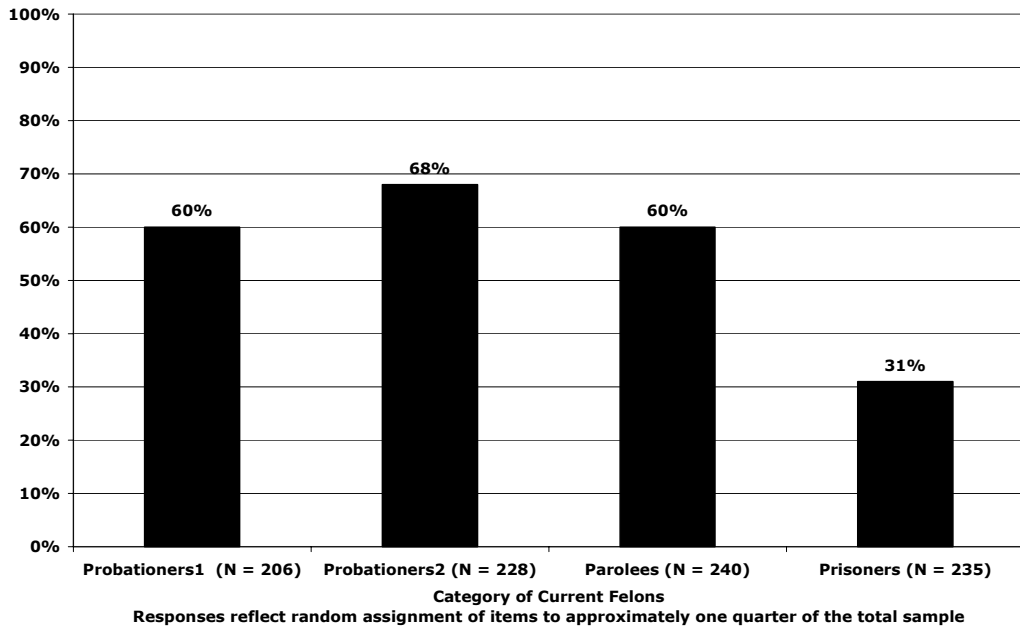


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This paper presents experimental survey results about Americans' attitudes towards the disenfranchisement of felons and ex-felons. Two long-term trends in public opinion provide the backdrop: strong public support for conservative anti-crime policies, and growing public support for civil rights and civil liberties for most groups. We find that 80% favor restoring voting rights to former felons once they complete their sentences, 60% support voting for parolees and 60-68% for probationers. Only 31%, however, favor allowing current prisoners to vote. In the clash between the desire to punish and the desire to protect the civil liberties of unpopular groups, we find greater public support for the latter view.

Percentage Supporting Enfranchisement of Probationers, Parolees, and Prisoners, 2002



Percentage Supporting Enfranchisement of Generic and Specific Categories of Ex-Felons, 2002

