FR: Morning Consult
TO: Fraternal Order of Police
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RE: Sentiment on Crime and Policing

This study was run to understand the perspective of registered voters on the current state of crime and their perspectives of police in the United States. Additionally, a primary goal was to gauge the impact of confirming Gigi Sohn to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).
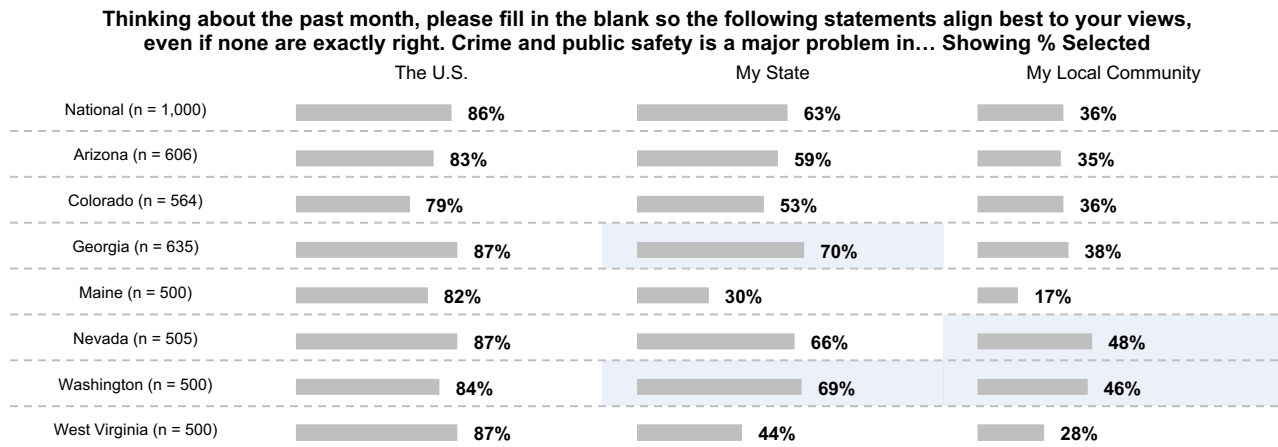
KEY FINDINGS

1. **A vast majority of registered voters (81%) say that in the past month crime is a major problem in the US.** 61% of registered voters rate police's performance as excellent or good, significantly ahead of other government bodies like the Senate (+40 points) and specific state U.S. senators (+20 across nearly all U.S. senators tested).

2. **7 in 10 voters say that knowing a government official supported or advocated for policies like 'defund the police' would make registered voters less likely to support these officials**. When shown messaging about Gigi Sohn's past actions such as, 'Gigi Sohn has publicly supported defunding the police,' 61% of registered voters indicate that they are less likely to support Ms. Sohn's nomination.

3. **Among those who say Sohn's nomination will impact their vote (about a 1 in 3 registered voters), 60% say they are more likely to vote for a Republican candidate in the upcoming midterms**. And in the states tested with upcoming re-elections, nearly half say that knowing their U.S. senator voted to confirm Gigi Sohn makes them less likely to vote for them in their upcoming re-elections.

ANALYSIS & DETAILED RESULTS

SENTIMENT ON CRIME & POLICING:

- **86% of registered voters say that in the past month crime and public safety is a major problem** in the U.S. and 79% say that crime and personal safety is one of their top concerns
    - Additionally, a majority of registered voters within key states (below) indicate that crime is a major problem in the U.S.

Thinking about the past month, please fill in the blank so the following statements align best to your views, even if none are exactly right. Crime and public safety is a major problem in… Showing % Selected

	The U.S.	My State	My Local Community
National (n = 1,000)	86%	63%	36%
Arizona (n = 606)	83%	59%	35%
Colorado (n = 564)	79%	53%	36%
Georgia (n = 635)	87%	70%	38%
Maine (n = 500)	82%	30%	17%
Nevada (n = 505)	87%	66%	48%
Washington (n = 500)	84%	69%	46%
West Virginia (n = 500)	87%	44%	28%

- Nationally, 3 in 4 registered voters agree that the majority of police officers protect their communities regardless of skin color, gender, etc. and 61% rate the police as doing an excellent or good job addressing crime and public safety.
    - In comparison, 21% of registered voters in the U.S. say that the Senate is doing an excellent or good job addressing crime and public safety. And when asked about their specific state's U.S. senator, many of the U.S. senators tested perform at least 20 points below police generally.

CRIME & POLICING POLICIES:

- **72% of registered voters say that they trust organizations like the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) a lot or some.** Additionally**,** 43% say that knowing a nominee for public office was endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) would it make them more likely to support their nomination.

- When asked about specific policies, over **7 in 10 registered voters say they are less likely to support a government official who advocates and/or supports defunding the police.**

CRIME & POLICING POLICIES CONT:

Are you more or less likely to support a government official who advocates and/or supports the following policies?
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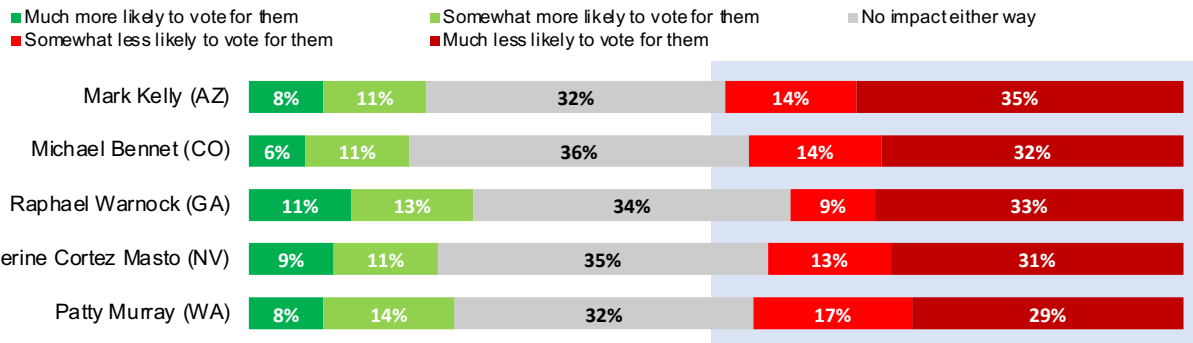|	National (n = 1,000)	Arizona (n = 606)	Colorado (n = 564)	Georgia (n = 635)	Maine (n = 500)	Nevada (n = 505)	Washington (n = 500)	West Virginia (n = 500)
Defunding the police	**72%**	72%	70%	65%	69%	67%	71%	**76%**
Banning the use of facial recognition technology	48%	46%	44%	47%	49%	45%	47%	48%
Regulating or limiting police surveillance	52%	**56%**	48%	52%	46%	48%	50%	53%
Preventing federal law enforcement from accessing user's data (i.e. doorbell video footage) for investigating crimes	50%	51%	51%	50%	52%	48%	49%	50%

IMPACT OF GIGI SOHN NOMINATION

- 65% of registered voters are unsure of or have no opinion on Gigi Sohn's nomination.
- When exposed to messaging about Gigi Sohn's past actions such as **endorsing anti-police posts on social media and publicly supporting defunding the police, about 6 in 10 registered voters say they are less likely to support her nomination.**
    - This sway in support due to anti-police messaging is also seen across registered voters in key states.

If you knew the following about Gigi Sohn, would it make you more or less likely to support her nomination, or would it not make much difference either way? Showing % Selected Somewhat + Much Less Likely to Support

	National (n = 1,000)	Arizona (n = 606)	Colorado (n = 564)	Georgia (n = 635)	Maine (n = 500)	Nevada (n = 505)	Washington (n = 500)	West Virginia (n = 500)
Gigi Sohn has endorsed anti-police posts on social media	58%	**62%**	58%	53%	61%	59%	57%	61%
Some say Gigi Sohn's advocacy with the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) has stifled law enforcement's ability to investigate and prosecute crimes	52%	56%	52%	51%	**58%**	49%	51%	56%
Gigi Sohn has publicly supported defunding the police	61%	63%	61%	56%	64%	61%	64%	64%

- Registered voters are split on whether Gigi Sohn's nomination will impact their vote in the midterm elections with about a third saying it will and another third saying they are unsure or have no opinion.
    - However, among those who say Sohn's nomination will impact their vote, **60% say they are more likely to vote for a Republican candidate** in the upcoming midterm elections.
- **Across the following states with upcoming Senate midterm elections, nearly half say that knowing their U.S. senator voted to confirm Gigi Sohn makes them less likely to vote for them in their upcoming re-elections.**

If you knew your state senator, _____, voted to confirm Gigi Sohn, would you be more or less likely to vote for them when they run for reelection this November? Among each respective state sample.

Legend:
- Much more likely to vote for them
- Somewhat more likely to vote for them
- No impact either way
- Somewhat less likely to vote for them
- Much less likely to vote for them

	Much more	Somewhat more	No impact	Somewhat less	Much less
Mark Kelly (AZ)	8%	11%	32%	14%	35%
Michael Bennet (CO)	6%	11%	36%	14%	32%
Raphael Warnock (GA)	11%	13%	34%	9%	33%
Catherine Cortez Masto (NV)	9%	11%	35%	13%	31%
Patty Murray (WA)	8%	14%	32%	17%	29%