

Build and Broaden 2.0:

Understanding Barriers to Equity in Public Safety Policies



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- **Context**
 - inequity in criminal court system
 - policy change
 - police reform in the US
- **Goal:**
 - Understand resistance to equity focused policy change
 - "Studying up"
- **Mixed methods**

ILLINOIS SAFE-T ACT (1 of 2)

- Passed in January 2021
- Expands **individual rights**
 - Eliminates cash bail and bond
 - Entitles individual to three phone calls within three hours after arrest
 - Eliminates obstruction arrest for resisting arrest exclusively
 - Eliminates driver's license suspension for failure to pay fines and fees

ILLINOIS SAFE-T ACT (2 of 2)

- Increases **police accountability**
 - Requires public misconduct database and records
 - Felony conviction bars service in law enforcement
 - Curbs excessive use of force
 - Adds duty to intervene
 - Funds training

OTHER POTENTIAL EQUITY FOCUSED REFORMS

- Remove police officer protection from lawsuits
- Reform police purchasing procedures of military equipment
- Require reporting of arrest by race and national origin



SURVEY DEVELOPMENT

- Collaborative, iterative process
- Pilot study
- Sections:
 - Perceptions of public safety
 - Perceptions of police and police actions
 - Experiences with police
 - Neighborhoods
 - Prejudice and racism
 - Demographics
 - Personality
 - Sense of community and extremism
 - News and social media
 - Political behaviors and ideology
 - Trust in research

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the police.

The police...

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
treat people respectfully.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
are concerned about community problems.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
are NOT competent in my community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
do a good job keeping people safe.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
do NOT provide the services people want.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
work together with local community members to solve local problems.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

There have recently been some policy changes in Illinois related to individual rights.

Do you think that the following policy changes **improve** our criminal justice system?

	Yes	No
An individual's driver's license will no longer be revoked for failure to pay fines or penalties.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Unless an additional crime is suspected, an individual will no longer be arrested for obstructing or resisting a police officer.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
An individual will now be entitled to three phone calls within three hours after an arrest.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Individuals will now be able to file anonymous complaints against police officers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bail/bond will no longer be required for people awaiting trial for crimes categorized as low risk.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Corrections officers will now receive training on caring for pregnant prisoners.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prisoners who give birth will now remain with their infant for at least 72 hours, unless there is a safety issue.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Overall, I believe the policy changes in Illinois related to individual rights...

Go too far in limiting the police

Seem fair

Do not go far enough in expanding individual rights

If you would like to provide specific comments on the Illinois policy changes related to individual rights, please use the space below:

ONLINE RECRUITMENT

- IL representative of US demographics
- Cluster analysis for recruitment
- Recruiting through Meta



Audience

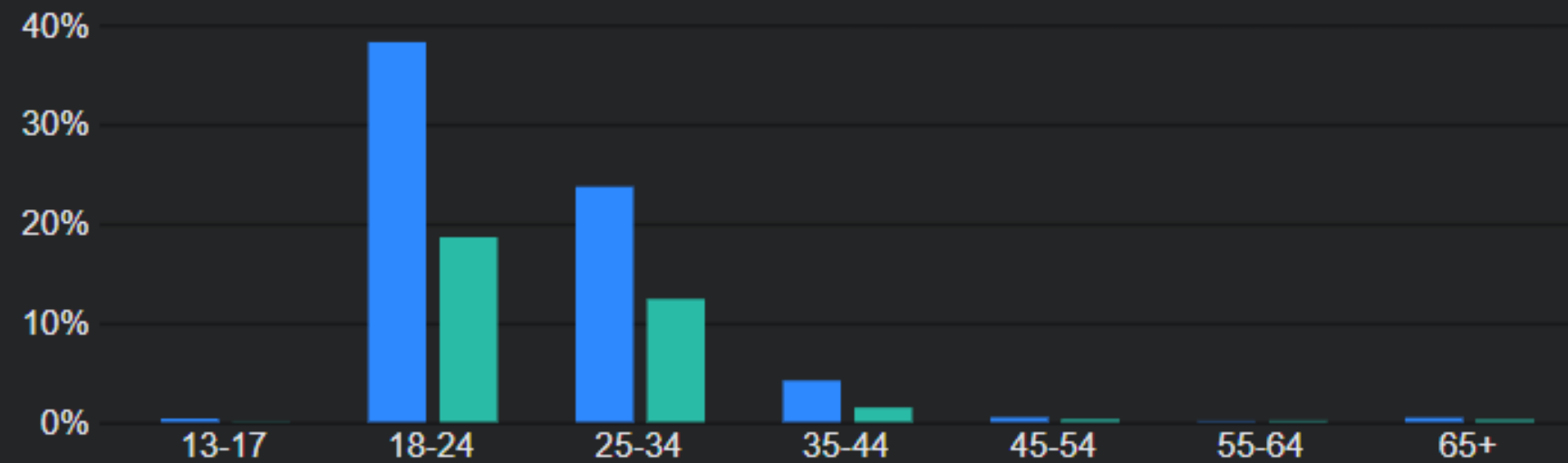
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People

Placements

Locations

67.0% Women 33.0% Men



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Goal

Get more website visitors



Daily budget

\$5.00



Duration

5 days

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Preview

Research study

Sign up





What's it like living in America today?

Take the survey to tell us more

Participants will receive a \$10 gift card



Justice is blind...

Is our criminal justice system?

Take the survey to receive a \$10 gift card.



Have Your Say About Public Safety in IL

Participants will receive a \$10 Gift Card

Take the Public Safety Survey

Tell us what will make IL safe for EVERYONE

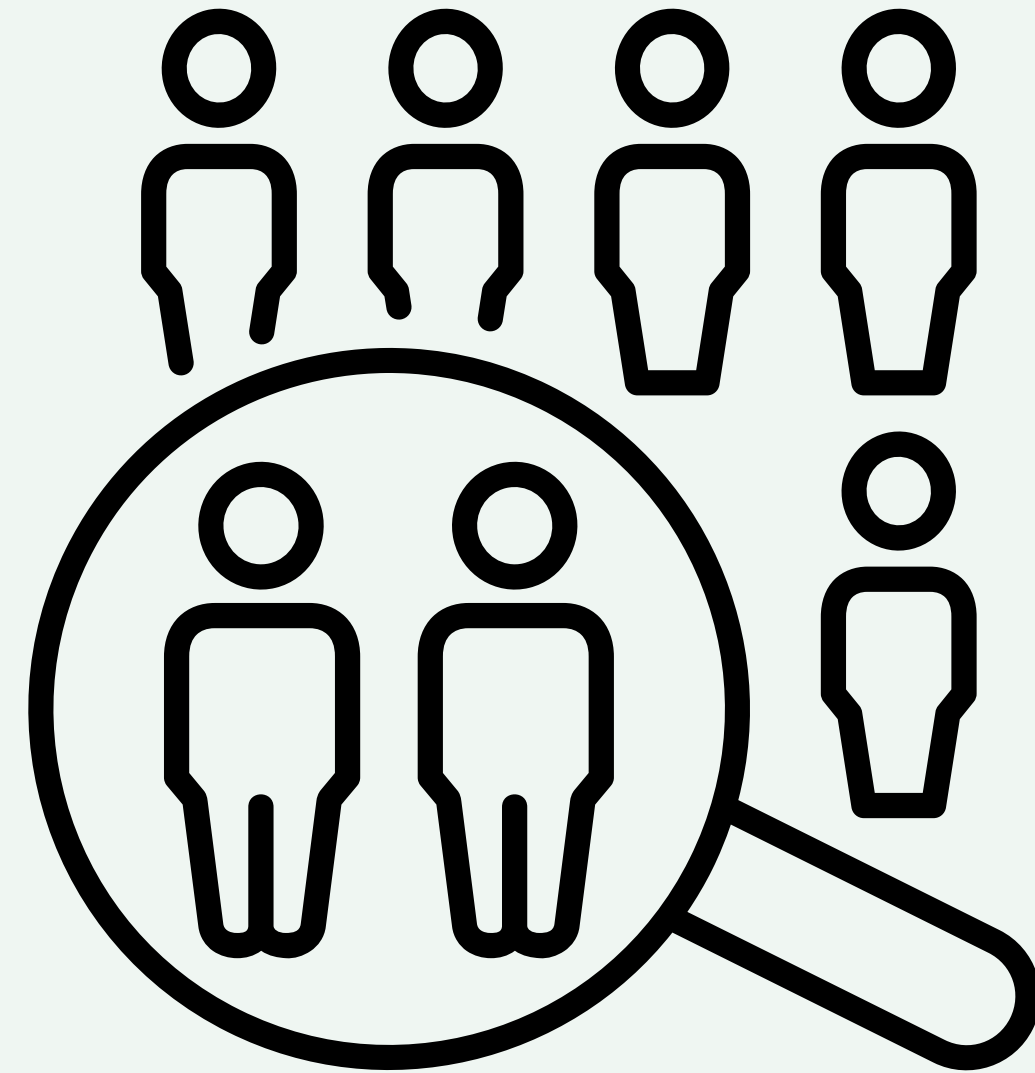
BOT PREVENTION AND DETECTION

- Search for duplicate respondents (i.e., IP address, location coordinates, email address)
 - Determine consent and completion of survey
 - Review duration
 - Check Recaptcha score
 - Qualtrics bot checks
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- Each round of data collection resulted in <1-30% of usable data



PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS

- Monitoring survey responses
- Targeted marketing to oversample for various populations
 - <35 yrs old
 - Black/African American
 - Hispanic/Latino/a



PRELIMINARY RESULTS N=387

How would you describe your political beliefs related to economics?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly conservative	70	18.1	18.1	18.1
	Conservative	108	27.9	27.9	46.0
	Moderate	125	32.3	32.3	78.3
	Liberal	44	11.4	11.4	89.7
	Strongly liberal	40	10.3	10.3	100.0
	Total	387	100.0	100.0	

How would you describe your political beliefs related to social issues?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly conservative	56	14.5	14.5	14.5
	Conservative	84	21.7	21.7	36.2
	Moderate	125	32.3	32.3	68.5
	Liberal	71	18.3	18.3	86.8
	Strongly liberal	51	13.2	13.2	100.0
	Total	387	100.0	100.0	

PRELIMINARY RESULTS-CORRELATIONS (1 of 4)

- **Age & Religiousity** inversely related to support of:
 - Individual rights items: $-.43^*$, $-.13^*$
 - Policing changes and accountability items: $-.17^*$, $-.16^*$
 - Potential reforms: $-.17^*$, $-.24^*$

PRELIMINARY RESULTS-CORRELATIONS (2 of 4)

- Individuals who report being more **economically** liberal-leaning & **Socially** liberal show greater support for:
 - Individual rights items: .44*, .42*
 - Policing changes & accountability items: .42*, .44*
 - Potential reforms: .31*, .36*

PRELIMINARY RESULTS-CORRELATIONS (3 of 4)

- Individuals who have greater **trust in the government** have greater support for:
 - Individual rights items: .17*
 - Policing changes & accountability items: .19*
 - Gov't trust not related to support for other potential reforms

PRELIMINARY RESULTS-CORRELATIONS (4 of 4)

- Individuals who report greater **trust in research** findings related to disparities in the legal system have greater support for:
 - Individual rights bill items: .42*
 - Policing changes & accountability items: .30*
 - Potential reforms: .23*

PRELIMINARY RESULTS - 3 REGRESSIONS

- *Age, Economic* political beliefs, & *Research Trust* Predict support for Individual Rights provisions. Model accounts for 35% of the variance in scores.
- *Social & Economic* political beliefs, Gov't Trust predict policing changes. Model accounts for 24% of the variance in scores
- *Social* Political Beliefs predict support for other potential reforms. Model accounts for 15% of variance in scores.

PREPARING FOR INTERVIEWS

- Develop interview protocol
- Determine recruitment parameters
- Qualitative analysis
 - Unconscious racism
 - Unified theory of value-based reasoning
 - Communication and value pluralism
 - Theory of law
 - Self-reflection related to overcoming barriers to equity



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