

## Connecticut Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 37%  
*Disapprove* ..... 56%  
*Not sure* ..... 7%

**Q2** There is currently a bill in the State Legislature that would require the Division of Criminal Justice, which employs prosecutors, to report data each year to the state, including demographic data about people accused or convicted of a crime, and about prosecutors' actions on charging, pretrial detention, bail, plea deals, diversionary programs, and sentencing. A public report and analysis would be made available each year. Do you support or oppose this bill that would create more transparency around prosecutors' decisions in Connecticut?

*Support* ..... 64%  
*Oppose* ..... 12%  
*Not sure* ..... 24%

**Q3** Prosecutors are some of the most powerful people in the criminal justice system, but in Connecticut, there is very little available data about the decisions prosecutors make. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Creating more transparency about prosecutors' work would allow everyone in Connecticut to create a better justice system.

*Agree* ..... 72%  
*Disagree* ..... 13%  
*Not sure* ..... 15%

**Q4** I'm going to read you some things that people are saying about the bill to increase prosecutor transparency, and then ask you if you find it a very convincing, somewhat convincing, or not a convincing reason to support the bill. Here's the first one: Connecticut is among the worst in the country when it comes to disproportionately imprisoning Black and Latino adults. Without data about prosecutors' decisions, like information about sentencing, plea deals, probation or parole conditions, or charges, it is almost impossible to know if these racial disparities are rooted in prosecutors' decisions or something else.

*Very convincing* ..... 33%  
*Somewhat convincing* ..... 33%  
*Not convincing* ..... 22%  
*Not sure* ..... 11%

**Q5** Here's the next one: Prosecutors are the gatekeepers to the criminal justice system. They decide whether to prosecute, drop, or change charges. They can offer or withhold plea bargains or alternative programs like drug treatment. They can influence sentencing, including conditions for someone's parole. That is an enormous amount of power to not have any public information about. This bill would allow us to access that information.

*Very convincing* ..... 53%  
*Somewhat convincing* ..... 26%  
*Not convincing* ..... 12%  
*Not sure* ..... 9%



**Q6** Here's the next one: Massachusetts and Florida passed legislation requiring state prosecutors to release data about their decisions. Connecticut should do the same.

*Very convincing*..... 47%  
*Somewhat convincing*..... 27%  
*Not convincing*..... 19%  
*Not sure*..... 8%

**Q7** Here's the next one: Creating more transparency about prosecutors' work would allow everyone in Connecticut to create a better justice system.

*Very convincing*..... 45%  
*Somewhat convincing*..... 32%  
*Not convincing*..... 15%  
*Not sure*..... 8%

**Q8** Having heard all the information in this survey, let me ask you again: There is currently a bill in the State Legislature that would require the Division of Criminal Justice, which employs prosecutors, to report data each year to the state, including demographic data about people accused or convicted of a crime, and about prosecutors' actions on charging, pretrial detention, bail, plea deals, diversionary programs, and sentencing. A public report and analysis would be made available each year. Do you support or oppose this bill that would create more transparency around prosecutors' decisions in Connecticut?

*Support*..... 71%  
*Oppose*..... 11%  
*Not sure*..... 18%

**Q9** In the election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

*Donald Trump*..... 38%  
*Hillary Clinton*..... 52%  
*Someone else / Did not vote*..... 10%

**Q10** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2. If you are gender non-binary, press 3.

*Woman*..... 51%  
*Man*..... 45%  
*Non-binary*..... 4%

**Q11** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

*Democrat*..... 43%  
*Republican*..... 28%  
*Independent*..... 29%

**Q12** If you are Hispanic or Latino, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

*Hispanic / Latino*..... 9%  
*White*..... 74%  
*African American*..... 12%  
*Other*..... 5%

**Q13** If you are 18-29 years old, press 1. If 30-45, press 2. If 46-65, press 3. If older than 65, press 4.

*18 to 29*..... 11%  
*30 to 45*..... 24%  
*46 to 65*..... 41%  
*Older than 65*..... 24%

**Q14** Mode

*Phone*..... 71%  
*Internet*..... 29%



	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Trump Approval				
Approve	37%	86%	6%	13%
Disapprove	56%	7%	90%	68%
Not sure	7%	7%	4%	19%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Bill Requiring Prosecutorial Data Support / Oppose				
Support	64%	70%	64%	45%
Oppose	12%	14%	11%	9%
Not sure	24%	16%	25%	45%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
More Transparency Would Allow Better Justice System Agree / Disagree				
Agree	72%	76%	72%	53%
Disagree	13%	13%	13%	17%
Not sure	15%	11%	15%	30%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Impossible to Know Root Cause of Racial Disparities Without Data Convincing Reason to Support Bill Yes/No				
Very convincing	33%	24%	41%	30%
Somewhat convincing	33%	33%	34%	32%
Not convincing	22%	32%	16%	21%
Not sure	11%	12%	9%	17%



	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
<b>Bill Would Allow Access to Information About Prosecutorial Decisions Convincing Reason to Support Yes/No</b>				
Very convincing	53%	53%	54%	48%
Somewhat convincing	26%	22%	29%	24%
Not convincing	12%	17%	8%	9%
Not sure	9%	7%	9%	18%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
<b>Massachusetts and Florida Passed Similar Legislation Convincing Reason to Support Bill Yes/No</b>				
Very convincing	47%	48%	47%	45%
Somewhat convincing	27%	27%	28%	17%
Not convincing	19%	21%	17%	24%
Not sure	8%	4%	9%	14%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
<b>More Transparency Would Allow For Better Justice System Convincing Reason to Support Bill Yes/No</b>				
Very convincing	45%	44%	47%	38%
Somewhat convincing	32%	31%	34%	30%
Not convincing	15%	19%	11%	15%
Not sure	8%	6%	8%	17%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Hillary Clint...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
<b>Informed Prosecutorial Transparency Bill Support / Oppose</b>				
Support	71%	72%	73%	56%
Oppose	11%	13%	9%	10%
Not sure	18%	15%	18%	34%





	Base	Gender		
		Woma- n	Man	Non- bina...
Trump Approval				
Approve	37%	30%	43%	54%
Disapprove	56%	62%	51%	38%
Not sure	7%	7%	6%	8%

	Base	Gender		
		Woma- n	Man	Non- bina...
Bill Requiring Prosecutorial Data Support / Oppose				
Support	64%	62%	68%	59%
Oppose	12%	11%	12%	20%
Not sure	24%	27%	20%	21%

	Base	Gender		
		Woma- n	Man	Non- bina...
More Transparency Would Allow Better Justice System Agree / Disagree				
Agree	72%	69%	75%	72%
Disagree	13%	11%	14%	20%
Not sure	15%	20%	11%	7%

	Base	Gender		
		Woma- n	Man	Non- bina...
Impossible to Know Root Cause of Racial Disparities Without Data Convincing Reason to Support Bill Yes/No				
Very convincing	33%	30%	37%	31%
Somewhat convincing	33%	39%	28%	22%
Not convincing	22%	17%	28%	37%
Not sure	11%	14%	8%	10%





	Base	Gender		
		Woma- n	Man	Non- bina...
<b>Bill Would Allow Access to Information About Prosecutorial Decisions Convincing Reason to Support Yes/No</b>				
Very convincing	53%	54%	54%	36%
Somewhat convincing	26%	28%	24%	29%
Not convincing	12%	8%	15%	19%
Not sure	9%	10%	7%	16%

	Base	Gender		
		Woma- n	Man	Non- bina...
<b>Massachusetts and Florida Passed Similar Legislation Convincing Reason to Support Bill Yes/No</b>				
Very convincing	47%	46%	48%	39%
Somewhat convincing	27%	27%	25%	26%
Not convincing	19%	16%	22%	24%
Not sure	8%	10%	4%	12%

	Base	Gender		
		Woma- n	Man	Non- bina...
<b>More Transparency Would Allow For Better Justice System Convincing Reason to Support Bill Yes/No</b>				
Very convincing	45%	46%	44%	50%
Somewhat convincing	32%	31%	34%	23%
Not convincing	15%	13%	15%	23%
Not sure	8%	10%	7%	4%

	Base	Gender		
		Woma- n	Man	Non- bina...
<b>Informed Prosecutorial Transparency Bill Support / Oppose</b>				
Support	71%	71%	73%	54%
Oppose	11%	8%	13%	17%
Not sure	18%	22%	14%	29%

	Base	Party		
		Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
<b>Trump Approval</b>				
Approve	37%	14%	68%	42%
Disapprove	56%	80%	24%	50%
Not sure	7%	6%	8%	8%



		Party		
	Base	Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
<b>Bill Requiring Prosecutorial Data Support / Oppose</b>				
Support	64%	71%	61%	57%
Oppose	12%	9%	13%	15%
Not sure	24%	20%	26%	27%

		Party		
	Base	Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
<b>More Transparency Would Allow Better Justice System Agree / Disagree</b>				
Agree	72%	78%	71%	63%
Disagree	13%	8%	17%	16%
Not sure	15%	14%	12%	20%

		Party		
	Base	Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
<b>Impossible to Know Root Cause of Racial Disparities Without Data Convincing Reason to Support Bill Yes/No</b>				
Very convincing	33%	43%	28%	24%
Somewhat convincing	33%	35%	29%	35%
Not convincing	22%	13%	32%	27%
Not sure	11%	9%	12%	14%

		Party		
	Base	Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
<b>Bill Would Allow Access to Information About Prosecutorial Decisions Convincing Reason to Support Yes/No</b>				
Very convincing	53%	59%	52%	46%
Somewhat convincing	26%	28%	24%	25%
Not convincing	12%	6%	15%	17%
Not sure	9%	8%	9%	12%

		Party		
	Base	Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
<b>Massachusetts and Florida Passed Similar Legislation Convincing Reason to Support Bill Yes/No</b>				
Very convincing	47%	52%	47%	38%
Somewhat convincing	27%	26%	25%	29%
Not convincing	19%	14%	21%	25%
Not sure	8%	8%	7%	8%

		Party		
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Not sure	8%	7%	10%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
Informed Prosecutorial Transparency Bill Support / Oppose				
Support	71%	80%	70%	59%
Oppose	11%	7%	12%	14%
Not sure	18%	13%	18%	28%

	Base	Race			
		Hispani- c / Lati...	White	African Americ...	Other
Trump Approval					
Approve	37%	34%	44%	5%	22%
Disapprove	56%	46%	53%	79%	60%
Not sure	7%	21%	3%	16%	18%

	Base	Race			
		Hispani- c / Lati...	White	African Americ...	Other
Bill Requiring Prosecutorial Data Support / Oppose					
Support	64%	49%	67%	57%	63%
Oppose	12%	2%	14%	5%	16%
Not sure	24%	48%	19%	37%	21%

	Base	Race			
		Hispani- c / Lati...	White	African Americ...	Other
More Transparency Would Allow Better Justice System Agree / Disagree					
Agree	72%	61%	75%	59%	69%
Disagree	13%	8%	13%	11%	19%
Not sure	15%	30%	11%	29%	12%

	Base	Race			
		Hispani- c / Lati...	White	African Americ...	Other
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Very convincing	33%	37%	32%	35%	42%
Somewhat convincing	33%	32%	34%	34%	27%
Not convincing	22%	2%	26%	18%	21%
Not sure	11%	28%	9%	12%	10%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic / Latino	White	African American	Other
Bill Would Allow Access to Information About Prosecutorial Decisions Convincing Reason to Support Yes/No					
Very convincing	53%	63%	54%	52%	29%
Somewhat convincing	26%	6%	26%	34%	44%
Not convincing	12%	5%	13%	4%	20%
Not sure	9%	26%	7%	10%	7%



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Not sure	8%	19%	6%	13%	5%

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Very convincing	45%	56%	44%	42%	45%
Somewhat convincing	32%	22%	34%	27%	32%
Not convincing	15%	-	15%	18%	21%
Not sure	8%	22%	6%	14%	3%

	Base	Race			
		Hispani- c / Lati...	White	African Americ...	Other
Informed Prosecutorial Transparency Bill Support / Oppose					
Support	71%	62%	73%	69%	64%
Oppose	11%	-	12%	4%	19%
Not sure	18%	38%	15%	28%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than ...
Trump Approval					
Approve	37%	14%	25%	47%	43%
Disapprove	56%	61%	69%	48%	53%
Not sure	7%	25%	6%	5%	3%

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Bill Requiring Prosecutorial Data Support / Oppose					
Support	64%	47%	65%	66%	69%
Oppose	12%	7%	15%	14%	7%
Not sure	24%	46%	20%	20%	23%

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Somewhat convincing	33%	40%	38%	30%	31%
Not convincing	22%	28%	14%	29%	17%
Not sure	11%	15%	10%	8%	16%

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Very convincing	53%	37%	47%	59%	57%
Somewhat convincing	26%	30%	33%	22%	24%
Not convincing	12%	17%	10%	13%	8%
Not sure	9%	17%	10%	6%	11%

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Massachusetts and Florida Passed Similar Legislation Convincing Reason to Support Bill Yes/No					
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Not sure	8%	16%	9%	3%	10%

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	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
<b>Trump Approval</b>			
Approve	37%	45%	18%
Disapprove	56%	52%	66%
Not sure	7%	3%	16%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
<b>Bill Requiring Prosecutorial Data Support / Oppose</b>			
Support	64%	67%	57%
Oppose	12%	13%	10%
Not sure	24%	20%	33%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
<b>More Transparency Would Allow Better Justice System Agree / Disagree</b>			
Agree	72%	74%	65%
Disagree	13%	15%	9%
Not sure	15%	11%	25%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
<b>Impossible to Know Root Cause of Racial Disparities Without Data Convincing Reason to Support Bill Yes/No</b>			
Very convincing	33%	37%	25%
Somewhat convincing	33%	27%	49%
Not convincing	22%	26%	12%
Not sure	11%	10%	13%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
<b>Bill Would Allow Access to Information About Prosecutorial Decisions Convincing Reason to Support Yes/No</b>			
Very convincing	53%	57%	43%
Somewhat convincing	26%	22%	35%
Not convincing	12%	14%	7%
Not sure	9%	7%	15%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
<b>Massachusetts and Florida Passed Similar Legislation</b>			
Convincing Reason to Support Bill Yes/No			
Very convincing	47%	50%	39%
Somewhat convincing	27%	26%	27%
Not convincing	19%	18%	21%
Not sure	8%	5%	14%

	Base	Mode	
		Pho...	Intern...
<b>More Transparency Would Allow For Better Justice System</b>			
Convincing Reason to Support Bill Yes/No			
Very convincing	45%	50%	34%
Somewhat convincing	32%	28%	43%
Not convincing	15%	16%	11%
Not sure	8%	6%	12%

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		Pho...	Intern...
<b>Informed Prosecutorial Transparency Bill</b>			
Support / Oppose			
Support	71%	73%	67%
Oppose	11%	13%	5%
Not sure	18%	15%	27%