YouGov Survey: Oscar Pistorius

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Sample   1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
Conducted   January 5 - 9, 2024
Margin of Error   ±4.1%

1. How closely are you following the Oscar Pistorius case?

Very closely	4%
Somewhat closely	14%
Not very closely	29%
Not at all	52%

2. Oscar Pistorius was convicted and sentenced to 13 years and five months in prison for murdering his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp. He was recently released from prison after serving nearly 9 years of his sentence. His parole conditions that last until 2029 include restrictions on when he's allowed to leave home, a ban on consuming alcohol and talking to the media, and orders that he must attend programs on anger management and violence against women. Based on what you know about the case, do you think Pistorius' sentence is. . . ?

Too severe	3%
About right	27%
Too lenient	52%
Don't know	18%

3. Do you think the South African justice system did well or badly in handling the Oscar Pistorius case?

Very well	5%
Fairly well	21%
Fairly badly	23%
Very badly	18%
Don't know	34%

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Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	$\pm$ 4.1% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	67 questions not reported.

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1. Following Pistorius Case
How closely are you following the Oscar Pistorius case?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very closely	4%	6%	3%	7%	7%	2%	1%	4%	8%	5%	1%
Somewhat closely	14%	17%	12%	17%	15%	12%	15%	15%	12%	15%	11%
Not very closely	29%	31%	27%	35%	23%	30%	29%	28%	28%	31%	41%
Not at all	52%	46%	58%	41%	56%	55%	55%	54%	52%	48%	48%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(998)	(451)	(547)	(140)	(210)	(335)	(313)	(635)	(112)	(139)	(112)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very closely	4%	7%	1%	4%	7%	5%	3%	3%	10%	6%	3%	3%	6%
Somewhat closely	14%	19%	8%	17%	20%	15%	10%	16%	19%	26%	13%	11%	12%
Not very closely	29%	34%	30%	23%	34%	28%	24%	36%	35%	31%	27%	28%	32%
Not at all	52%	40%	61%	56%	40%	53%	64%	45%	36%	37%	58%	57%	50%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(998)	(344)	(347)	(307)	(340)	(358)	(415)	(288)	(207)	(163)	(231)	(380)	(224)

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2. Pistorius Sentence

Oscar Pistorius was convicted and sentenced to 13 years and five months in prison for murdering his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp. He was recently released from prison after serving nearly 9 years of his sentence. His parole conditions that last until 2029 include restrictions on when he's allowed to leave home, a ban on consuming alcohol and talking to the media, and orders that he must attend programs on anger management and violence against women. Based on what you know about the case, do you think Pistorius' sentence is. . . ?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Too severe	3%	4%	1%	5%	3%	2%	1%	2%	4%	2%	5%
About right	27%	31%	23%	40%	28%	18%	27%	28%	28%	27%	18%
Too lenient	52%	47%	58%	40%	48%	61%	57%	53%	45%	55%	58%
Don't know	18%	18%	18%	15%	21%	19%	15%	17%	23%	15%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%
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Too severe	3%	3%	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%	1%	3%	3%	4%
About right	27%	33%	22%	27%	33%	22%	23%	30%	33%	27%	20%	31%	28%
Too lenient	52%	50%	52%	56%	53%	57%	54%	56%	48%	54%	58%	49%	51%
Don't know	18%	15%	22%	16%	12%	19%	21%	10%	16%	18%	19%	17%	18%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(998)	(343)	(348)	(307)	(339)	(358)	(417)	(287)	(206)	(163)	(231)	(380)	(224)

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3. South African Justice System Handling of Pistorius Case
Do you think the South African justice system did well or badly in handling the Oscar Pistorius case?

		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very well	5%	5%	5%	7%	7%	2%	4%	4%	5%	9%	4%
Fairly well	21%	24%	18%	33%	19%	17%	16%	20%	21%	20%	27%
Fairly badly	23%	25%	23%	21%	23%	22%	29%	24%	24%	25%	16%
Very badly	18%	17%	18%	15%	18%	22%	12%	17%	16%	20%	21%
Don't know	34%	30%	37%	24%	34%	37%	39%	35%	34%	27%	31%
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Fairly badly	23%	24%	22%	24%	25%	25%	26%	23%	25%	17%	33%	24%	20%
Very badly	18%	16%	16%	21%	14%	22%	18%	18%	16%	20%	16%	17%	19%
Don't know	34%	26%	42%	32%	28%	35%	38%	29%	27%	27%	37%	33%	37%
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