

PUBLIC OPINION ON IMPLEMENTING RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRINCIPLES
IN FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

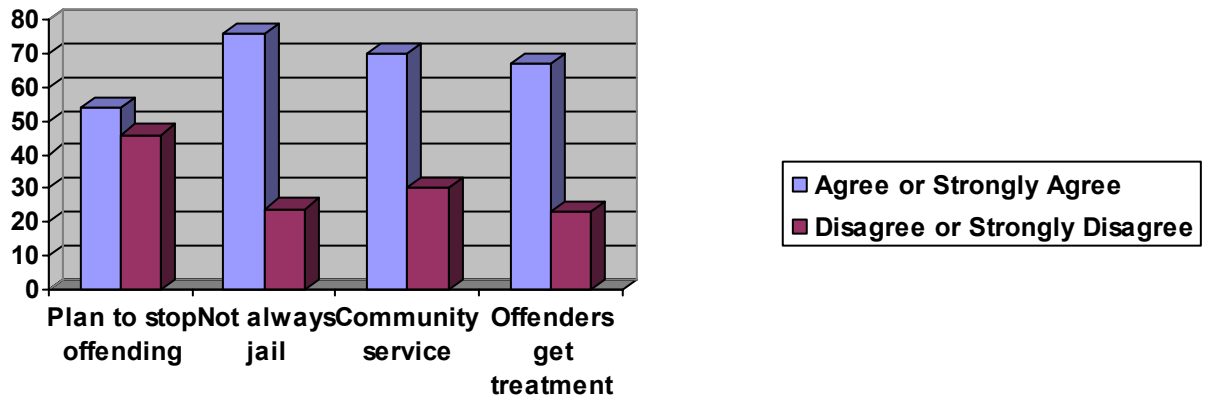
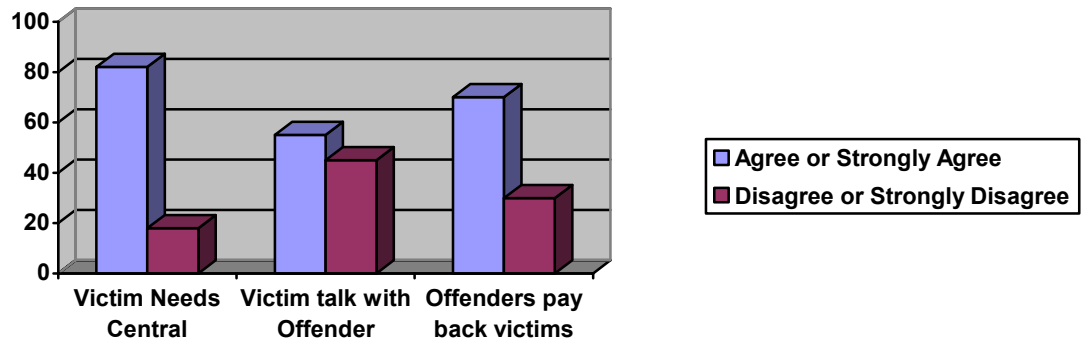
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Executive Summary

The research in this project indicates where the public stands on how to meet the goals of a fair and just criminal justice system. People of different ethnic groups, ages, gender, and personal experience with crime in Fresno, California were polled to see how they felt about alternatives to the criminal justice system.

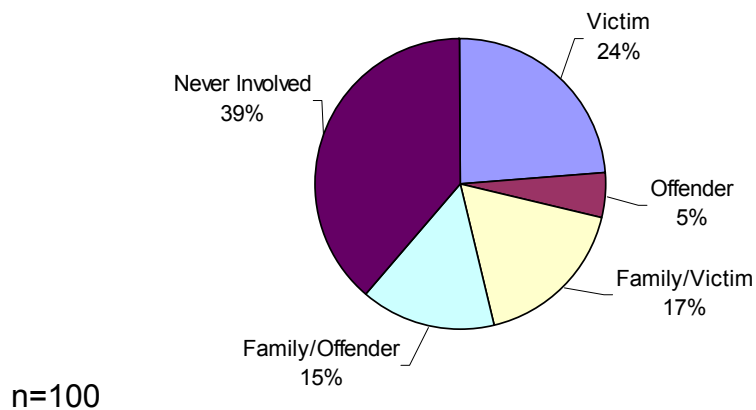
Polling Hispanics and African-Americans was especially important because these groups are more often victims of crime than other ethnic groups in Fresno.

The research showed that, when given the choice, people favored restorative methods of dealing with crime, rather than retributive methods.



Demographic data was collected on the survey respondents. The survey asked if the respondents had ever been involved in the criminal justice system. They were asked if they were a victim, an offender, the family member or friend of a victim, the family member or friend of an offender, or never involved. Figure 1 gives the breakdown of those categories.

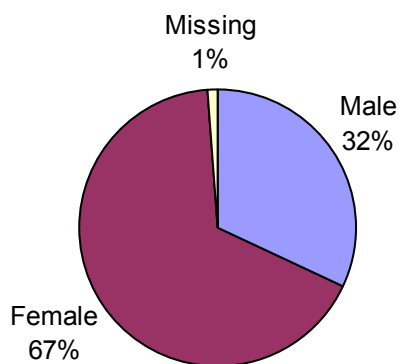
FIGURE 1
INVOLVEMENT OF RESPONDENTS



The survey asked if the respondents were male or female. Figure 2 gives the breakdown of those categories.

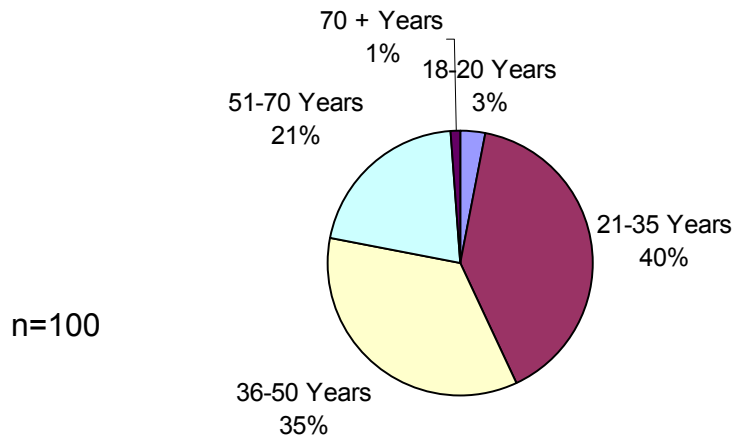
FIGURE 2
GENDER

n=100



The respondents were asked if they were between the ages of eighteen to twenty, twenty-one to thirty-five, thirty-six to fifty, fifty-one to seventy, or over seventy years of age. Figure 3 gives the results of that information.

FIGURE 3
AGE OF THE RESPONDENTS



The survey asked the ethnicity of the respondents. They were asked if they were Hispanic, White, African-American, or Asian. The results of those questions are shown in Figure 4.

FIGURE 4
ETHNICITY

