

Student Opinion on the Use of Poli Cameras

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The Effect of Police Cameras on Use of Force and Citizen's Complaints Against the Police: A Randomized Controlled Trial

- Do police body cameras reduce use of force on citizens and complaints against the police?
- Officers without cameras were twice as likely to use force, compared to the officers with cameras
- Complaints against officers dropped from 0.7 complaints per 10,000 to 0.07 complaints per 1,000
- Departments often failed to make a control group for shifts and for the areas that were going to be recorded.



Evaluating the Impact of Officer Worn Body Cameras in the Pho

- Phoenix Police Department
- 56 Body Worn Cameras
- Was to be used on complaint against police and domestic violence cases
- Between 13.2 and 42.2 percent of interactions were recorded
- Domestic violence cases were the most likely to be recorded 47.5%
- Officers described the cameras as simple to use
- The time it took to download the material was too long
- Issues with the chain of custody were presented
- Complaints against the police declined by 23%



Goals for our Project

- Develop a better understanding of how our community of Utah County citizens feel about police officers and the use of body-worn cameras.
- Understand how students here at UVU feel about body-worn cameras.
- Get a better understanding of how much students at UVU know about body-worn cameras and the laws that cover the use of bodyworn cameras.
- Ask students scenario based questions to get a feel for how the participants would feel about the use of body cameras in real life situations.





The Survey

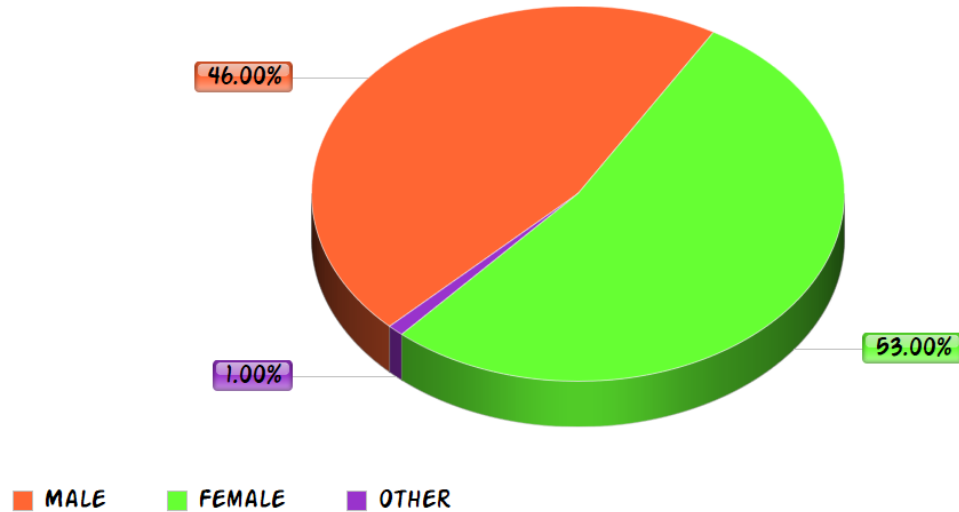
- We received 500 student ID's from the IRI.
- Out of the 500 students that were contacted for the survey, we received a total of 54 responses.
- Throughout a period of approximately two weeks, we sent out four emails to every participant to remind them to take the survey for better feedback. Over this period of time we initially started with 13 responses, but were able to get to the final 54 respondents.
- Our confidence level for this survey is 90% with a confidence interval of 92% with a margin of error of 10%.





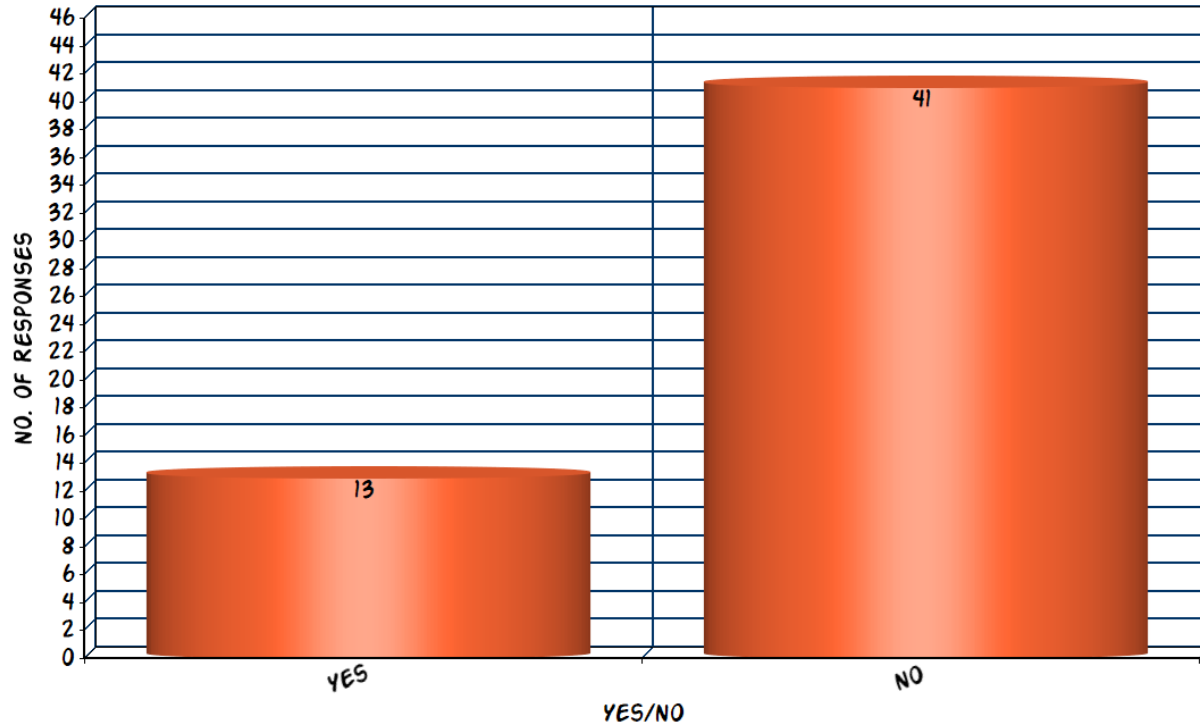
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FAMILY MEMBERS THAT ARE POLICE OFFICERS





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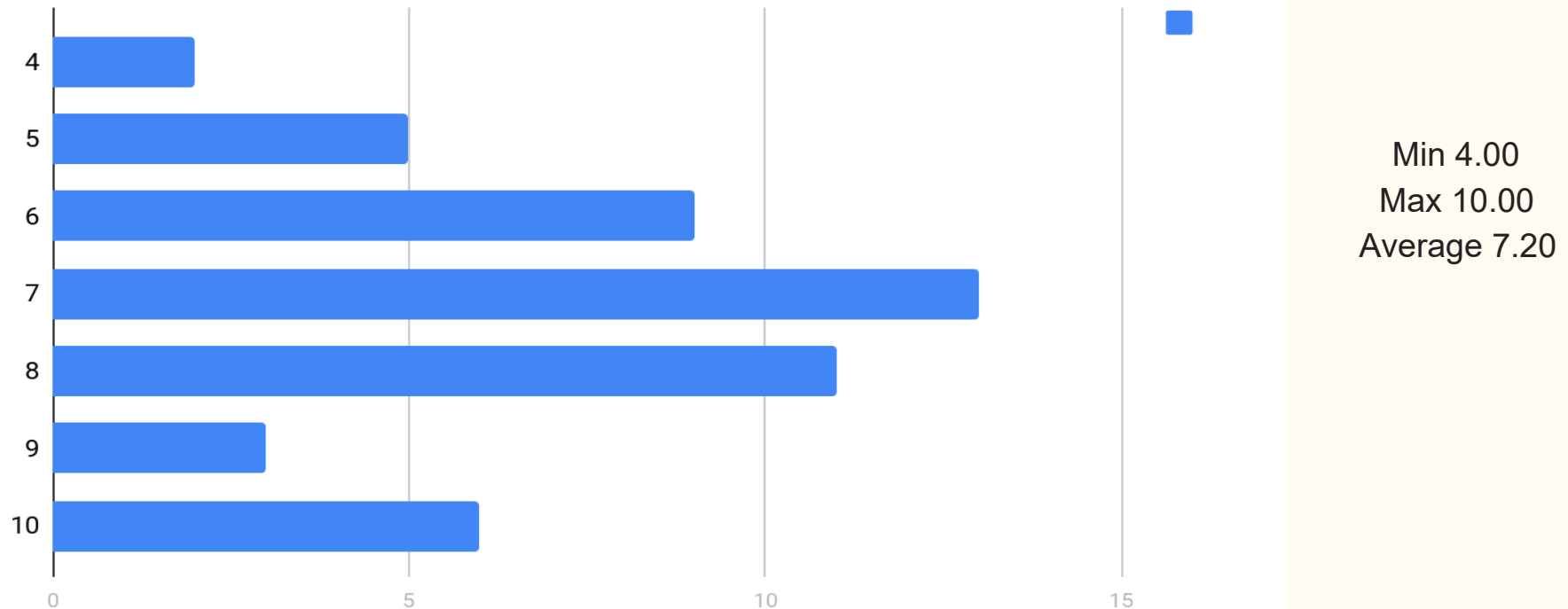
How do you think police worn body cameras impact the community?

Please explain your answer:

- I think it can be helpful in providing proof of crime and to protect the actions of those being recorded as well as the officers. My only concern is the possible lack of respect of privacy that could arise if they were used in ways that weren't necessary.
- People would be able to see how certain officers are treating regular people. It could also give the police more of a responsibility of a "mistake".
- I think you can see the people and the cops are being dumb and you can tell when cops are misusing their power and you can see when people are being overly pigheaded and you can also see the correlations of both.

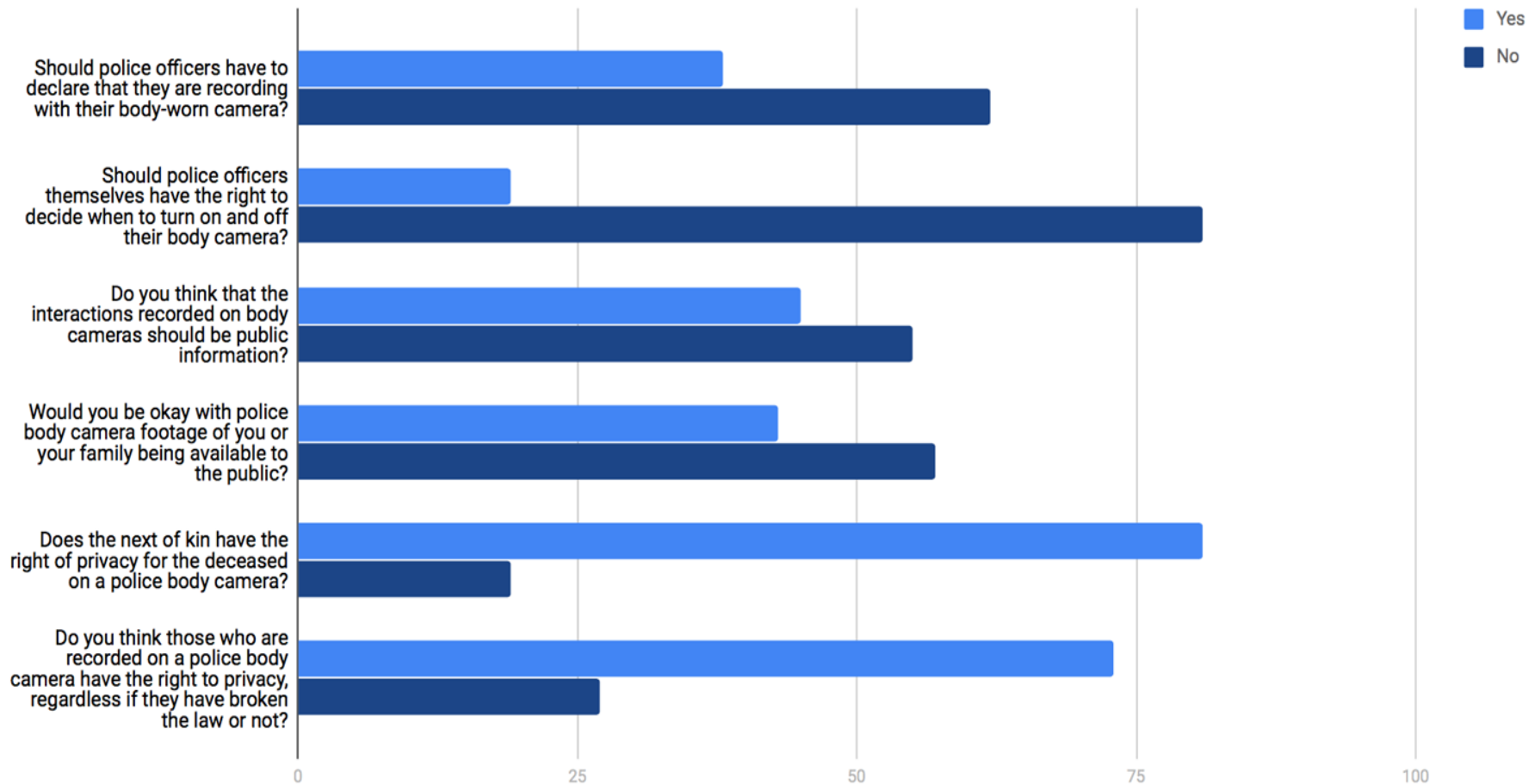
On a scale of 1, how effective do you feel police body cameras are?

Bar Chart 1





Bar Chart 2





Do you believe that body cameras should be issued to all University Police Officers at UVU? Please explain your answer.

- No, I think that UVU is a pretty calm environment already and this would not only raise the price of something else at UVU, but could also raise taxes because it is a state-funded school. Not only do the cameras cost a ton, as well as the rest of the technology that goes into officer-worn body cams, but we would have to fund someone to review this information. There could also be more laws, rules, and privacy concerns with bringing body-worn cams onto campus.
- I'm honestly not sure if there's enough crime at UVU to make that necessary.
- Yes, with today's society schools are becoming more of a target. I believe that any tool that will aid police in protecting the students and the campus is vital and necessary.
- I do not think so. I view university police more as light security, and they aren't required to have the same amount of training and stress as actual police officers. (if i'm wrong I apologize for my ignorance)
- UVU officers, from my knowledge, do not have enough public interaction that needs to be exposed. If UVU has a quantified justification for the expense, then sure. I do not see value for UVU officers to have cameras.



Scenario After coming home from work, a parent is preparing dinner and hears a ring at the door. Their partner answers the door and wearing a body camera, who has a few questions for them regarding a party. When the officer is at the door, he records that your children have thrown a party over the room.

- 56% Said Yes, they felt that the officer has to inform the person that they are being recorded during their interaction.
- 64% Said they would not feel comfortable with the interaction being available as public information



Scenario 1: Please explain your answer

Why

- Because what if you answer the door naked in a robe. Gotta make sure you are covered up. It is a right of the people to know they are being recorded.
- Because they could use what is said as evidence.
- They are recording someone's children and private property.
- It is in their home.
- They are not suspects, and some people are uncomfortable showing their house.

Why Not

- Because it should be assumed.
- The camera is for the officers safety not necessarily to protect the "people".
- If the public decides a copy should where a body cam they should automatically know that they are being recorded, its common sense why does the officer need to declare anything.
- Let's goes back with the thought that it is not going to be released to the public it is just a formal contact and not an investigation contact.
- So long as the officer does not use any information beyond what is pertinent to their current case, then the family will be able to move on completely.

Scenario 2 After a few questions with the officer about your neighborhood, the officer invites you into your home to further discuss the issue involving your partner. While you are speaking with the officer, your partner happens to walk by with a towel.

- 64% Said yes, an Officer should inform them that they are being recorded.
- 68% Said they would not feel comfortable with this being public information.

Scenario 2: Please explain your answer

Why

- Again, out of respect and privacy
- They have entered into a private home
- It could be embarrassing for someone to be recorded in only a towel, especially if they did nothing wrong, their privacy should not be violated.
- It is personal and private information and the police officer does not need to record what the family is doing.

Why Not

- Does it help the situation, no. Why create something that doesn't need to be created.
- You should let the household know if someone is there. It is your responsibility not the officers.
- If the officer uses the footage appropriately, it shouldn't be a problem.
- Again, I feel like it should be "common knowledge" that the officer is always recording.



Scenario 3 You and a group of friends are out playing basketball at a park. During a break in the game, an officer is speaking with someone near a bench where your bag is. You walk over to grab a drink of water. As you walk, you and the suspect then get into a fight resulting in the suspect being arrested by the officer.

Later that week on KSL News, you see yourself on a police video discussing possible police brutality and profiling.

Do you feel that officer has to announce that he has
resulting fight?

Do you feel that officer has to announce that he has recorded the resulting fight?

Yes-30%

No-70%

Would you feel alright with the information that was
public information?

Would you feel alright with the information that was recorded being public information?

Yes - 72%

No - 28%

Do you feel like the officer has the obligation to get you notified when the video is released to the public?

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Yes- 55%

No - 45%



Did We Reach Our Goals?

- Yes, we think that our goals was reached.
 - We developed a better understanding of how our community feels about police officers and the use of bodyworn cameras.
 - We now have a better understanding of how students at UVU feel about bodyworn cameras.
 - We have a better understanding of how much the students at UVU know about bodyworn cameras, and the laws that surround them.
 - We have a much clearer understanding of how students at UVU feel about bodyworn cameras in real-life situations.

Conclusion

- Goals was reached. However, we wish that we would have been able to get more responses in order to broaden our understanding of how students at UVU feels about bodyworn cameras

