



Les 7 Sciences Po du réseau

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EPREUVE D'ANGLAIS

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Ce sujet est composé de 3 pages

Il est demandé aux candidats de répondre directement sur leur copie en indiquant clairement les numéros des exercices.

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“Do Chicagoans want to ‘defund the police’? It’s a tale of two cities”

(Adapted from *The Chicago Tribune*, June 15th, 2021)

By Kristen Mack, John Palfrey and Will Johnson

As the epicenter of America’s gun violence epidemic, Chicago [...] has an opportunity to chart a path on police and policy reform that could serve as a model for the entire nation. To get there, it’s important to understand the confluence of factors undergirding divergent beliefs about how to move forward, and to identify and leverage the aspects of reform upon which diverse constituencies agree.

The Harris Poll and the MacArthur Foundation recently surveyed almost 1,000 Chicagoans to better understand our city’s biggest challenges, particularly regarding public safety. The response from residents portrays a city with [...] contradictory feelings toward a police force that it at once supports and wants reformed. The survey reveals a tale of two cities, with respondents’ experiences shaping their attitudes about solutions. [...]

Strong majorities oppose reducing neighborhood police presence. [...] [However, P]eople of color in Chicago — due to historical negative experiences with law enforcement — do not feel safe or comfortable having a police presence in their neighborhood. Black and Latino residents were twice as likely as white residents to report negative experiences with cops and to display greater anxiety about reporting police misconduct, for fear of retaliation.

Additionally, most Chicagoans understand the disparate impact of policing: 64% (including 66% of Latino residents and 91% of Black residents) believe there is persistent racial bias in the city’s policing practices [...].

These attitudes and experiences explain why Chicago residents approve of the police overall while also favoring reform [...]. They know the city needs a police force — most Chicago residents oppose the “defund the police” movement (58%) — but they believe cops can improve, especially vis-a-vis people of color, with better training and more available alternatives to police response, such as neighborhood patrols and dispatching social workers to handle certain situations. Majorities of Chicagoans believe that de-escalation training (53%) and racial equity training (51%) would be the best ways to start. A force that looks more like the city it serves could help alleviate the trust gap.

On the “defund” movement specifically — which refers to efforts to reduce police department budgets and redistribute those funds toward essential and underfunded social services, such as housing, education, employment, mental health care and youth services — most Chicagoans [...] feel it wouldn’t help repair police-resident relations [...].

I. Compréhension écrite (6 points)

Answer the following questions about the text, using your own words (concise answers are expected):

1. Overall, what does the survey reveal about how the inhabitants of Chicago feel about their police? (1 pt)
2. Why don't people of color in Chicago feel good about a police presence in their neighborhood? (1 pt)
3. According to the authors, why is it useful to collect data on what Chicagoans think of their police? (2 pts)
4. Explain the following phrase: "the disparate impact of policing" (line 18). (1 pt)
5. Explain the following sentence: "A force that looks more like the city it serves could help alleviate the trust gap." (line 28-29). (1 pt)

II. Expression écrite (14 points)

Write an essay on the following topic (+/- 300 words)

Do you think that "defunding" the police is desirable and/or realistic ?

You do not need to focus solely on the US.