Attitudes Towards Police Legitimacy Scale (APLS)

**Please answer the following questions on a scale from 1 (strongly disagree) to 7 (strongly agree), by circling the corresponding number.  Please answer as honestly as possible.**

**1. Police officers usually make fair decisions when enforcing laws.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**2. Police officers usually have a reason when they stop or arrest people.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**3. Police do their best to be fair to everyone.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**4. Police officers treat people with respect.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**5. Police officers communicate well with people.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**6. The presence of police makes me feel safe.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**7. Police officers are generally kind.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**8. If I have a problem, I feel confident that the police can help me solve it**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**9. I’m not afraid to call the police when I need to**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**10. People should trust the police to help**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**11. I feel that police officers are willing to listen to me when I come into contact with them.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**12. I believe what police officers tell me.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**13. I can rely on police officers to ensure my safety.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**14. I feel relieved to see police officers when I am out in the community.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**15. Police officers desire justice.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**16. People become police officers to serve their communities.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**17. The explanations that police officers give for a stop are typically reasonable.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**18. Police officers take their duty to protect and serve seriously.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**19. People become police officers to help others.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**20. People become police officers because they want to maintain order.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**21. Law enforcement agencies hire the best people available.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**22. People should be confident that police officers are only there to help.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**23. Police officers are held to higher standards than regular citizens.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**24. For the most part, police do a good job maintaining order in society.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**25. Police officers are respected by the communities they serve.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**26. Police officers’ interactions with others makes me feel like they are part of my community.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**27. Police officers’ goals are to protect the community.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**28. Police officers are a welcomed presence at community events.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**29. My community is a better place because of the police**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**30. Most police officers care about the communities they work in.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**31. Most police officers define right and wrong the same way that I do.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**32. Police officers uphold values that are important to me.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**33. The police usually act in ways consistent with my ideas about what is right and wrong.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

**34. The police and I have many values and beliefs in common.**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

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