



Vera Action – Chicago Mayoral Race

Frequency Questionnaire Weighted to April 4, 2023 Runoff Election Results

March 31-April 3, 2023
757 Likely Chicago Runoff Voters

Q.4 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

	Total
Yes.....	100
No.....	-
(ref:REG)	

Q.6 Many people weren't able to vote in the election for Mayor in February 2023. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total
Voted.....	90
Ineligible/Too young.....	0
Did not vote	8
(Don't know).....	2
(ref:RECALL23)	

Q.7 This Tuesday April 4th, there will be a runoff election for Mayor of Chicago. What are the chances of you voting in the election for Mayor this Tuesday: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, don't you think you will vote, or have you already voted?

	Total
Almost certain.....	55
Probably	3
50-50.....	1
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know).....	0
(Refused).....	-
Already voted.....	41
(ref:WILLVOTE)	

[22 Respondents]

Q.8 (SKIP IF ALREADY VOTED)(ASK IF NAME OFF FILE) How often would you say you vote?

	Total
Always	76
Nearly always	24
Part of the time	-
Seldom	-
(Never)	-
(Other).....	-
(Don't know).....	-
(ref:OFTVOTE)	

Q.9 Now I am going to read you a list of people and organizations. After I read each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression. If you have not heard of that person or organization, or are unfamiliar with them, please tell me so.

	Very Fav	Smwt Fav	Neut No Opin	Smwt Unfav	Very Unfav	Never Heard	Total ID	Total Fav	Total Unfav	Fav - Unfav
9 Paul Vallas	31	21	2	14	30	2	98	52	44	9
10 Chicago Police Department.....	28	32	4	19	17	1	99	60	36	24
11 The Chicago Teachers Union or CTU.....	26	26	3	15	28	3	97	52	42	10
12 Brandon Johnson.....	30	23	2	14	28	2	98	54	42	12
13 Chicago Fraternal Order of Police.....	19	21	3	17	36	4	96	40	53	-12
(ref:FAVBAT)										

Q.14 If the runoff election were held today and the candidates were Brandon Johnson and Paul Vallas, for whom would you vote?

	Total
Total Brandon Johnson	51
Total Paul Vallas	49
(ref:MAR23VT1)	

Q.16 Now I am going to read you a list of issues and I would like you to tell me, overall, how much of a priority should each of the following be for Chicago's mayor and elected officials to address in the next two years? Should it be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important priority, or not addressed at all?

	Top Pri	Impor tant Lower	Not Too Imp	Not Add ressed	DK/ Ref	Pri ority	Not Pri ority	Pri ority- Not
16 Crime	82	15	3	0	-	97	3	93
25 Safe communities	80	17	3	0	0	97	3	94
18 Public education	68	27	4	1	0	95	5	89
17 The economy and jobs	67	29	4	1	-	96	4	91
24 Guns	67	21	7	5	1	88	12	76
20 Homelessness.....	52	41	7	1	-	92	8	84
19 Healthcare costs.....	52	38	7	3	0	89	10	79
21 Affordable housing.....	51	35	10	5	0	86	14	72
22 Public transportation.....	42	45	11	3	0	87	13	73
23 Drugs	42	37	17	3	1	79	20	59
(ref:BETTBAT)								

Q.26 How serious of a problem is crime in Chicago? Is it a very serious problem, somewhat serious problem, not very serious problem, or not at all serious problem?

	Total
Very serious problem	76
Somewhat serious problem	20
Not a very serious problem	3
Not at all a serious problem	1
(Don't know/refused).....	-
Total Serious	95
Total Not Serious.....	5
Serious - Not	91
(ref:CRIME)	

Q.27 How serious of a problem is crime in your neighborhood? Is it a very serious problem, somewhat serious problem, not very serious problem, or not at all serious problem?

	Total
Very serious problem	28
Somewhat serious problem	39
Not a very serious problem	26
Not at all a serious problem	7
(Don't know/refused)	1
Total Serious	67
Total Not Serious.....	33
Serious - Not	34
(ref:CRIME2)	

Q.28 Which TWO aspects of crime are most concerning to you?

	Total
Gun violence	45
Car jackings	40
Violent crime	31
Street crime.....	28
Illegal guns	18
Gangs	13
A-Sexual Assault	11
B-Domestic violence.....	9
Homelessness	6
Illegal drug use	3
(Other).....	2
(DK/Ref).....	0
(ref:CRIMCONC)	

Q.29 Which TWO factors are most responsible for crime in Chicago?

	Total
Too many guns on the street	40
Violent criminals released on bail early.....	34
(SPLIT A) Poverty	31
Lack of access to mental health and addiction treatment	28
(SPLIT B) Not enough police on the streets and in neighborhoods	26
(SPLIT B) Lack of good paying jobs	20
Failing public education system	17
(SPLIT B) Break down of trust between police and community	15
Refusing to prosecute non-violent crimes	14
(SPLIT A) Defund the Police movement.....	12
(SPLIT A) Police bias and violence	10
Increased homelessness	4
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:NGBRCRIM2)	

Q.30 I'm going to read you a list of policies to reduce crime. Please tell me which TWO would be the most effective in reducing crime.

	Total
More mental health services and drug addiction programs	30
Stricter penalties and longer sentences	24
More jobs and small businesses in neighborhoods.....	23
Change bail laws to keep violent criminals in jail	23
Crack down on illegal guns.....	22
More after school programs	22
(SPLIT A) Increase police in neighborhoods	19
Hire more police.....	18
Proven violence prevention programs	18
(SPLIT B) More community policing	17
(Don't know/refused).....	0
(ref:NGHBRCM1)	

Q.31 Now, I am going to read you some statements on the issue of public safety in Chicago. After I read these statements, please tell me which one comes closer to your point of view on how public safety should be handled in Chicago.

(TOUGH ON CRIME) *Doing more to get tough on crime, like having stricter sentences for people convicted of violent crimes, maintaining strong bail laws to keep potentially dangerous people in jail, and giving police more support and resources.*

OR

(CRIME PREVENTION) *Fully fund things that are proven to create safe communities and improve people's quality of life, like good schools, a living wage, and affordable housing, and do more to prevent crime by increasing treatment for mental health and drug addiction and cracking down on illegal gun sales.*

Which of these statements comes closer to your point of view, the first statement or the second statement?

	Total
Crime prevention, strongly.....	45
Crime prevention, somewhat.....	10
Tough on crime, somewhat.....	7
Tough on crime, strongly	35
(Both) / (SMS) Both	1
(Neither) / (SMS) Neither	0
(Don't know/refused).....	1
Total Prevention.....	55
Total Tough.....	43
Prevention - Tough.....	13
(ref:CRMPAIR)	

Q.32 How much trust do you have in Brandon Johnson when it comes to reducing crime in Chicago? Do you have a lot of trust, some trust, not a lot of trust or no trust at all?

	Total
A lot of trust	16
Some trust.....	35
Not a lot of trust.....	18
No trust at all	29
(Don't know/refused).....	2
Total Trust.....	51
Total Not Trust	47
(ref:BJTRUST)	

Q.33 How much trust do you have in Paul Vallas when it comes to reducing crime in Chicago? Do you have a lot of trust, some trust, not a lot of trust or no trust at all?

	Total
A lot of trust	23
Some trust.....	32
Not a lot of trust.....	18
No trust at all	26
(Don't know/refused).....	1
Total Trust.....	55
Total Not Trust	44
(ref:PVTRUST)	

Q.34 Now, I am going to read you two statements that candidates for mayor are making on the issue of crime. Please say which one comes closer to your view.

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(SPLIT A – WITH CANDIDATE NAMES)(JOHNSON) *The issue of public safety is personal to Brandon Johnson. The same old policies haven't been working for us and that's why we need a new approach. It's past time we invest in our communities, from mental health crisis responders to year-round youth employment and partnerships between law enforcement and the community to prevent crime before it happens. He will also promote 200 detectives from within the Chicago police rank and file to focus on solving violent crime.*
OR

(VALLAS) *Crime is out of control and Paul Vallas is the right candidate to make Chicago safe. We have to get serious about charging repeat gun offenders and taking them off the streets before they commit more crimes. Vallas's opponent doesn't want you to believe that we can quickly refill the ranks of our police department, even though there are several methods he knows will make it happen. Why not? It's simple - my opponent doesn't want to hire more officers; he wants to defund the police.*

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(SPLIT B – WITHOUT CANDIDATE NAMES)(PROGRESSIVE) *The issue of public safety is personal to me. The same old policies haven't been working for us and that's why we need a new approach. It's past time we invest in our communities, from mental health crisis responders to year-round youth employment and partnerships between law enforcement and the community to prevent crime before it happens. I will also promote 200 detectives from within the Chicago police rank and file to focus on solving violent crime.*
OR

(CONSERVATIVE) *Crime is out of control and I am the right candidate to make Chicago safe. We have to get serious about charging repeat gun offenders and taking them off the streets before they commit more crimes. My opponent doesn't want you to believe that we can quickly refill the ranks of our police department, even though there are several methods I know will make it happen. Why not? It's simple - my opponent doesn't want to hire more officers, he wants to defund the police.*

Which of these statements comes closer to your point of view, the first statement or the second statement?

	Combined	A Named	B Not Named
Johnson/Progressive, strongly.....	40	36	45
Johnson/Progressive, somewhat.....	18	16	19
Vallas/Conservative, somewhat	15	17	14
Vallas/Conservative, strongly	24	27	21
(Both) / (SMS) Both	1	1	0
(Neither) / (SMS) Neither	0	1	0
(Don't know/refused)	2	3	0
Total Johnson/Progressive	58	52	64
Total Vallas/Conservative.....	40	44	35
Johnson/Progressive - Vallas/Conservative.....	18	8	29
(ref:CANDPAIR)			

Q.36 I'm going to read you a list of phrases. Please tell me which TWO come closest to how you think about DEALING WITH crime in Chicago.

	Total
(SPLIT B) Preventing crime, not just reacting after it happens	32
Supporting police	23
(SPLIT B) Making communities safer	22
Solutions, not band aids	20
Prevention over punishment.....	20
Solutions, not scare tactics.....	19
(SPLIT A) Public safety	16
(SPLIT A) Prevention.....	16
Stopping the violence.....	14
Short and long-term fixes.....	14
Law and order	14
Stopping the Left's pro-criminal agenda	12
Change, not blame	10
(Don't know/refused).....	3
(ref:TAGCRME)	

Q.37 Now, let me ask you some questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade.....	3
High School graduate	11
Non-college post H.S.	1
Some college	29
College graduate	26
Post-graduate school	29
(Don't know/Refused)	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.38 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	59
Weak Democrat	18
Independent-lean Democrat	5
Independent.....	5
Independent-lean Republican	2
Weak Republican	6
Strong Republican	6
(Don't know/Refused)	0
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.39 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Liberal, Moderate, or Conservative?

	Total
Liberal	36
Moderate	42
Conservative.....	20
(Don't know/Refused)	2
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.40 What is your race?

	Total
White	46
Black.....	33
Hispanic/Latino/(Puerto Rican, Mexican-American, etc.).....	16
Asian.....	2
(Other).....	2
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:RACE)	

Q.41 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger?

	Total
Yes.....	24
No.....	75
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:KIDS)	

Q.3 Respondent Gender

	Total
Male	44
Female.....	56
(DK/Refused/Other)	0
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.5 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	3
25 - 29	5
30 - 34	6
35 - 39	8
40 - 44	9
45 - 49	7
50 - 54	11
55 - 59	8
60 - 64	10
65 and over	30
(No answer).....	3
(ref:AGE)	