

# Results of SurveyUSA News Poll #18701

Geography: City of San Francisco

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Percentages

**San Franciscans Support City Police After Neighboring Oakland Goes Up in Smoke:** City of San Francisco residents applaud the restraint exercised by the San Francisco police department in the face of Occupy San Francisco protestors, according to a SurveyUSA poll for CBS5, KPIX-TV News. A day after a SurveyUSA KPIX-TV [poll](#) of nearby city of Oakland residents found significant displeasure with Oakland's mayor and Oakland's police reaction to Occupy Oakland protestors, reactions in the city of San Francisco are diametrically opposed. \* 63% say the San Francisco city police have maintained control of the Occupy protest, compared to 23% who say San Francisco police have lost control.

\* 81% say that the San Francisco police responded to the protest better than did the Oakland police, who made national news by using tear gas in an attempt to disperse occupiers.

## 1 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Ed Lee is doing as Mayor?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Credibility Interval: +/-4.5 pct points																
Approve	46%	44%	49%	49%	41%	46%	49%	46%	48%	51%	46%	32%	46%	41%	48%	45%
Disapprove	39%	44%	33%	34%	44%	41%	37%	38%	39%	31%	47%	65%	37%	49%	36%	39%
Not Sure	15%	12%	18%	17%	15%	12%	14%	16%	13%	18%	7%	3%	16%	9%	15%	17%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	51%	49%	38%	26%	20%	16%	64%	36%	47%	7%	13%	33%	9%	56%	33%

## 2 In response to the Occupy San Fransisco protest, have San Francisco police been too forceful? Not forceful enough? Or just right?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Credibility Interval: +/-4.5 pct points																
Too Forceful	24%	24%	24%	29%	21%	23%	18%	26%	21%	25%	21%	29%	21%	17%	28%	18%
Not Forceful Enough	25%	29%	21%	27%	24%	24%	24%	26%	24%	20%	32%	26%	31%	35%	17%	37%
Just Right	48%	44%	52%	41%	51%	51%	56%	45%	53%	53%	42%	40%	44%	47%	52%	41%
Not Sure	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	6%	4%	4%	2%	3%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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### 3 Have San Francisco police maintained control of the situation? Or lost control of the situation?

500 Adults Credibility Interval: +/-4.3 pct points	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Maintained Control	63%	59%	67%	58%	67%	65%	65%	62%	65%	70%	55%	56%	58%	64%	68%	53%
Lost Control	23%	28%	17%	28%	24%	15%	17%	26%	16%	16%	34%	43%	23%	23%	18%	31%
Not Sure	14%	13%	16%	14%	10%	20%	17%	12%	19%	14%	11%	2%	20%	13%	14%	15%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	51%	49%	38%	26%	20%	16%	64%	36%	47%	7%	13%	33%	9%	56%	33%

### 4 Which police department has had a better response to the protestors: San Francisco police? Or Oakland police?

500 Adults Credibility Interval: +/-3.5 pct points	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
San Fran	81%	78%	83%	78%	82%	82%	85%	80%	83%	85%	53%	77%	82%	88%	83%	75%
Oakland	12%	15%	9%	14%	13%	10%	9%	14%	10%	9%	39%	9%	13%	6%	9%	19%
Not Sure	7%	6%	8%	8%	5%	8%	6%	7%	7%	6%	9%	14%	6%	6%	8%	6%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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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.