# The Snitching Survey

# Version 3.0

Thank you very much for agreeing to participate in the survey. This survey was developed by the students of Dr. Rick Frei’s *Introduction to Applied Psychology* course to measure how you would handle certain situations involving cooperating with authorities. The survey is anonymous and your responses will be kept confidential, so please answer honestly. Please return your surveys to the box by the exit.

We will be presenting the overall results of this survey during Law and Society Week next year. If you have any questions about the survey, the course, or the presentation, please contact Dr. Rick Frei at [rfrei@ccp.edu](mailto:rfrei@ccp.edu).

**Instructions:**

* **PARTICIPATION IN THIS SURVEY IS OPTIONAL.** If at any time you decide that you do not want to participate, simply do not hand it in.
* The survey is anonymous, so **PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ANYWHERE ON THE SURVEY!**
* **ALL QUESTIONS ARE OPTIONAL!** If you do not feel comfortable answering a question, you may skip it.
* If you have filled out the survey in another class, **PLEASE DO NOT FILL IT OUT AGAIN**.
* When you have completed the survey, return it to the box by the exit.

# I. Demographic Information

### **Instructions**: We would like to know about you. Please answer the following questions.

1. Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Sex: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Ethnicity: A) Hispanic

B) Non-Hispanic

1. Race: A) African American/ Black

B) Asian/ Pacific Islander

1. Native American
2. White
3. Are you a parent? Yes No
4. Are you a: Student CCP Faculty/Staff/Administrator Guest

# II. Snitching Scenarios: Cooperating with Authorities

### **Instructions**: We would like to know what you would do in the following situations. For each situation below, put an X to indicate whether you would NEVER do that, PROBABLY NOT do that, PROBABLY WOULD do that, or DEFINITELY do that.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Situation | I would NEVER  do that | I would PROBABLY NOT  do that | I would PROBABLY  do that | I would DEFINITELY do that |
| You witness a crime and the police ask you to pick someone out of a lineup. |  |  |  |  |
| You witness a crime. There is a $1000 reward for any information leading to the arrest of the perpetrators. |  |  |  |  |
| You witness a crime. There is an anonymous tip line that you can call to give information about the crime. |  |  |  |  |
| You know that a person has been wrongly accused of a crime. The police ask you to testify in order to help set this person free. |  |  |  |  |
| You and another person commit a crime together and the police ask you to turn on your partner in order to reduce your sentence. |  |  |  |  |
| You witness a crime. There is a $100,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest of the perpetrators. |  |  |  |  |

# III. Snitching Scenarios: Cooperating with Authorities Or Taking Matters Into Your Own Hands?

### **Instructions**: We would like to know what you would do in the following situations. For each situation below, put an X to indicate how you would respond.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Situation | I would do nothing | I would confront the person directly and, if that didn’t work,  I would do nothing | I would confront the person directly and, if that didn’t work, I would turn the person over to the authorities | I would just turn the person into the authorities |
| You witness a nurse stealing drugs from one of her patients at a hospital. |  |  |  |  |
| Someone has attacked a member of your family. The police ask you to cooperate in the investigation. |  |  |  |  |
| You see a student in class cheating on an exam. |  |  |  |  |
| Your boss asks you to do something that you know is illegal. |  |  |  |  |
| You have information that the president of the company you work for is engaged in illegal business activity. |  |  |  |  |
| The police ask for help locating a relative who has been accused of committing a crime. |  |  |  |  |
| You see a student in class cheating on an exam. The next class, the teacher announces that he knows that someone in the class cheated and, if someone doesn’t come forward, the entire class will get an F. |  |  |  |  |
| You witness a coworker stealing money from the cash register. |  |  |  |  |

# IV. Life Experiences

**Instructions**: We would like to know about your life experiences. Please answer the following questions by circling Yes or No.

1. Have you ever been the victim of a crime? Yes No
2. Have any of your relatives or friends ever been the victim of a crime? Yes No
3. Have you ever been arrested? Yes No
4. Have you ever cooperated with the police before? Yes No
5. In the past 30 days, have you used an illegal drug? Yes No
6. In the past seven days, have you consumed alcohol? Yes No
7. Does the music with stop snitching lyrics affect your attitude towards snitching? Yes No
8. Has anyone in your family ever been arrested? Yes No
9. Have you ever cooperated with police in order to get a family member arrested? Yes No
10. Have you ever cheated on an exam before? Yes No
11. When you were growing up, did your parents/siblings use illegal drugs? Yes No
12. Did your parents/siblings encourage you to report illegal behavior? Yes No
13. Do the movies with a stop snitching theme (ex. Mafia movies, gangster movies)   
    affect your attitude towards snitching? Yes No
14. If you witnessed a crime in front of your house and cooperated with police,   
    would it hurt your reputation in your neighborhood? Yes No
15. Do you have/plan on having a career in law enforcement/criminal justice? Yes No
16. Do you have/plan on having a career working with children? Yes No
17. Have you ever witnessed a violent crime? Yes No
18. Have you ever committed a violent crime and gotten away with it? Yes No
19. When you were growing up, did you live in a dangerous neighborhood? Yes No
20. Have you ever turned yourself in to an authority figure? Yes No
21. Have you ever witnessed a crime and been pressured to be silent? Yes No
22. Have you ever stolen from work before? Yes No
23. Do you have/plan on having a career in nursing or the healthcare profession? Yes No