

# CRIME SURVIVORS SPEAK



THE FIRST-EVER NATIONAL SURVEY OF VICTIMS' VIEWS ON SAFETY AND JUSTICE

The National Survey of Victims' Views is the first-of-its-kind research on crime survivors experience with the criminal justice system and their preferences for safety and justice policy.

## Rehabilitation over Punishment

Do you think we should be more focused on...

REHABILITATING PEOPLE WHO COMMIT CRIMES

60%

PUNISHING PEOPLE WHO COMMIT CRIMES

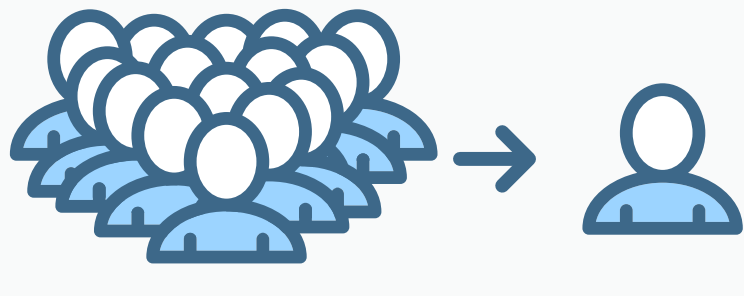
32%

## New Safety Priorities

Victims prefer investments in new safety priorities to more spending on prisons and jails.

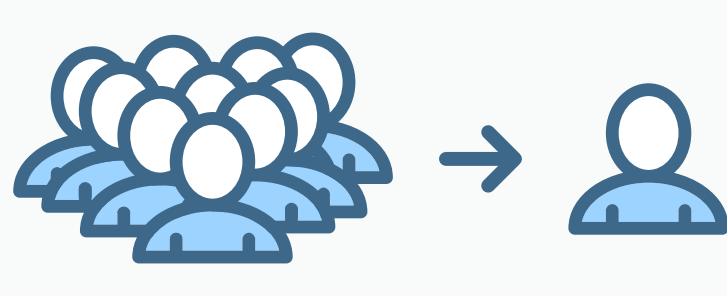
Education

15 TO 1



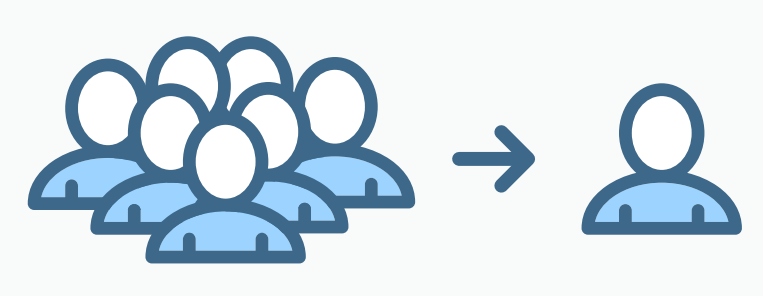
Job Creation

10 TO 1



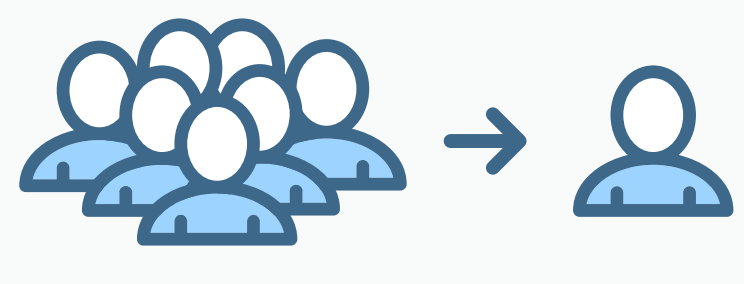
Mental Health Treatment

7 TO 1



At-Risk Youth Programs

7 TO 1



Drug Treatment

4 TO 1



Community Supervision

2 TO 1



## Shorter Sentences, Smarter Investments

Which do you prefer?

61%

Shorter prison sentences and spending more on prevention and rehabilitation programs

25%

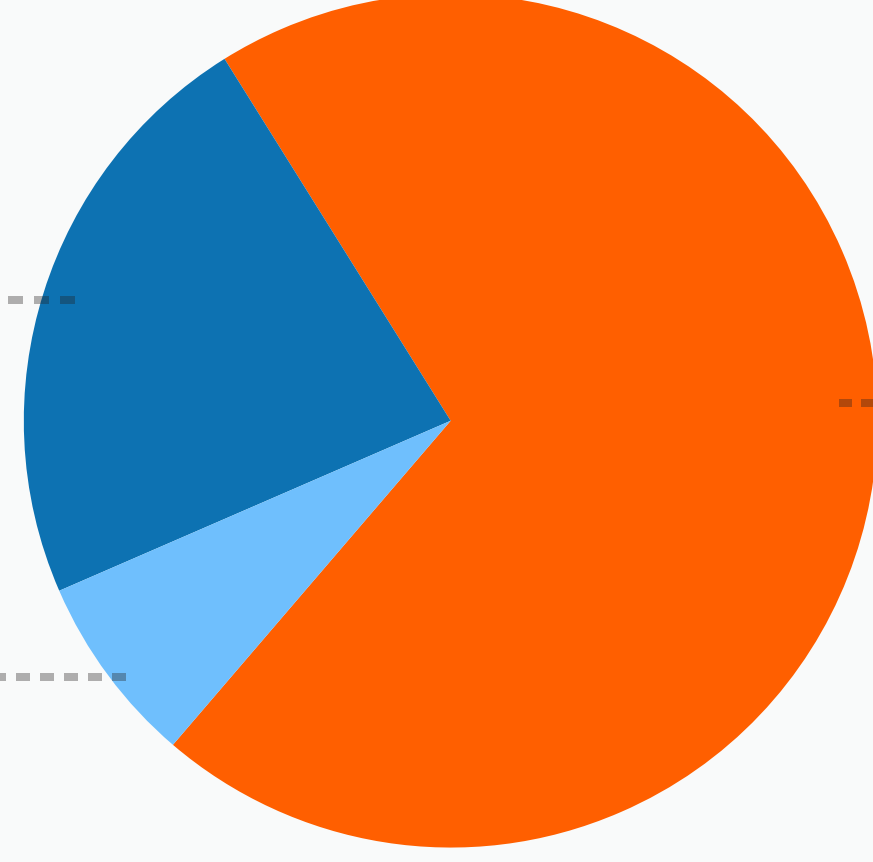
Prison sentences that keep people in prison for as long as possible

## Alternatives to Incarceration

Victims prefer holding people that commit crimes accountable through different options beyond just prison such as rehabilitation, mental health treatment, drug treatment, community supervision, or community.

23% Holding people that commit crimes accountable by putting them in prison

7% Other, includes both, neither, and don't know

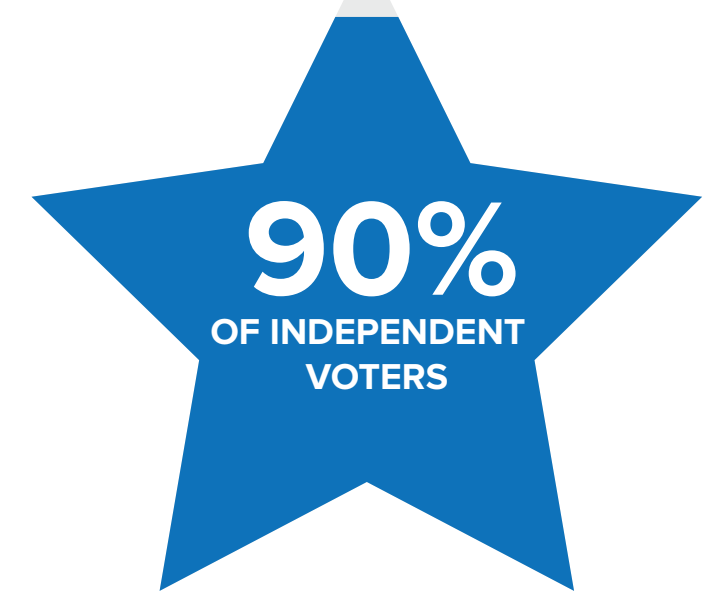
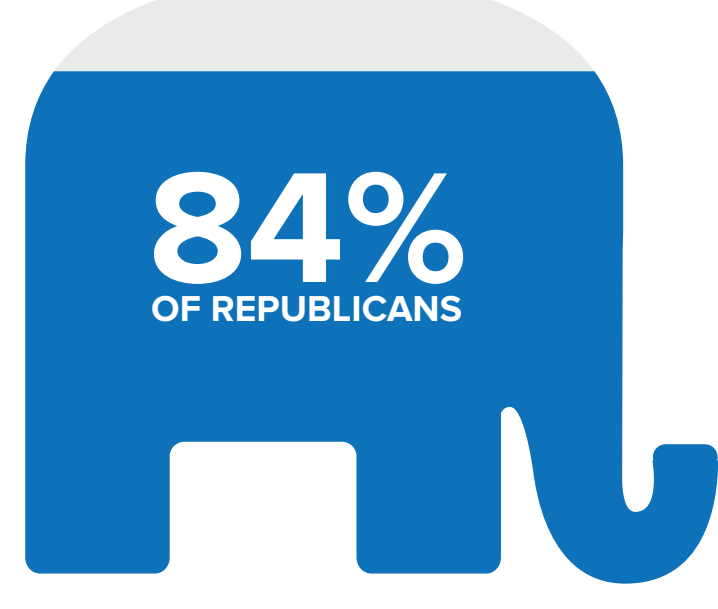
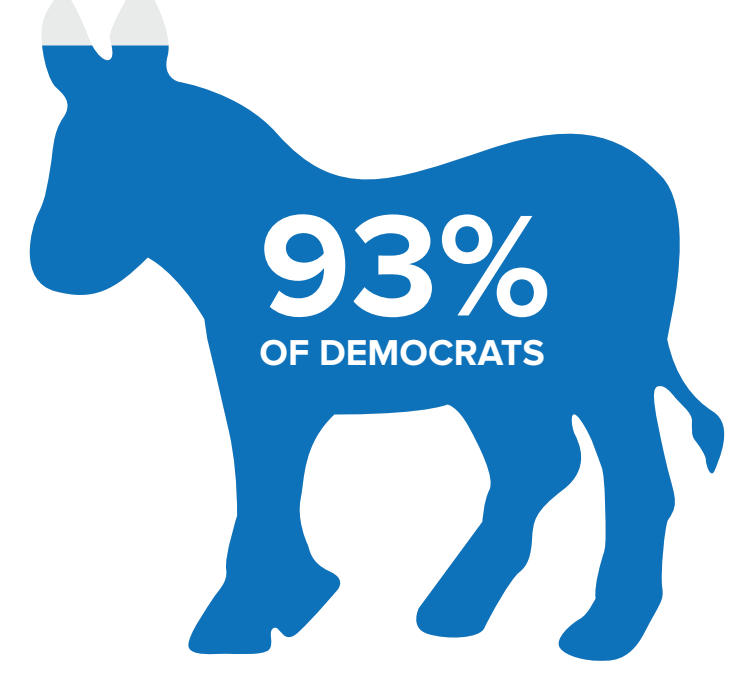


70%

Holding people that commit crimes accountable through different options beyond just prison

## Everyone Agrees

Across the board, victims agree on the need for new safety priorities. For example, investing more in schools and education rather than investing more in prisons and jails.



VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME ARE **4X** AS LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE REPEAT VICTIMIZATION

**8 IN 10** CRIME SURVIVORS EXPERIENCE AT LEAST ONE SYMPTOM OF TRAUMA

VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME WIDELY SUPPORT REDUCING INCARCERATION TO INVEST IN PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION

Do you prefer holding people that commit crimes accountable by putting them in prison OR through different options beyond just prison?

25% PUT THEM IN PRISON

69% DIFFERENT OPTIONS

Do you think that prison helps rehabilitate people into better citizens OR makes them more likely to commit crimes?

19% REHABILITATES PEOPLE

52% MORE LIKELY TO COMMIT CRIMES

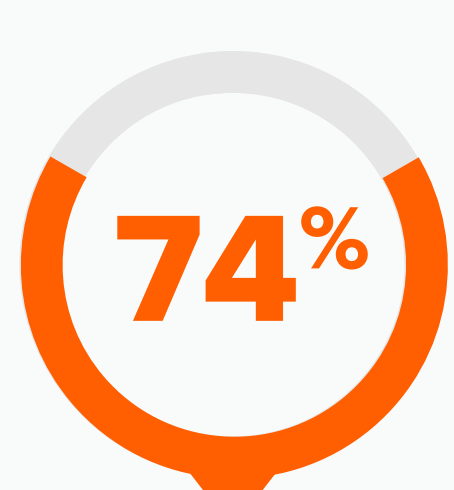
Do you prefer prison sentences that keep people in prison for as long as possible OR shorter prison sentences and spending more on prevention and rehabilitation programs?

27% LONGER SENTENCES

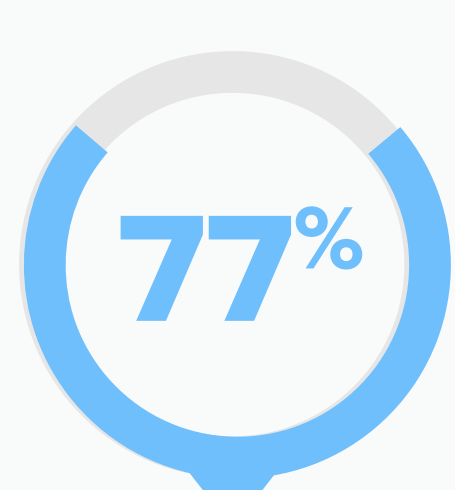
61% SHORTER SENTENCES

## The Role of Prosecutor's Offices

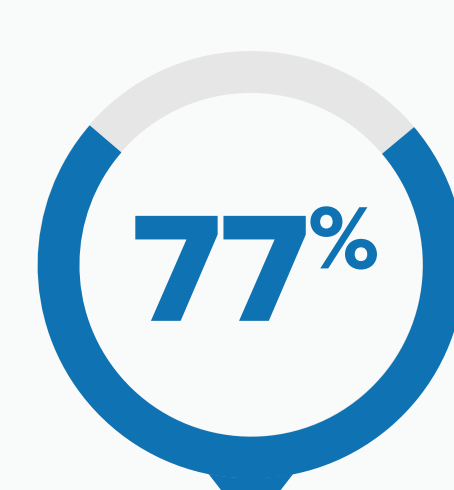
Which should be prosecutors' primary goal? Getting as many convictions and prison sentences as possible OR solving neighborhood problems and stopping repeat crimes through rehabilitation, even if it means fewer convictions?



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VIOLENT CRIME VICTIMS



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Prefer prosecutors solve neighborhood problems, even if it means fewer convictions