



BBC SOUTH EAST POLICE POLL - JULY 1998

ICM Research interviewed a random sample of 1,021 adults aged 18+ face to face on 10-11th July 1998. Interviews were conducted across London and the results have been weighted to the profile of all Londoners.

Q1. How much trust do you place in the Metropolitan Police at the present time?

A lot	32%
A little	48%
None at all	14%
Don't know	5%

Q2. Have you seen or heard anything about the public inquiry prompted by the death of black teenager Stephen Lawrence?

Yes	91%
No	6%
Don't know	2%

Q3. In light of the Stephen Lawrence inquiry, which one of the following best describes your own view of the Metropolitan police?

I trust the police more than I did before	4%
I trust the police less than I did before	48%
It has had no effect one way or the other on my trust of the police	38%
Don't know	9%

Q4. From what you have seen or heard about the Stephen Lawrence inquiry, do you agree or disagree that deficiencies have been exposed in Metropolitan police procedures?

Agree	75%
Disagree	11%
Don't know	14%

Q5. From what you have seen or heard about the Stephen Lawrence inquiry, do you agree or disagree that problems were caused by the attitude taken by police to racial violence and race relations in general?

Agree	68%
Disagree	13%
Don't know	19%

Q6. Other people have said that the inquiry has shaken their faith in British justice, while others have said it has made no difference. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

It has shaken my faith in British justice a lot	25%
It has shaken my faith in British justice a little	34%
It has not shaken my faith in British justice	32%
Don't know	9%

Q7. Which of the following statements do you think best describes the effect of both the case and police conduct on race relations in London?

Race relations in London have been damaged by the police's conduct of the case and at the inquiry	68%
Race relations have been improved by the police's conduct of the case and at the inquiry	5%
Race relations have not been affected at all	17%
Don't know	10%