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Rehabilitation over Punishment

Do you think we should be more focused on rehabilitation or punishment?

- Rehabilitation: 61%
- Punishment: 25%

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Which do you prefer?

- Shorter sentences: 60%
- Longer sentences: 32%

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.

The Role of Prosecutor’s Offices

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.

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.

- 93% of Democrats
- 84% of Republicans
- 90% of Independents

Victims of violent crime at 4X repeat victimization

- 23% of victims
- 70% of non-victims

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Victims prefer prosecutors solve neighborhood problems, even if it means fewer convictions.