

Criminal Justice Reform Statewide Surveys

July 14-22, 2018

SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

1. In your opinion, how important is it to reduce the number of people who are in prison in America today?

\underline{AZ}	<u>FL</u>	<u>IN</u>	MT	<u>NV</u>	<u>ND</u>	<u>OH</u>	<u>TN</u>	\underline{TX}	
73%	73%	68%	70%	71%	63%	69%	72%	67%	TOTA L IMPORTA NT
21%	20%	26%	23%	21%	29%	26%	22%	22%	TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT
39%	42%	36%	37%	39%	28%	36%	42%	42%	Very important
34%	31%	32%	33%	32%	35%	33%	30%	25%	Somewhat important
11%	12%	14%	14%	11%	17%	15%	11%	10%	Not very important
10%	8%	12%	9%	10%	12%	11%	11%	12%	Not at all important
6%	7%	6%	7%	8%	8%	5%	6%	11%	Don't Know/Refused

2. Thinking ahead to the midterm elections this November – how important to you is the issue of criminal justice reform as you decide who you'll be voting for?

\underline{AZ}	\underline{FL}	<u>IN</u>	MT	<u>NV</u>	<u>ND</u>	<u>OH</u>	$\overline{\text{TN}}$	\underline{TX}	
80%	82%	79%	76%	79%	71%	79%	80%	77%	TOTA L IMPORTA NT
16%	14%	18%	20%	17%	26%	18%	18%	15%	TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT
41%	49%	43%	36%	40%	34%	43%	43%	48%	Very important
39%	33%	36%	40%	39%	37%	36%	37%	29%	Somewhat important
11%	9%	12%	14%	11%	18%	13%	11%	10%	Not very important
5%	5%	6%	6%	6%	8%	5%	7%	5%	Not at all important
4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	2%	8%	Don't Know/Refused



3. As you may know, the US House of Representatives recently passed the FIRST STEP Act by a large bipartisan majority. The FIRST STEP Act is a criminal justice reform bill that helps federal inmates transition to life after prison and allows for reduced prison time for well-behaved and older inmates.

In your opinion, how important is it that the US Senate – which is controlled by a Republican majority – pass the FIRST STEP Act before the November midterm elections?

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68%	71%	69%	62%	67%	63%	71%	70%	71%	TOTAL IMPORTANT
25%	25%	26%	31%	28%	31%	25%	25%	18%	TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT
29%	32%	28%	20%	29%	18%	30%	27%	38%	Very important
39%	39%	41%	42%	38%	45%	41%	43%	33%	Somewhat important
15%	14%	16%	20%	18%	19%	17%	16%	10%	Not very important
10%	11%	10%	11%	10%	12%	8%	9%	8%	Not at all important
								1%	Senate should not pass
									FIRST STEP Act
7%	4%	5%	7%	5%	6%	4%	5%	10%	Don't Know/Refused