

# Results of SurveyUSA News Poll #18868

Geography: City of San Francisco  
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 Percentages

**1** Are you following news stories about Ross Mirkarimi, the new sheriff of San Francisco?

650 Adults Credibility Interval: +/-3.9 pct points	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race			
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other
Yes	52%	53%	51%	38%	52%	64%	71%	44%	67%	58%	52%	47%	44%
No	42%	42%	42%	56%	42%	31%	23%	50%	27%	39%	39%	41%	47%
Not Sure	6%	5%	7%	7%	6%	5%	7%	6%	6%	3%	9%	12%	8%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	51%	49%	38%	28%	18%	16%	66%	34%	47%	7%	13%	33%

**2** Based on what you know so far, did Mirkarimi hurt his wife?

337 Following Stories Credibility Interval: +/-5.4 pct points	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race			
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other
Yes	42%	46%	38%	41%	52%	36%	37%	47%	37%	37%	52%	47%	49%
No	21%	24%	17%	27%	21%	15%	18%	24%	17%	26%	31%	21%	9%
Not Sure	37%	30%	45%	31%	27%	48%	45%	29%	47%	38%	17%	31%	42%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Following Stories	100%	52%	48%	27%	28%	23%	22%	55%	45%	53%	7%	12%	28%

**3** While police conduct their investigation, should Mirkarimi... Remain in office? Take a leave of absence? Or resign from office?

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		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other
Remain In Office	42%	47%	36%	43%	43%	46%	35%	43%	41%	51%	25%	33%	34%
Take a Leave Of Absence	42%	40%	44%	40%	41%	41%	46%	41%	44%	37%	58%	40%	48%
Resign From Office	12%	8%	16%	10%	15%	8%	14%	13%	11%	9%	6%	20%	15%
Not Sure	4%	5%	3%	7%	1%	5%	4%	4%	5%	3%	11%	7%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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## 4 Based on what you know, Should Mirkarimi be charged with a crime?

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		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other
Yes	30%	28%	31%	37%	34%	20%	26%	35%	23%	22%	24%	46%	39%
No	28%	31%	24%	32%	26%	27%	26%	29%	26%	35%	28%	28%	14%
Not Sure	43%	40%	45%	31%	40%	53%	49%	36%	51%	44%	48%	26%	46%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Following Stories	100%	52%	48%	27%	28%	23%	22%	55%	45%	53%	7%	12%	28%

## 5 If Mirkarimi IS charged with a crime, should he ...? Remain in office? Take a leave of absence? Or resign from office?

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		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other
Remain In Office	17%	24%	10%	26%	15%	15%	11%	21%	13%	21%	7%	28%	8%
Take a Leave Of Absence	34%	32%	36%	27%	36%	42%	30%	32%	36%	34%	61%	17%	34%
Resign From Office	46%	41%	51%	45%	45%	40%	54%	45%	47%	41%	32%	52%	56%
Not Sure	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	5%	3%	4%	4%	0%	4%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Following Stories	100%	52%	48%	27%	28%	23%	22%	55%	45%	53%	7%	12%	28%

## 6 If Mirkarimi is found guilty, should he ...?

337 Following Stories Credibility Interval: +/-4.6 pct points	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race			
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other
Remain In Office	9%	14%	4%	17%	7%	6%	4%	12%	5%	9%	6%	14%	7%
Take a Leave Of Absence	7%	2%	12%	11%	4%	5%	8%	8%	6%	10%	0%	4%	4%
Resign From Office	77%	76%	78%	72%	83%	78%	77%	78%	77%	74%	84%	80%	81%
Not Sure	7%	8%	6%	0%	6%	12%	11%	3%	11%	7%	10%	2%	7%
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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.