Black Ohioans Survey

Key Findings
The Survey

• Joint project of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation and The University of Akron Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics.

• Random sample of 1,500 adult black Ohioans, with telephone (landline and cell phone) and online components, weighted by U.S. Census data.

• Conducted in December 2019 and January 2020, Margin of Error: plus or minus two percentage points

• Focus on issue priorities and attitudes
To you personally, what is the **most important** problem in Ohio right now?

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**TOTAL**                     | **100%** |
Thinking about police protection in Ohio, which of the statements comes closest to your view?

- Police officers are deployed in every kind of neighborhood with equal effectiveness: 25%
- Police officers are deployed in some neighborhoods with more effectiveness than in others: 75%
Thinking about guns in Ohio, which of the statements comes closest to your view?

- I agree with protecting the right of citizens to own guns: 53%
- I agree with restricting the right of citizens to own guns: 47%
Thinking about abortion in Ohio, which statement comes closest to your view?

- I agree with protecting the right of women to choose an abortion: 76%
- I agree with restricting the right of women to choose an abortion: 24%
Thinking about health care in Ohio, which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

- Health insurance should be provided through one single-payer public program: 30%
- Health insurance should be provided by a mix of public programs and private insurance: 70%
Thinking of environmental protection in Ohio, which of the statements is closest to your view?

- Strict environmental laws cost too many jobs and hurt the economy: 25%
- Strict environmental laws are worth the cost for better health and quality of life: 75%
Thinking about public schools in Ohio, which of the statements is closest to your view?

- I support taxpayer funding only for public schools but not for other kinds of schools: 39%
- I support taxpayer funding for public schools but also for charter, parochial/religious, and private schools: 61%
Thinking about public assistance in Ohio, which of the statements comes closest to your views?

Public assistance does more good than harm by helping people become independent financially: 67%

Public assistance does more harm than good by making people too dependent financially: 32%
Thinking about the size of government in Ohio, which of the statements comes closest to your view?

I prefer smaller state government, providing fewer services but with lower taxes  - 60%

I prefer larger state government, providing more services but with higher taxes - 40%
Thinking about jobs in Ohio, which statement comes closest to your view?

- It is better to have more good jobs that people can obtain: 35%
- It is better to have more job training so people can obtain good jobs: 65%
Reported frequency of Racial Discrimination within the Last Year (2019)

- Discrimination Frequently within Last Year: 13%
- Discrimination Occasionally within Last Year: 24%
- Discrimination Not Often within Last Year: 9%
- No Discrimination within Last Year: 54%
Factors that Contributed to Racial Discrimination (2019)

- The darkness of your skin: 53% a lot, 34% a little, 13% not at all
- Where you were at the time: 47% a lot, 37% a little, 16% not at all
- Your facial features: 39% a lot, 36% a little, 25% not at all
- The nature of your hair: 35% a lot, 32% a little, 33% not at all
- The way you speak: 29% a lot, 22% a little, 38% not at all
- Your first or last name: 20% a lot, 21% a little, 59% not at all
Thinking about getting ahead in Ohio, which of the statements comes closest to your view?

- Most black citizens who work hard are able to get ahead: 42%
- Most black citizens who work hard may not be able to get ahead: 58%
Thinking about voting in Ohio, which statement comes closest to your view?

- Voting gives black citizens some say in how government runs things: 56%
- Voting by black citizens doesn't really affect how government runs things: 44%
### Leaders, Organizations, and Holidays

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