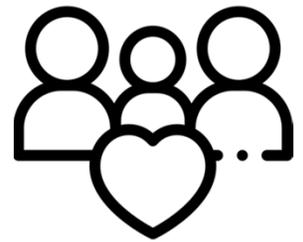


Perspectives on Race and Policing in our Community



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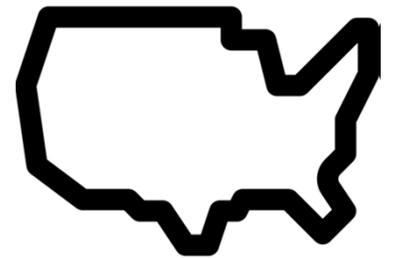
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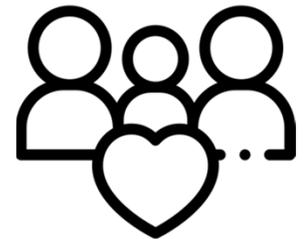
“69% of the 1,006 Americans polled say Floyd’s killing indicates a larger issue with law enforcement”

- Washington Post-Schar School poll, June 9th



Why does this matter here?

We need to ensure that we're fostering a community that's supportive of and safe for all residents.



**What are the perspectives of
policing and race in our
communities?**



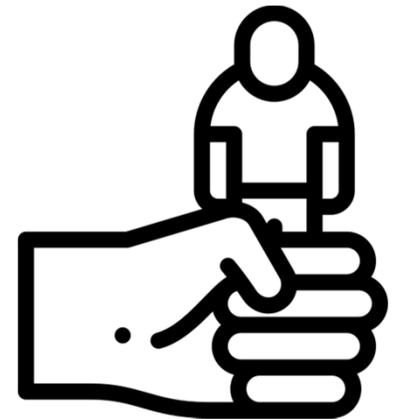
The survey

- Google form distributed 6/10 - 15
- Anonymous, with some demographic data



The survey

“Can you share personal experiences with racism that you've experienced or witnessed here in Newport?”



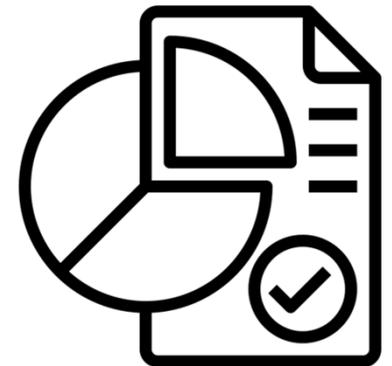
The survey

“Any additional testimony you'd like to share?”



The responses (28)

- Mostly Newport
- Diverse race and ethnicity
 - 57.7% white, 30.8% Latinx, 7.7% Black, 3.8% Asian
- Variety of circumstances
 - Police, schools, businesses



School



“When I was a senior in high school, many of my peers made racist jokes in my government class, the teacher never told them to be quiet or shamed them for it—he usually laughed with them.”

“Tons and tons of kids at my school say the N word thinking it’s ok and I’m white but it just makes me uncomfortable and my friend that is part African American has a problem with it too.”

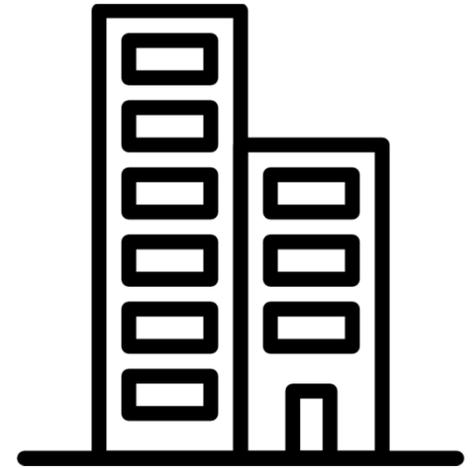
“Team members [in a public school] ... carelessly flung the N word around... I still believe that staff such as teachers or coaches in Lincoln County can better assume their personal responsibility on educating about racism, and confronting it when they see it...”

“One instance, two students, one male, one female, called me racial and homophobic slurs. I tried to ignore them, but they continued to harass me. I defended myself verbally, but they continued to laugh and call me homophobic slurs and promoted both homophobic and racist stereotypes.”

“In the same classroom the teacher was giving the students of color lower grades and was telling the darker students (myself included) ‘they didn't belong in the class because they were struggling.’”

“Nobody did anything about racist kids in Newport.”

Business



“When I worked at [REDACTED]... [my boss] called me into his office and told me to look around and to realize that I was in America and that only English is spoken here. He said that if I didn't like that to leave: I felt humiliated and left at that moment.”

“ I have heard the owner there, [REDACTED], use derogatory terms toward persons of color, and Latino persons. On one occasion I was helping one of the booth owners stock their shelves, and I could hear her talking at the top of her voice, using bad language about a customer. ”

“ [A] gentleman walked in... The gentleman was talking about ‘those damn illegals’ and how they ‘need to speak English to be in this county.’ ”

“One time I was grocery shopping with my back then ■ year old and my ■ year old at ■ when a older white male walked by us in the produce area and said to us ‘F***** Mexicans.’”

Police



“Years ago, I was driving... When I got to the parking lot I suddenly saw that there was a state police officer behind me... He was yelling about a headlight that wasn't working. While this was happening he had his hand on the pistol he was carrying.”

“We do not feel safe in [REDACTED] and we know we can NOT call the police for help or protection that is not an option for Hispanic [people] and once they target you they do not let up it seems to be a team effort.”

“A police officer tailgated my mom around town and would not leave even after doing it for about 20 minutes and she was just running errands.”

“When my son turned ■ we bought him a car. It was probably a car that would be considered what Mexicans might drive. He was pulled over by the police over 15 times in his youth. Never given a ticket my guess is because he was a white young man. It made me realize that the police might be racially profiling the Hispanic people in our community.”

What are the next steps?

1. Further statements from City officials
2. Meeting with Jason Malloy
 - a. Communication from NPD laying out clear action plans and responses



What are the next steps?

3. Keep SRO out of the budget
4. Listening and Q&A sessions with the public
5. Community workshops on policing updates
6. Citizen Review Committee



Questions?

