrests, the enforcement emphasis in King County has been on catching drug “sellers” rather than “buyers”. One unintended consequence is that while the sellers in most drug markets are disproportionately people of color, the buyers are more racially diverse, and for some drugs are predominantly white, leading to disproportionately higher levels of incarceration among people of color.

(T-42) Should the county’s enforcement focus be on the “sellers” or on the “buyers” in the illegal drug market?

1	Enforcement should focus on “sellers”.		74	36%
2	Enforcement should focus on “buyers”.		6	3%
3	Enforcement should focus equally on both.		90	43%
4	Enforcement should not focus on either “sellers” or “buyers”.		20	10%
5	Other		5	2%
0		Abstain	9	4%
6		Object	4	2%

(T-43) Which ONE of the following choices most closely matches your response to the statement, “I believe that most convicted drug addicts will be motivated to complete a drug treatment program successfully if they are facing an alternative of :”

1	1. Jail time up to half as long as the treatment duration.		10	5%
2	2. Jail time as long as the treatment duration.		40	19%
3	3. Jail time 50% longer than the treatment duration.		36	17%
4	4. Jail time twice as long as the treatment duration.		67	32%
5	5. The threat of jail or prison time is irrelevant to treating drug addicts.		34	16%
0		Abstain	14	7%
6		Object	7	3%

(T-44) As was stated in the video, King County jail is currently the largest facility for people with a mental illness in King County and the second largest in Washington State. Which ONE of the following choices comes closest to your opinion on this matter?

1	1. People with a mental illness should be incarcerated if they commit crimes just as any other person would. If they need treatment, they should be treated in jail.	42	20%
2	2. People with a mental illness do not belong in jail for any crime (including violent crimes) and should be offered treatment in an institutional setting.	31	15%
3	3. People with a mental illness do not belong in jail for nonviolent crimes and should be offered treatment in an institutional setting.	107	51%
	4. Other (Please specify in the Answer Column)	10	5%
0		Abstain	10 5%
6		Object	4 2%

(T-45) Do you believe that programs such as the "1811 Eastlake House" (discussed in the video and background materials), that houses alcohol addicts and encourages rather than requires them to change their behavior but saves money and reduces strain on overall Law and Justice and Human Services resources, are a good use of taxpayer money?

1	1. Yes.	145	70%
2	2. No.	42	20%
0		Abstain	20 10%
6		Object	1 0%

(T-46) Do you consider car theft (stealing an unoccupied car) a serious crime?

1	1. Yes.	154	74%
2	2. No.	40	19%
0		Abstain	12 6%
6		Object	2 1%

Comments on T-43 (drug program treatment)

Do we know if jail is a deterrent?

Jailtime is relevant but amount is not.

Mentally ill people need to be treated on a case-by-case basis

It strikes me as a question answerable by research on how drug addicts have responded to various approaches. What I or others may "believe" does not seem important to me.

Comments on T-44 (crimes committed while having a mental illness)

Bring a mental facility back online

For violent crimes: prison with treatment

I basically agree with Choice 1, and I am concerned that some of the questions are based on politically correct classifications or alternatives.

It depends on the type and severity of their mental illness and the seriousness of the crim. It should be a joint effort of the judicial and mental health experts to decide the best course on a case by case basis

Jail or not depends on the case. Judges should be allowed to choose the best treatment option

New classification: mental yet guilty -> treated as mental and jailed when done

They should be given to a program that helps treat their illnesses. Violence should be incarcerated and treated too.

This is a complicated subject for me - I have some experience dealing with this area. In general, I lean towards not incarcerating people with mental issues as long as the crimes are not violent. However, I also think that there should be a penalty for repeat offenses (i.e., being non violent should not be a free pass out of the penitentiary system.) Although it is a bad way to look at things, given the county's current financial system, I strongly believe that we should be looking at the cost / benefits of all programs, especially given the data on the percentage of the mentally ill who are in jail (i.e., I suspect jail may not be the most cost effective way to minimize criminal activity of the mentally ill.) I also strongly suspect that there is some variability in the types of patients who could be helped by keeping them out of jail. Others really need to stay there. We can at least start the process of being more targeted on how we use our dollars for handling these people.

WA State should take responsibility for the mentally ill. If they won't, let's give all the mentally ill in King Co. free transportation to Thurston Co. This should not be a county responsibility.

In 2005, the King County Prosecutor helped persuade the Washington Legislature to increase the penalties for car theft. Before 2005, a person had to be convicted of car theft 7 times before they would receive 6 months in jail. After 2005, a person could be sentenced to 17 months in jail upon the third conviction. The King County Prosecutor made prosecuting car theft a top priority. Since these changes in 2005, the number of cars stolen in King County has declined by 60%.

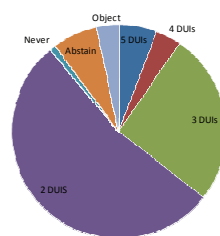
(T-47) Do you approve the actions taken by the King County Prosecutor since 2005 to reduce the number of cars stolen in King County?

1	1. Yes.	169	83%
2	2. No.	8	4%
0		Abstain	23 11%
6		Object	4 2%

(T-48) At what point should driving under the influence (DUI) be a felony crime (punishable by more than one year in prison)?

1	1. If the accused has already been convicted of at least five DUI's in the previous ten years (THIS IS THE CURRENT LAW).	12	6%
2	2. If the accused has been convicted of at least four DUI's in the previous ten years.	8	4%
3	3. If the accused has been convicted of at least three DUI's in the previous ten years.	53	26%
4	4. If the accused has been convicted of at least two DUI's in the previous ten years.	108	53%
5	5. Never.	2	1%
0		Abstain	14 7%
6		Object	7 3%

Number of DUIs in 10 years to become felony crime



(T-49) Do you believe that state law should be changed to incentivize school districts to increase attendance and graduation rates based on uniform statewide attendance and graduation criteria?

1	1. Yes.		131	63%
2	2. No.		40	19%
0		Abstain	26	13%
6		Object	11	5%

(T-50) Juvenile offenders who are caught solely possessing a firearm illegally can only be charged in Juvenile Court. Currently, it takes four prior felony convictions before a juvenile convicted of illegal gun possession can be sentenced to a state-run detention facility for greater than 30 days. Until then, they can receive no more than 30 days in King County's detention facility or on electronic home detention. Some of these offenders receive deferred sentences that can be "wiped" from their record if they successfully complete probation and other conditions set by the court. Which ONE of the following choices comes closest to your opinion on this matter?

1	1. Juveniles convicted of illegally possessing a firearm should be sent to a state-run detention facility for more than 30 days, regardless of whether they have been previously convicted for any crime.		82	39%
2	2. Juvenile offenders that have been previously convicted of any crime should serve time in a state-run detention facility for more than 30 days if they are caught with a firearm.		52	25%
3	3. Juvenile offenders that have been previously convicted of a felony crime should serve time in a state-run detention facility for more than 30 days if they are caught with a firearm.		43	21%
4	4. Juvenile offenders that have been previously convicted of at least four felony crimes should serve time in a state-run detention facility for more than 30 days if they are caught with a firearm (THIS IS THE CURRENT LAW).		7	3%
5	5. Illegal firearm possession by a juvenile, by itself, should never result in incarceration.		10	5%
0		Abstain	8	4%
6		Object	6	3%

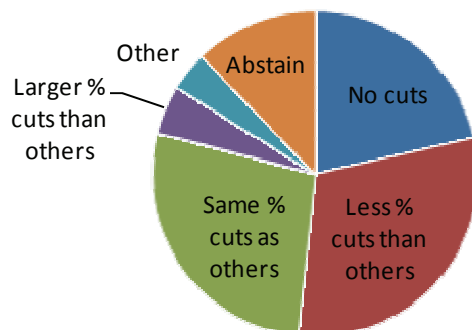
(T-51) What is closest to your view about current Washington State laws regarding the registration and community notification of sex offenders?

1	1. They offer adequate protection to the public.	61	29%
2	2. They don't go far enough to protect the public.	47	23%
3	3. They go too far by making it virtually impossible for sex offenders who have served their prison time to live and work, resulting in homeless sex offenders who pose a greater risk to re-offend.	52	25%
4	4. Other (Please specify in the Answer Column)	12	6%
0	Abstain	31	15%
6	Object	5	2%

(T-52) Given the pressure on King County budget detailed in the video and on page 3 of the background information materials, should the Law & Justice programs funded by the General Fund:

1	1. Be protected from budget cuts in 2010 and 2011, resulting in even greater reductions in other General Fund programs.	44	21%
2	2. Receive lower percentage cuts than other General Fund programs in 2010 and 2011.	62	30%
3	3. Receive the same percentage cuts as other General Fund programs in 2010 and 2011.	56	27%
4	4. Receive larger percentage cuts than other General Fund programs in 2010 and 2011.	10	5%
5	5. Other	8	4%
0	Abstain	25	12%
6	Object	3	1%

(T-52) Law & Justice cuts in General Fund



If more budget cuts are required of the Law and Justice agencies in the 2010 and 2011 budget cycles, where would you suggest those cuts be made? (Please note that the following ideas are not necessarily under consideration by County officials):

(T-53 to T-59): Please prioritize the following possible Law & Justice actions by using a scale where 1 means "Top Priority", 2 means "high priority", 3 means "Medium Priority", 4 means "low priority", and 5 means "Bottom Priority".

(T-53) Cutting Law & Justice employee positions.

1	1: Top priority	11	5%
2	2	19	9%
3	3: Neutral	65	31%
4	4	41	20%
5	5: Bottom priority	47	23%
0		Abstain	23 11%
6		Object	2 1%

(T-54) Reduction in Law & Justice employee benefits.

1	1: Top priority	28	13%
2	2	31	15%
3	3: Neutral	70	34%
4	4	32	15%
5	5: Bottom priority	19	9%
0		Abstain	25 12%
6		Object	3 1%

(T-55) Instituting unpaid furlough days for employees.

1	1: Top priority	38	18%
2	2	66	32%
3	3: Neutral	47	23%
4	4	18	9%
5	5: Bottom priority	16	8%
0		Abstain	21 10%
6		Object	2 1%

T-51 (sexual predator laws)

I basically agree with Choice 2, and I don't think the current system offers the required protection.

Like answer 3, but with the observation that enforcing prostitution laws create a burdensome registry of "sex offenders" who are "johns".

Make them eunuchs and they can live anywhere

Need to further protect the children & public

Notification alone does little to make our community safer. They need mandatory treatment and support when they are out of jail and the bigger risk is from family members so more resources should be spent there so kids can report it.

Pointless! Most offenders never caught.

Rehabilitation should be offered and they shouldn't be released until a certified professional deems them low risk to re-offend.

The laws are not prevention; education is prevention. The state needs the insight and recommendations of the Sex Offender Policy Board

If the consequences for sex offenders are great enough, then they will think twice about doing it. Consequences are the result of choices. If they need help, they should get it. Part of being a member of society is respecting those rules protecting others. I think they should be threatened with branding if they offend more than twice. Sorry to be so stringent, but we all can curb our actions. We grow up. We deal with things. If it were something obvious to mark criminals, they wouldn't do it.

T-52 (Law & Justice budget)

Be creative -- check salaries of top executives

Budgets will be continuously cut; we need private funding to help these program

High official or administrative cost should be cut

Hire a CFO from the private sector because I don't begin to trust the county's numbers or accounting system.

I do not like the blanket argument, even though people will argue that it is practical to look at things this way. I would rather see a more targeted approach for cuts - i.e., what are we getting for what we are spending? I don't think anyone has the courage to take this on, but I strongly believe it is the way to go, especially when funds are this tight for the county.

Law & Justice funding should be separated out from the General Fund which expands with every legislator's pet project.

Significantly lower cuts than others

(T-56) Decreasing officer response time and/or effort.

1	1: Top priority	12	6%
2	2	25	12%
3	3: Neutral	44	21%
4	4	31	15%
5	5: Bottom priority	74	36%
0		Abstain	18 9%
6		Object	4 2%

(T-57) Raising minimum levels at which crimes are prosecuted.

1	1: Top priority	18	9%
2	2	43	21%
3	3: Neutral	61	29%
4	4	27	13%
5	5: Bottom priority	27	13%
0		Abstain	28 13%
6		Object	4 2%

(T-58) Providing less Law & Justice services to cities.

1	1: Top priority	14	7%
2	2	29	14%
3	3: Neutral	56	27%
4	4	35	17%
5	5: Bottom priority	42	20%
0		Abstain	27 13%
6		Object	5 2%

(T-59) Other actions? (Please specify in the Answer Column)

1	1: Top priority	16	8%
2	2	1	0%
3	3: Neutral	10	5%
4	4	3	1%
5	5: Bottom priority	3	1%
0		Abstain	173 83%
6		Object	2 1%

T-59 (Other budget cuts)

....lower the salary of the KC executive and the county board members by 10-15 %. They already make more than a significant number of other county executives and boards across the country. KC executive and board members make more than a significant number or residents in King County...that is an area in which cut backs can be made without impacting the lives of the people...

Act like competitive company and reduce head count by cutting those performing lowest, irrespective of position, and those furthest from core mission.

Decreasing the prosecution of non-violent drug crimes.

I abstained since I don't think it should be cut at all. Find more efficient ways to handle law and justice - smaller jury for example. Group Intervention for parole. New income sources.

I also mentioned the need to increase attention to white collar crime, and de-emphasizing/decriminalizing poverty or "victimless crime." The King County justice budget should be lowered at an even higher rate than other budget items, by eliminating unproductive administrative waste and re-allocating human resources--in addition to the savings which the abovementioned changes would represent.

I have no idea where these departments are going to find savings. It occurs to me that one of the ways you show the public the impacts of cutting taxes is by cutting services.

Increase deferment programs

Law and justice agency budgets should not be cut. At least half of the new KC-Metro full-time and part-time positions in all other agencies, added during Ron Sims's tenure, should be phased out within two years, depending on the State Auditor's performance audit findings. Sound Transit should be cut free of County/Metro purse strings and allowed to swim or sink as a free-market venture. All other non-essential services should be taken off the general fund and funded by levies. The savings can be used to fund L&J.

Law and Justice should be the top priority of county government. Cut county government administrative costs, art projects, libraries, snow removal, housing authority, and public health, parks, before cutting Law and Justice.

Preventive programs non-profit organizations need funding

Reduce use of SWAT teams in drug enforcement. Use lower jail terms

Reduce/cut back red tape reporting unnecessary admin.

Retirement and pension

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There may be some opportunity to integrate activities closer with the local Law & Justice.

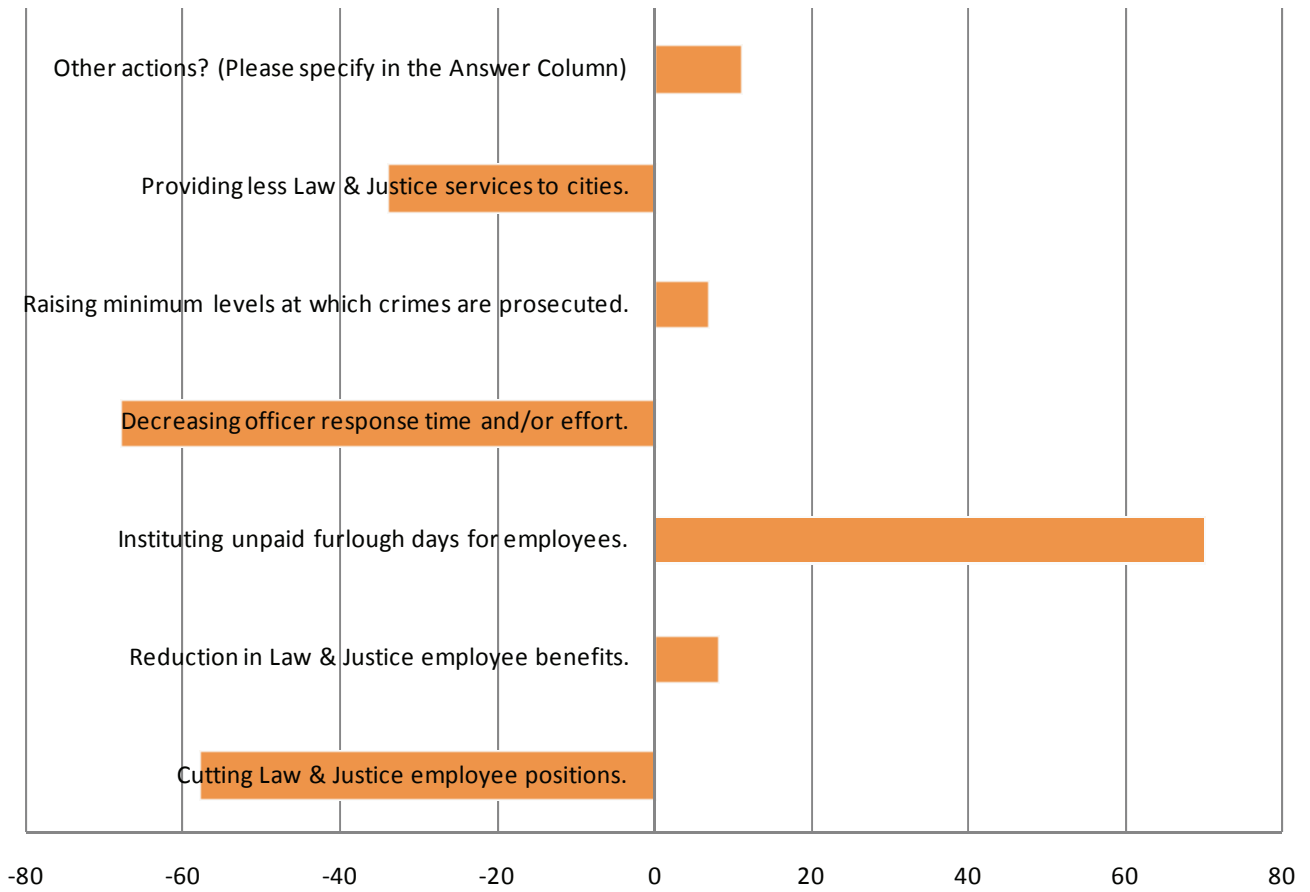
Tighten laws to eliminate the # of lives one can essentially "get away with it" without significant penalty + increase diversion program funding.

Using jail inmates as county labor to reduce costs

Use prisoners for productive work in the community.

Would it be possible to have retired law and justice people volunteer their services to supplement paid staff?

(T-53 to 59) Cutting L&J Budget (Net Total = High Priority minus Low Priority)



PROCESS QUESTIONS

(P-1) What topic would you like to discuss in future Countywide Community Forums?			
1	1. A specific aspect of the Law & Justice system, such as the Sheriff’s Office, the Prosecutor’s Office, the Public Defender’s Office; the Superior Courts, the District Courts, the King County Jail, or something else (Please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN).	19	9%
2	2. Environmental protection in King County	39	19%
3	3. Tax Reform in King County	61	29%
4	4. Homelessness in King County	50	24%
5	5. Other (Please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN)	14	7%
0		Abstain	25 12%
6		Object	0 0%
(P-2) Did you previously participate in Rounds 1, 2 or 3 of the Countywide Community Forums?			
1	1. Yes, all three rounds.	43	21%
2	2. Yes, one or two of the three previous rounds.	85	41%
3	3. No, I only recently found out about the forums.	42	20%
4	4. No, I knew about the forums before, but was not interested in the previous topics.	6	3%
5	5. No, I wanted to attend before, but was not able to.	22	11%
0		Abstain	9 4%
6		Object	1 0%
(P-3) How do you rate the information presented in the 30-minute “Public Safety: Law & Justice” video?			
1	1. Excellent	47	23%
2	2. Good	92	44%
3	3. Fair or average	39	19%
4	4. Poor	3	1%
5	5. Very poor	1	0%
0		Abstain	25 12%
6		Object	1 0%
(P-4) In general, do you think the 30-minute “Public Safety: Law & Justice” video was fair and evenhanded?			
1	1. Very fair and evenhanded	62	30%
2	2. Somewhat	80	38%
3	3. Somewhat biased	24	12%
4	4. Very biased	10	5%
5	5. Other (Please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN)	6	3%
0		Abstain	25 12%
6		Object	1 0%

(P-5) In general, do you think the length of the 30-minute "Public Safety: Law & Justice" video was:

1	1. About right	109	52%
2	2. Long but OK	39	19%
3	3. Too long	18	9%
4	4. Too short	12	6%
5	5. Other (Please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN)	1	0%
0		Abstain	28 13%
6		Object	1 0%

(P-6) In general, do you think that this Opinionnaire® survey on the topic of "Public Safety: Law & Justice" was fair and evenhanded?

1	1. Very fair and evenhanded	81	39%
2	2. Somewhat fair and evenhanded	85	41%
3	3. Somewhat biased	19	9%
4	4. Very biased	3	1%
5	5. Other (Please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN)	5	2%
0		Abstain	14 7%
6		Object	1 0%

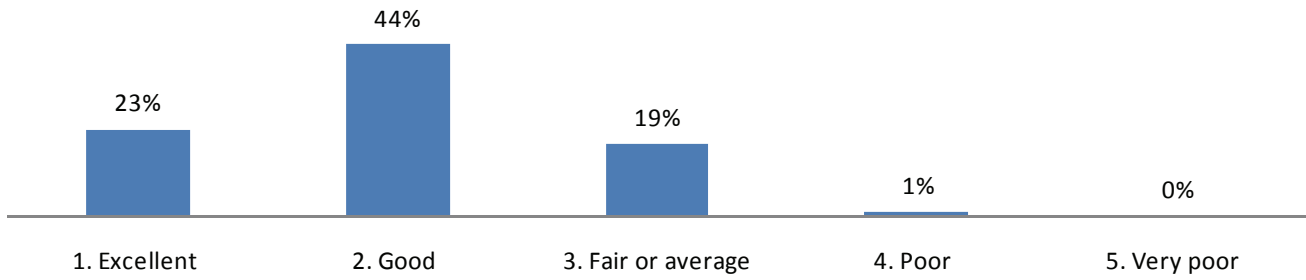
(P-7) How well did the questions in this Opinionnaire® survey address the topic of "Public Safety: Law & Justice"?

1	1. All major issues were covered	31	15%
2	2. Most major issues were covered	136	65%
3	3. Most major issues were not covered	10	5%
4	4. None of the major issues were covered	1	0%
5	5. Other (Please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN)	4	2%
0		Abstain	25 12%
6		Object	1 0%

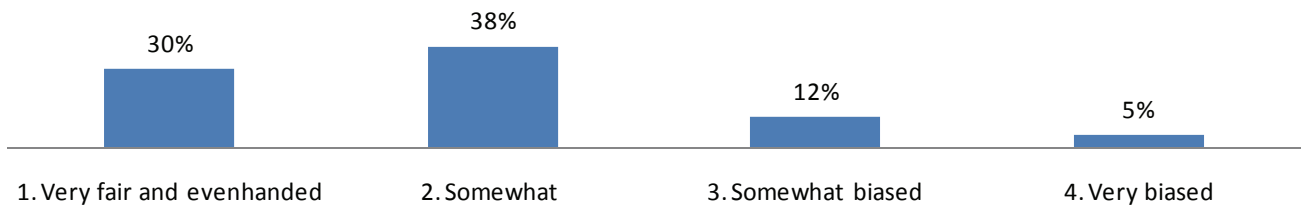
(P-8) Do you think the length of this Opinionnaire® survey was:

1	1. About right	88	42%
2	2. Long but OK	67	32%
3	3. Too long	33	16%
4	4. Too short	2	1%
5	5. Other (Please specify in the ANSWER COLUMN)	1	0%
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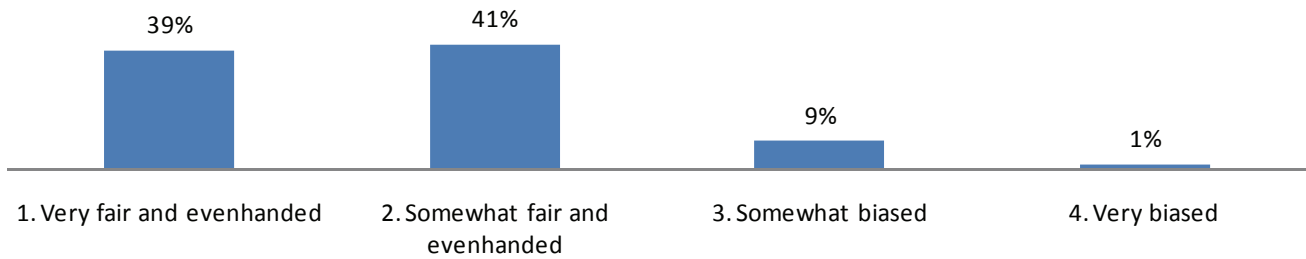
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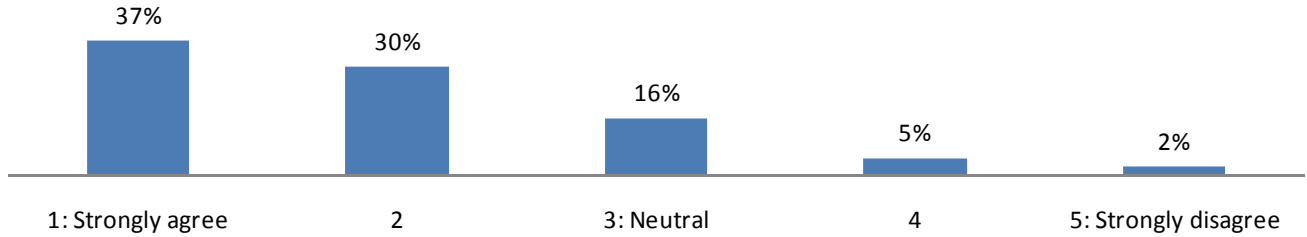
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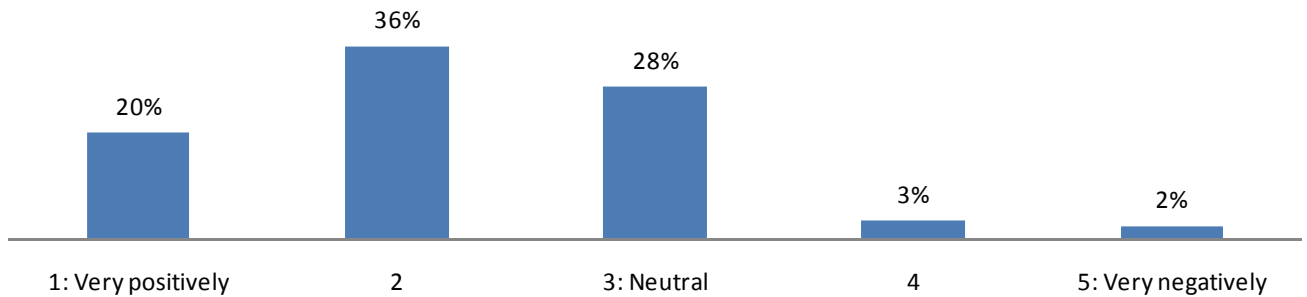
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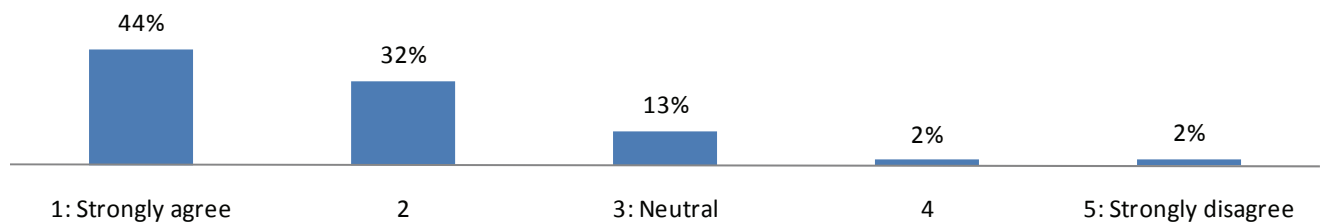
CCF leads to better information



CCF leads to better perception of King County



CCF on the right track



(P-9) How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following value statement, "I feel better informed on the topic of value statement, "I feel better informed on the topic of Law and Justice in King County as a result of watching the video and reading the background materials."

1	1: Strongly agree	77	37%
2	2	62	30%
3	3: Neutral	33	16%
4	4	10	5%
5	5: Strongly disagree	5	2%
0	Abstain	20	10%
6	Object	1	0%

(P-10) How positively or negatively has your participation in the Countywide Community Forums changed your perception about whether King County government listens to your opinions?

1	1: Very positively	41	20%
2	2	75	36%
3	3: Neutral	59	28%
4	4	7	3%
5	5: Very negatively	5	2%
0	Abstain	20	10%
6	Object	1	0%

(P-11) Did participating in the discussion today with your fellow Citizen Councilors make a difference on how you view the topic?

1	1. Yes, talking about the topic at today's forum helped me see other perspectives, and I responded differently than I would have before this meeting on some questions because of the new perspective I now have.	67	32%
2	2. Yes, talking about the topic at today's forum helped me see other perspectives but did not change how I responded on any of the questions.	69	33%
3	3. No, I really did not learn anything new on the topic at today's forum because everyone agreed on all of the issues.	14	7%
4	4. No, I really did not learn anything new on the topic at today's forum because I disagreed with the view of the other citizen councilors.	1	0%
5	5. No, I really did not learn anything new on the topic from today's forum because we never really talked about the topic.	6	3%
0	Abstain	49	24%
6	Object	2	1%

(P-12) How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following value statement, "Overall, I believe the Countywide Community Forums are on the right track."

1	1: Strongly agree	91	44%	
2	2	66	32%	
3	3: Neutral	27	13%	
4	4	4	2%	
5	5: Strongly disagree	5	2%	
0		Abstain	14	7%
6		Object	1	0%

Final Comments

Best video yet! Good job!

For there to be a meaningful level of information learned from the opinionnaire I think the topic has to be at a lower level. With such a general topic your priorities are too vague to be meaningful to them

Homelessness is a growing concern to me. It is directly related to public safety and is a huge strain on the economy. The Easlake House has clearly shown the savings that can be achieved just through housing. You are in a very tough position as far as the budget goes and I do not envy any of you nor the difficult decisions that lie ahead of you. Thank you for your service.

I appreciate the opportunity to become educated on these issues. I wish more people had this knowledge before them - on-line TV forum opportunities!

I have found King County government to be responsive in the past. I am not surprised to find it responsive now. I think that this is an innovative approach to government, but no more than I expect from my county.

I suggest deeper coverage of a narrower range of issues, for example, a deeper look at the role of drug and alcohol addiction in crime, and what to do, with more background on the King County role in the context of municipal, state, and federal activity and spending. Rather than covering "environment," take a narrower, deeper look at water quality or air pollution or land use.

I would like to see these forum topics be narrower, more well-focused and more even handed. The video presented only the opinions of those in government -- those embedded in the system and interested in its continuation. Of course, they have no good ideas about how to deal with a shortfall in income. When a company is faced with such a shortfall, it cuts staff and expenditures -- hopefully retaining the best and culling out the worst, so that when times are better the group can accelerate its efforts and in the interim it can still perform. 20% of the people generate 80% of the problems. 20% of the people do 80% of the work. Reward those 20%!

I would particularly like to thank the Spadys for their efforts and activities on this effort. (I think I'll go buy some more cheeseburgers)

Incorporating some different "punishment", i.e. 1) embarrassment; 2) corporal; 3) community service.

King County does not listen to advisory opinions or the public at large, but King County Citizens Council is an admirable venture, and the approach is getting better over time.

One member of our group had a great idea: leverage volunteers (from those under employed or unemployed) to address some staffing needs.

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There wasn't enough discussion on homelessness (without drug or mental illness angle). Two issues: Health care, public health.

This is a great program. I feel that we need opportunities to discuss important policy issues with others. We had a productive, very civil, very interesting conversation.

Together we must form a perfect union a body free from racism and discrimination and to have liberty and justice for all and equality and to stop the oppression of the negro. We are behind in ownership and land and we are constantly under attack in this country and it has to stop hurting and oppressing so many people. Amen.

We need to treat the cause and not just penalize the effect of drug addiction and school dropout rates. Why do youth turn to drugs and gangs? Why do kids quit school? Starting in 6th grade address the parent-child issues that lead to better relations. Provide youth employment. Enforce no smoking, drinking and drugs in high school and Jr. High. Have juvenile-level peer-based courts for teenagers. Stop the expensive jail time and penalties for poor folks who can't afford expensive lawyers to get their kids or themselves out of a DUI conviction.

