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As you may recall, in 1992 the City of Los Angeles experienced widespread rioting and disturbances. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that other riots and disturbances like those in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years? City of Los Angeles only. *Likely | Unlikely*

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FOR FIRST TIME, MORE L.A. RESIDENTS BELIEVE NEW RIOTS LIKELY, NEW POLL FINDS

For Nicole Cuff and her friends, the 1992 Los Angeles riots used to feel like a piece of history, told in old stories by their parents or discussed and analyzed in school.

Recently, though, it's started to feel much more real to her — like something that could happen again in the near future.

Cuff, a coordinator at an entertainment management company who is half black and half Filipina, said her feelings come in part from several years of headlines, viral videos of police force and Black Lives Matter protests over police shootings of African Americans.

"It evokes some unfelt anger that hasn't been tapped into," said Cuff, 26, who has a diverse group of friends who have become much more politically engaged in the last few years. "When nobody pays a price for it ... it could set people off."

Her view reflects what researchers who study public attitudes about the L.A. riots say is a distinct shift: For the first time since the riots, there is an uptick in the number of Angelenos who fear that another civil disturbance is likely, according to a Loyola Marymount University poll that has been surveying Los Angeles residents every five years since the 1992 disturbances.

Nearly 6 out of 10 Angelenos think another riot is likely in the next five years, increasing for the first time after two decades of steady decline. That's higher than in any year except for 1997, the first year the survey was conducted, and more than a 10-point jump compared with the 2012 survey.

Young adults ages 18 to 29, who didn't directly experience the riots, were more likely than older residents to feel another riot was a possibility, with nearly 7 out of 10 saying one was likely, compared with about half of those 45 or older. Those who were unemployed or worked part-time were also more pessimistic, as were black and Latino residents, compared with whites and Asians, the poll found.

Researchers theorized that the turnaround may be linked to several factors, including the more polarized national dialogue on race sparked by police shootings in Ferguson, Mo., and elsewhere, as well as by the tenor of last year's presidential election. Moreover, many parts of L.A. still suffer from some of the economic problems and lack of opportunities that fueled anger before the riots.

"Economic disparity continues to increase, and at the end of the day, that is what causes disruption," said Fernando Guerra, a political science professor who has worked on the survey since its inception. "People are trying to get along and want to get along, but they understand economic tension boils over to political and social tension."

Although the city's unemployment rate last year was about half of what it was in 1992, the median income of Angelenos, when adjusted for inflation, is lower than it was around the time of the riots. Poverty rates still remain high at 22%, comparable with the years preceding the riots.

Jamal Jones, a Leimert Park resident and community leader who grew up spending a lot of time in South L.A., said if the tension revolved around race 25 years ago, lately, it's been along economic lines related to housing and affordability, with residents feeling the pain across racial groups.

Jones, who is 39, said people like him who remember what it was like around the time of the riots know that the type of civil unrest that took place in 1992 wasn't ultimately effective in fixing underlying social problems. Those who are younger, he said, might not have the same perspective, and want to act immediately on the news and images they're seeing.

"We've done that, that's been the strategy for so many years. We're going to have to mobilize in a different way," he said. "The young lions are getting all this fuel. We have to be careful, we've got to channel that energy in the right direction."

Despite the increased concern about another riot, the survey found most Angelenos continued to feel optimistic about race relations in the city, with three-quarters of respondents saying different racial and ethnic groups got along well.

Alberto Nava, 38, said he felt both race relations in the city and police treatment of minorities had vastly improved since the time of the riots. But the new political climate and the election of President Trump made it feel like another riot may be brewing, he said. His friend Marco Delgado, 45, with whom he was lunching in East L.A., agreed and said social media had also changed the speed at which people react to high-profile incidents.

"People get emotional quickly after seeing things on social media. It can spark a mob mentality," Delgado said.

Delgado also said that in the last few years, he's noticed a change in how his two children, ages 17 and 18, view race relations and politics.

"They are more into politics. Before, when I watched the news or 'The Daily Show,' they asked me to change the channel. Now we watch it together and they ask me to record those shows," he said.

Brianne Gilbert, one of the researchers behind the survey, said the ubiquity of smartphone videos and social media may have made it so that there are many more moments like the videotaped beating of Rodney King.

"That kind of inflection point, that trigger point, those times are coming up sooner, more and more frequently than we've seen in the past," she said. "We're able to see things on more of an international scale, with social media and the Internet."

Eighteen-year-old Jose Almanza, a freshman at the University of Southern California, said he sensed that agitation and interest among his friends. They all seem to want to go out to march, whether it's for women's rights or Black Lives Matter, he said.

"They blame something, they don't know what it is exactly," said Almanza, who grew up in Boyle Heights. "They can't express it, so they just go out. A lot of people are doing it to be a part of something."

Guerra, the political science professor, said the recent protest movements and election cycle may have shifted how people view a riot or uprising as a way to voice their discontent.

"Marching and protesting and, if necessary, rioting, is more likely today as a course of action. It almost seems more legitimate as a political strategy than ever before," he said.

Some Angelenos said time had softened the edges that had led to the anger of 1992.

Tuesday afternoon, Javier Capetillo, 66, sitting on a chair in his East L.A. boxing academy, shook his head no and said in Spanish that he didn't believe another riot like the ones that happened 25 years ago was possible. Capetillo and his son, Javier Capetillo Jr., lived in South L.A. when the riots broke out.

Capetillo said he remembered the years leading up to the L.A. riots, filled with crime, gang violence and police brutality. The riots, he said, allowed people to express their frustrations.

"People think things through nowadays, and there's less crime. There was anger towards Hispanics, blacks and cops. But after the riots things got better," Capetillo said.

Capetillo Jr., 41, a part-owner of his dad's boxing academy, said he remembered what it was like to be a hot-headed youngster eager to take to the streets, having grown up amid gang violence and racial tensions in South L.A. When the riots broke out, as a 16-year-old, he didn't think twice before grabbing cans of spray paint and heading to Long Beach with friends to wreak havoc.

"I was angry. I got beat up by a police officer in an alley one time and this was instant gratification," he said. "But later on I met my mentor who turned out to be a cop. He got me my first job."

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TOPLINES

(CITY OF LOS ANGELES ONLY)

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days—very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	1997*	2002	2007	2012	2017
Well	37	76	48	72	76
Badly	63	24	52	28	24
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*1997 question wording: How would you rate race and ethnic relations in the city of Los Angeles—good or not good?

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. Adult respondents of the 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012, and 2017 Los Angeles Riots Surveys.

As you may recall, in 1992 the City of Los Angeles experienced widespread rioting and disturbances. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that other riots and disturbances like those in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	1997	2002	2007	2012	2017
Likely	65	55	52	47	58
Unlikely	35	45	48	53	42
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. Adult respondents of the 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012, and 2017 Los Angeles Riots Surveys.

1997 CROSSTABS (CITY OF LOS ANGELES ONLY)

How would you rate race and ethnic relations in the City of Los Angeles, do you think they are good or not good?

	Black	Asian	White	Latino	Other
Good	38	59	27	42	35
Not good	62	41	73	58	65
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 650 adult respondents of the 1997 LA Riots Survey.

How would you rate race and ethnic relations in the City of Los Angeles, do you think they are good or not good?

	High school diploma or less	College degree	Graduate degree
Good	39	37	24
Not good	61	63	76
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 650 adult respondents of the 1997 LA Riots Survey.

How would you rate race and ethnic relations in the City of Los Angeles, do you think they are good or not good?

	Ages 18-29	Ages 30-39	Ages 40-49	Ages 50-59	Ages 60-64	Ages 65+
Good	38	38	36	35	33	35
Not good	62	62	64	65	67	65
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 650 adult respondents of the 1997 LA Riots Survey.

How would you rate race and ethnic relations in the City of Los Angeles, do you think they are good or not good?

	Male	Female
Good	37	37
Not good	63	63
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 650 adult respondents of the 1997 LA Riots Survey.

How would you rate race and ethnic relations in the City of Los Angeles, do you think they are good or not good?

	Single	Married/domestic partnership	Divorced/separated/widowed
Good	38	32	46
Not good	62	68	54
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 650 adult respondents of the 1997 LA Riots Survey.

Do you think it is likely or unlikely that other riots and disturbances like the one in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	Black	Asian	White	Latino	Other
Likely	57	41	67	67	37
Unlikely	43	59	33	33	63
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 650 adult respondents of the 1997 LA Riots Survey.

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	High school diploma or less	College degree	Graduate degree
Likely	66	64	58
Unlikely	33	63	42
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 650 adult respondents of the 1997 LA Riots Survey.

Do you think it is likely or unlikely that other riots and disturbances like the one in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	Ages 18-29	Ages 30-39	Ages 40-49	Ages 50-59	Ages 60-64	Ages 65+
Likely	70	57	64	66	65	59
Unlikely	30	43	36	34	35	41
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 650 adult respondents of the 1997 LA Riots Survey.

Do you think it is likely or unlikely that other riots and disturbances like the one in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	Male	Female
Likely	62	67
Unlikely	38	33
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 650 adult respondents of the 1997 LA Riots Survey.

Do you think it is likely or unlikely that other riots and disturbances like the one in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	Single	Married/domestic partnership	Divorced/separated/widowed
Likely	67	60	67
Unlikely	33	40	33
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 650 adult respondents of the 1997 LA Riots Survey.

2002 CROSSTABS (CITY OF LOS ANGELES ONLY)

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days—very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Black	Asian	White	Latino	Other
Well	74	69	74	79	72
Badly	26	31	26	20	28
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2002 LA Riots Survey.

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days—very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	High school diploma or less	College degree	Graduate degree
Well	78	76	70
Badly	22	24	30
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2002 LA Riots Survey.

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days—very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Ages 18-24	Ages 18-34	Ages 25-34	Ages 35-44	Ages 45-64	Ages 65+
Well	82	78	75	77	75	71
Badly	18	22	25	23	25	29
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2002 LA Riots Survey.

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days—very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Male	Female
Well	79	74
Badly	21	26
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2002 LA Riots Survey.

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days—very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Single	Married/domestic partnership	Divorced/separated/widowed
Well	78	75	77
Badly	22	25	23
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2002 LA Riots Survey.

As you may recall, in 1992 the City of Los Angeles experienced widespread rioting and disturbances. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that other riots and disturbances like those in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	Black	Asian	White	Latino	Other
Likely	61	52	52	54	55
Unlikely	39	48	48	46	45
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2002 LA Riots Survey.

As you may recall, in 1992 the City of Los Angeles experienced widespread rioting and disturbances. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that other riots and disturbances like those in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	High school diploma or less	College degree	Graduate degree
Likely	57	52	52
Unlikely	43	48	48
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2002 LA Riots Survey.

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	Ages 18-24	Ages 18-34	Ages 25-34	Ages 35-44	Ages 45-64	Ages 65+
Likely	54	58	61	52	52	56
Unlikely	46	42	39	48	48	44
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2002 LA Riots Survey.

As you may recall, in 1992 the City of Los Angeles experienced widespread rioting and disturbances. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that other riots and disturbances like those in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	Male	Female
Likely	52	58
Unlikely	48	42
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2002 LA Riots Survey.

As you may recall, in 1992 the City of Los Angeles experienced widespread rioting and disturbances. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that other riots and disturbances like those in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	Single	Married/domestic partnership	Divorced/separated/widowed
Likely	59	53	50
Unlikely	41	47	50
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2002 LA Riots Survey.

2007 CROSSTABS (CITY OF LOS ANGELES ONLY)

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days - very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Black	Asian	White	Latino	Other
Well	35	61	48	46	56
Badly	65	39	52	54	44
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2007 LA Riots Survey.

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days - very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	High school diploma or less	College degree	Graduate degree
Well	43	58	52
Badly	57	42	48
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2007 LA Riots Survey.

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days - very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Ages 18-29	Ages 30-44	Ages 45-64	Ages 65+
Well	55	48	46	48
Badly	45	52	54	52
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2007 LA Riots Survey.

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days - very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Male	Female
Well	53	43
Badly	47	57
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2007 LA Riots Survey.

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days - very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Single	Married/domestic partnership	Divorced/separated/widowed
Well	52	49	41
Badly	48	51	59
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2007 LA Riots Survey.

As you may recall, in 1992 the City of Los Angeles experienced widespread rioting and disturbances. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that other riots and disturbances like those in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	Black	Asian	White	Latino	Other
Likely	60	21	48	62	56
Unlikely	40	79	52	38	44
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2007 LA Riots Survey.

As you may recall, in 1992 the City of Los Angeles experienced widespread rioting and disturbances. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that other riots and disturbances like those in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	High school diploma or less	College degree	Graduate degree
Likely	56	45	45
Unlikely	44	55	55
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2007 LA Riots Survey.

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	Ages 18-29	Ages 30-44	Ages 45-64	Ages 65+
Likely	63	54	50	41
Unlikely	37	46	50	59
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2007 LA Riots Survey.

As you may recall, in 1992 the City of Los Angeles experienced widespread rioting and disturbances. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that other riots and disturbances like those in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	Male	Female
Likely	45	57
Unlikely	55	43
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2007 LA Riots Survey.

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	Single	Married/domestic partnership	Divorced/separated/widowed
Likely	52	49	56
Unlikely	48	51	44
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2007 LA Riots Survey.

2012 CROSSTABS (CITY OF LOS ANGELES ONLY)

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days - very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Black	Asian	White	Latino	Other
Well	69	68	82	67	63
Badly	31	32	18	33	37
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2012 LA Riots Survey.

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days - very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	High school diploma or less	College degree	Graduate degree
Well	70	75	79
Badly	30	25	21
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2012 LA Riots Survey.

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days - very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Ages 18-29	Ages 30-44	Ages 45-64	Ages 65+
Well	82	64	71	76
Badly	18	36	29	24
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2012 LA Riots Survey.

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days - very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Male	Female
Well	78	66
Badly	22	34
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2012 LA Riots Survey.

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days - very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Single	Married/domestic partnership	Divorced/separated/widowed
Well	78	68	71
Badly	22	32	29
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2012 LA Riots Survey.

As you may recall, in 1992 the City of Los Angeles experienced widespread rioting and disturbances. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that other riots and disturbances like those in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	Black	Asian	White	Latino	Other
Likely	46	28	44	54	53
Unlikely	54	72	56	46	47
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2012 LA Riots Survey.

As you may recall, in 1992 the City of Los Angeles experienced widespread rioting and disturbances. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that other riots and disturbances like those in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	High school diploma or less	College degree	Graduate degree
Likely	50	41	37
Unlikely	50	59	63
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2012 LA Riots Survey.

As you may recall, in 1992 the City of Los Angeles experienced widespread rioting and disturbances. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that other riots and disturbances like those in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	Ages 18-29	Ages 30-44	Ages 45-64	Ages 65+
Likely	52	51	44	35
Unlikely	48	49	56	65
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2012 LA Riots Survey.

As you may recall, in 1992 the City of Los Angeles experienced widespread rioting and disturbances. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that other riots and disturbances like those in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	Male	Female
Well	44	50
Badly	56	50
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2012 LA Riots Survey.

As you may recall, in 1992 the City of Los Angeles experienced widespread rioting and disturbances. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that other riots and disturbances like those in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	Single	Married/domestic partnership	Divorced/separated/widowed
Well	48	46	46
Badly	52	54	54
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1600 adult respondents of the 2012 LA Riots Survey.

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Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days – very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Black	Asian	White	Latino	Other
Well	73	79	81	72	80
Badly	27	21	19	28	20
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1203 adult respondents of the 2017 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days – very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	High school diploma or less	College degree	Graduate degree
Well	72	82	84
Badly	28	18	16
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1203 adult respondents of the 2017 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days – very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Ages 18-29	Ages 30-44	Ages 45-64	Ages 65+
Well	82	77	73	74
Badly	18	23	27	26
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1203 adult respondents of the 2017 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days – very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Male	Female
Well	78	74
Badly	22	26
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1203 adult respondents of the 2017 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Overall, how would you say that the racial and ethnic groups in Los Angeles are getting along these days – very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Single	Married/domestic partnership	Divorced/separated/widowed
Well	81	74	74
Badly	19	26	26
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. adult respondents of the 2017 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

As you may recall, in 1992, the City of Los Angeles experienced widespread rioting and disturbances. Do you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely that other riots and disturbances like those in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	Black	Asian	White	Latino	Other
Likely	65	46	51	65	59
Unlikely	35	54	49	35	41
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1203 adult respondents of the 2017 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

As you may recall, in 1992, the City of Los Angeles experienced widespread rioting and disturbances. Do you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely that other riots and disturbances like those in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	High school diploma or less	College degree	Graduate degree
Likely	63	51	55
Unlikely	37	49	45
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1203 adult respondents of the 2017 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

As you may recall, in 1992, the City of Los Angeles experienced widespread rioting and disturbances. Do you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely that other riots and disturbances like those in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	Ages 18-29	Ages 30-44	Ages 45-64	Ages 65+
Likely	69	59	52	50
Unlikely	31	41	48	50
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1203 adult respondents of the 2017 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

As you may recall, in 1992, the City of Los Angeles experienced widespread rioting and disturbances. Do you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely that other riots and disturbances like those in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	Male	Female
Likely	52	65
Unlikely	48	35
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1203 adult respondents of the 2017 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

As you may recall, in 1992, the City of Los Angeles experienced widespread rioting and disturbances. Do you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely that other riots and disturbances like those in 1992 will occur in the City of Los Angeles in the next five years?

	Single	Married/domestic partnership	Divorced/separated/widowed
Likely	59	57	66
Unlikely	41	43	34
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University. 1203 adult respondents of the 2017 Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey.

Appendix

THE LOS ANGELES RIOTS SURVEYS

The 1992 LA Riots had a profound impact on nearly every aspect of Los Angeles, including government policy, community relations, quality of life, and demographics. Many wondered how these Riots would affect future quality of life, and believed race relations in LA could no longer be ignored. In observance of each of the 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 year anniversaries of the LA Riots, StudyLA sponsored cross-sectional phone surveys of Angelenos to study their attitudes toward Los Angeles in a longitudinal effort to learn more about the Riots' impact. A total of 5,455 Angelenos have been surveyed since 1997. This year, the survey was conducted in conjunction with the 2017 Public Opinion Survey.

2017 LOS ANGELES PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY METHODOLOGY

As part of Forecast LA's unique approach to forecasting in the Los Angeles region, the Center for the Study of Los Angeles conducted an outlook survey. The Los Angeles Public Opinion Survey involved 20-minute telephone sessions and online surveys with more than 2,400 adults (1,800 phone and 600 online) living in Los Angeles County. Survey respondents were asked about quality-of-life perceptions, personal economic wellbeing, economic concerns, overall life satisfaction, and various civic issues.

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY SAMPLING

Since the primary purpose of this study was to gather representative input from adult residents within

the Los Angeles region, an initial random digit dial (RDD) sample was employed. The RDD sample was drawn by determining the active phone exchanges (the first three numbers of a seven-digit phone number) and blocks with a given sampling area (in this case, by the zip codes that comprise the county). A random list of all active residential and cell phone numbers in the area was produced. This method included both listed and unlisted phone numbers. Listed samples were used to meet particular quotas for racial/ethnic categories and geographic location.

The online portion was comprised of responses from double opt-in respondents who have agreed to participate in surveys. Real-time sampling and survey publishing services were also used to target respondents outside of the initial reach. Finally, listed samples were used to fill gaps within racial/ethnic and geographic quotas. For all methods, adult respondents in LA County were targeted and then randomly selected within their group.

SCREENERS

The protocol for this study involved asking potential respondents a series of questions, referred to as screeners, which were used to ensure that the person lived within the county and was at least 18 years old. The target sample size was 1,200 residents from the city of Los Angeles and 1,200 residents from Los Angeles County who live outside the city of LA. The first quota was a random digit dialing of approximately 750 residents (with 66% cell phone). The online survey ran concurrently with a target sample size of 600 respondents. The remaining racial/ethnic and geographic quotas were determined based on the fallout: 400 African American residents, 600 Asian residents, 400 residents from the San Fernando Valley (only within the city of Los Angeles) and 400 residents from the San Gabriel Valley. Given the demographic proportion of Latino and white residents in the region, as expected, both groups naturally fell out from the initial wave of online and phone respondents.

DATA COLLECTION

Telephone surveys were conducted the first four full weeks in January 2017 and first two weeks in February between the hours of 4:30pm and 9pm during the week, 10am to 4pm on Saturday, and 10am to 5pm on Sunday. The survey was translated into Spanish, Mandarin, and Korean. Translators who spoke Spanish, Mandarin, and Korean were available to conduct interviews for residents who only spoke, or were more comfortable speaking any of those languages. The online survey ran from January 13 to January 26 and was available in English and Spanish.

The margin of error is $\pm 3.0\%$ for the entire sample of 2,404 residents.

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