Results of SurveyUSA News Poll #19060

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1 Are you following news stories about San Francisco Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi?

600 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology		
Credibility Interval: +/-3.8 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal
Yes	68%	77%	59%	56%	76%	76%	73%	65%	74%	69%	78%	72%	63%	51%	74%	67%	55%	74%	67%
No	29%	21%	36%	41%	20%	22%	24%	32%	23%	29%	17%	27%	31%	48%	22%	29%	44%	20%	31%
Not Sure	3%	2%	5%	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	4%	1%	6%	0%	4%	3%	1%	5%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	51%	49%	36%	29%	19%	16%	65%	35%	47%	7%	13%	33%	17%	57%	24%	12%	46%	38%

2 Mirkarimi pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of false imprisonment in exchange for the dropping of three more serious charges, including misdemeanor domestic violence and child endangerment. Was the prosecution right? Or wrong? To offer this plea arrangement?

408 Following News Stories	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology		
Credibility Interval: +/-4.9 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal
Right	33%	35%	31%	31%	34%	37%	29%	33%	33%	36%	12%	46%	29%	32%	33%	34%	37%	32%	32%
Wrong	49%	52%	44%	51%	48%	49%	46%	49%	48%	48%	75%	45%	45%	51%	51%	43%	57%	47%	50%
Not Sure	18%	13%	25%	17%	19%	15%	24%	18%	19%	17%	13%	10%	27%	17%	15%	24%	5%	21%	17%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Following News Stori	100%	57%	43%	29%	33%	21%	17%	62%	38%	48%	8%	14%	31%	13%	61%	24%	10%	50%	37%

3 Was Mirkarimi right? Or wrong? To accept this plea arrangement?

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Right	53%	60%	42%	49%	60%	52%	44%	55%	48%	58%	63%	67%	36%	36%	58%	51%	49%	51%	58%
Wrong	28%	28%	29%	33%	23%	28%	31%	28%	29%	27%	16%	16%	39%	52%	26%	22%	43%	27%	25%
Not Sure	19%	12%	28%	18%	16%	21%	25%	17%	23%	15%	21%	17%	25%	12%	16%	27%	8%	22%	17%
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4 Under the arrangement, Mirkarimi will be fined $400, given three years probation, and undergo a year of domestic violence counseling. He will also be required to take parenting classes and perform 100 hours of community service. Is this sentence ... too harsh? Too lenient? Or just about right?

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Too Harsh	9%	9%	8%	11%	8%	10%	6%	9%	8%	7%	11%	14%	8%	4%	9%	11%	21%	7%	9%
Too Lenient	50%	48%	51%	60%	39%	48%	53%	49%	51%	49%	34%	42%	58%	63%	47%	49%	55%	49%	48%
Just About Right	39%	40%	39%	25%	53%	39%	37%	40%	38%	42%	54%	43%	30%	27%	42%	39%	20%	42%	41%
Not Sure	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	0%	4%	7%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%
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5 Should Mirkarimi ... remain in office? Or resign from office?

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Remain In Office	29%	30%	28%	27%	37%	23%	28%	32%	25%	27%	58%	35%	23%	14%	34%	24%	22%	30%	29%
Resign	61%	61%	61%	58%	57%	73%	62%	57%	68%	65%	38%	60%	62%	77%	58%	63%	66%	59%	63%
Not Sure	9%	9%	11%	16%	7%	5%	10%	11%	7%	8%	4%	5%	15%	8%	8%	13%	12%	10%	7%
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6 If Mirkarimi does not resign, should the city of San Francisco take steps to remove him from office?

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Not Sure	11%	8%	14%	9%	10%	8%	19%	10%	13%	12%	6%	1%	15%	10%	8%	14%	6%	10%	12%
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Statement of Methodology: About the Poll: This poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. The pollster's report includes the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted, the number of respondents who answered each question and the theoretical margin of sampling error for each question. Where necessary, respondents were weighted using the most recent US Census estimates for age, gender, ethnic origin and region, to align the sample to the population. In theory, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents with home telephones been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than sampling error. These include: the difficulty of interviewing respondents who do not have a home telephone; the refusal by some with home telephones to be interviewed; the order in which questions are asked; the wording of questions; the way and extent to which data are weighted; and the manner in which specialized populations, such as likely voters, are determined. It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these and other factors. Research methodology, questionnaire design and fieldwork for this survey were completed by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ. This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.

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