



INDIGENOUS ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN MANITOBA

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SURVEY INSTRUMENT

The survey instrument was designed by Probe Research in close consultation with the Winnipeg Free Press.

METHODOLOGY

Between March 12 and March 29, 2018, Probe Research surveyed a random and representative sampling of 1,000 adults residing in Manitoba.



With a sample of 1,000, one can say with 95 percent certainty that the results are within ± 3.1 percentage points of what they would have been if the entire adult population of Manitoba had been surveyed. The margin of error is higher within each of the survey's population sub-groups.



Modified random digit dialing, including both landline and wireless numbers, ensured all Manitoba adults had an equal opportunity to participate in this Probe Research survey. A CATI-to-web approach was employed whereby a live-voice operator randomly recruited respondents by telephone, inviting them to complete the survey via a secure online questionnaire.



Minor statistical weighting has been applied to this sample to ensure that age and gender characteristics properly reflect known attributes of the province's population. All data analysis was performed using SPSS statistical analysis software.

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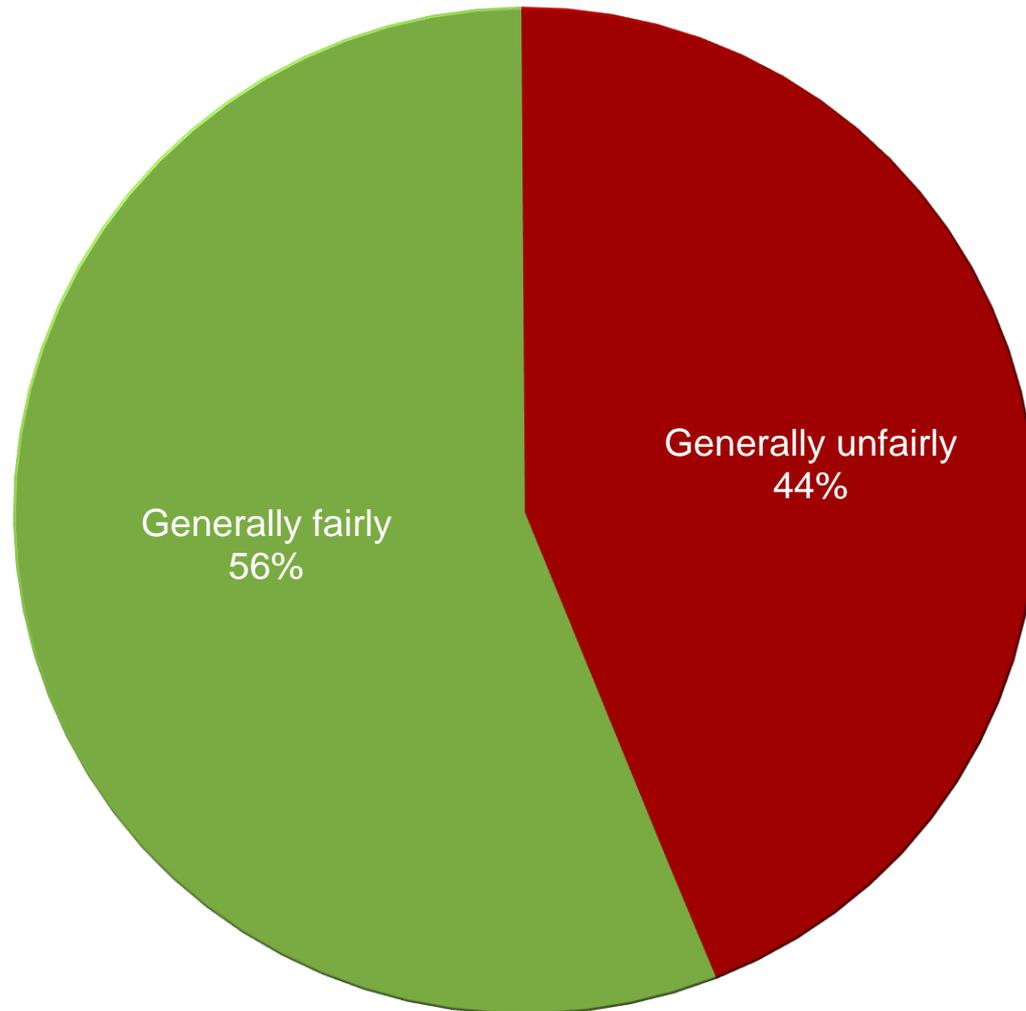
KEY FINDINGS

- In the wake of the national debate that followed the deaths of Tina Fontaine and Colten Boushie, Manitobans are split on whether the justice system treats Indigenous peoples fairly. Just over one-half of Manitoba adults say police and the courts are *generally fair* to Indigenous people. However, a strong minority – more than two-in-five – disagree.
- Manitoba residents who self-identify as First Nations, Métis or Inuit are more likely to say the justice system fails to treat Indigenous peoples fairly.
- There are notable variations in views based on gender, household income and region. Winnipeg residents, those in lower-income households and women are more likely to say Indigenous people are treated *unfairly* by the justice system.
- There are large variations in views based on political affiliation. Those who support the provincial Progressive Conservative party are more than twice as likely as NDP supporters to describe the system as *fair* toward Indigenous peoples.

VIEWS ON INDIGENOUS TREATMENT BY THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Q1. "Two recent high profile murder trials in Canada concerning the deaths of two young Indigenous people - Colten Boushie in Saskatchewan and Tina Fontaine here in Manitoba - have led to public discussion about the way Canada's Indigenous peoples are treated by the justice system, including by the police and the courts. All things considered, in your own view, would you say that Canada's Indigenous people are treated fairly or unfairly by the Canadian justice system?"
(n=1,000)

Base: Manitoba adults

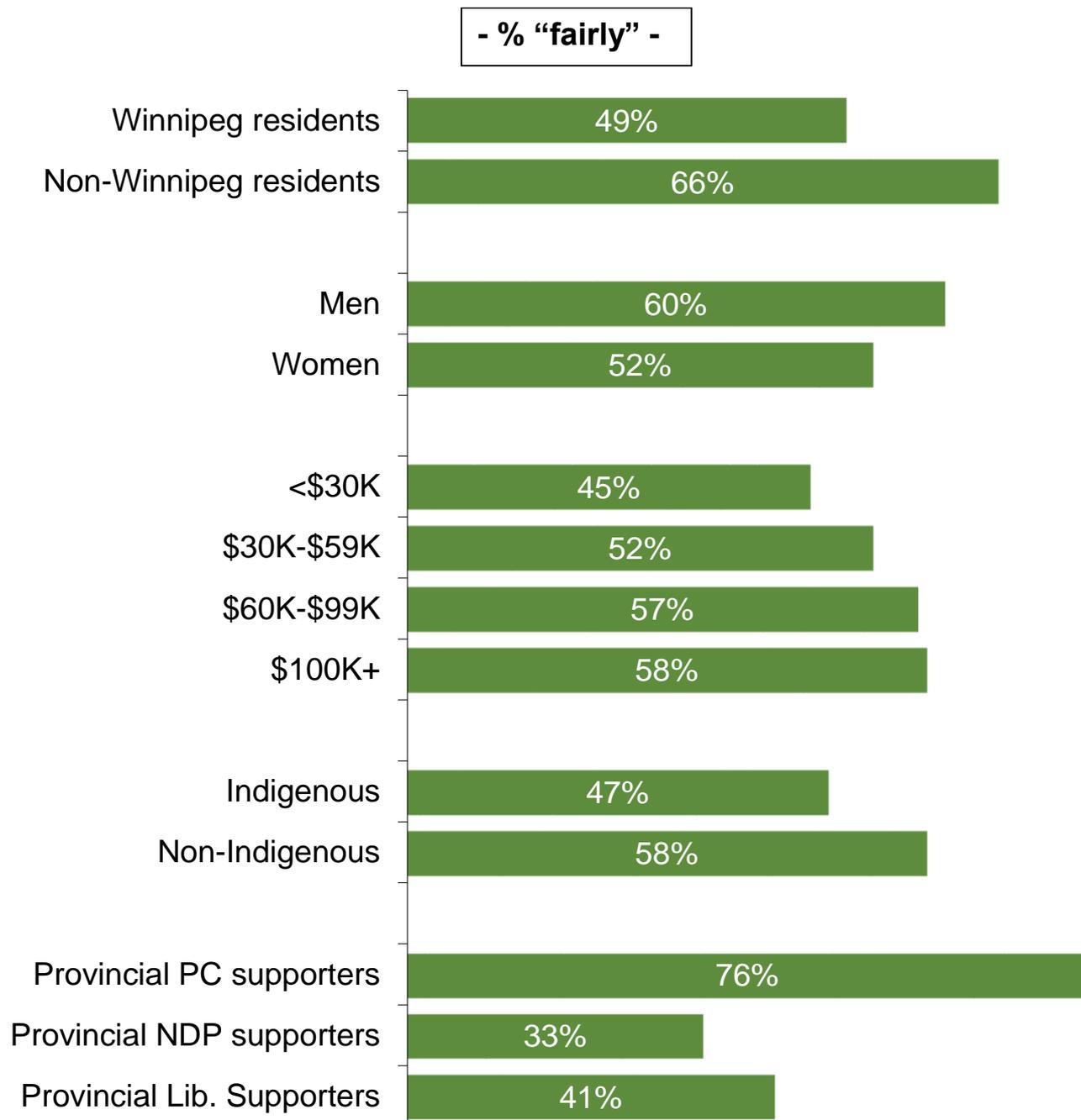


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ACROSS SOCIO- DEMOGRAPHIC SUB-GROUPS

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PROFILE OF RESPONDENTS

	TOTAL (n=1,000)	MEN (n=484) (%)	WOMEN (n=516)
GENDER			
Men	48	100	
Women	52		100
AGE			
18-34 years	33	34	32
35-44 years	18	19	17
45-54 years	19	20	19
55+ years	29	27	31
HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
<\$30K	11	11	12
\$30K-\$59K	22	23	20
\$60K-\$99K	35	34	35
\$100K+	33	32	33
EDUCATION			
High school or less	20	20	19
Some post-secondary	23	23	24
Post-secondary graduate	57	57	57
REGION			
Winnipeg	60	59	61
Rural	40	41	39

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