

Table 2.48

Police chiefs' attitudes toward Federal programs dealing with drug abuse

By size of community, United States, 1996

Question: "As you may know, Congress has considered changes in legislation that affects federal programs dealing with crime and drug abuse. Let me read you some of the measures that will be considered, and for each one, please tell me whether you feel it would be a step in the right direction or a step in the wrong direction."

	A step in the right direction	A step in the wrong direction	Not sure
Shifting Federal funding for drug prevention and treatment programs to law enforcement and prison construction			
All police chiefs	57%	40%	3%
Large cities	29	68	3
Medium communities	61	37	2
Small towns	69	27	4
Shifting Federal funding from drug prevention and treatment programs to border patrols and intercepting drugs before they reach the U.S.			
All police chiefs	55	39	6
Large cities	32	58	10
Medium communities	43	52	5
Small towns	70	25	5
Cutting back on Federal funding for community drug courts in which nonviolent drug offenders are given a choice between prison and supervised treatment			
All police chiefs	25	69	6
Large cities	23	74	3
Medium communities	20	73	7
Small towns	28	65	7

Note: See Note, table 2.47.

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