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THE DETROIT RIOT .* A Profile of $\mathbf{5 0 0}$ Prisoners

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## PREFACE

On Sunday, July 23, 1967, a riot broke out in Detroit, Michigan, which resulted in loss of life, limb and property. Hundreds of alleged participants were arrested, some of whom willingly answered various questions (psychological, social, and economic) for research investigators seeking causation for the riot.

Eleven days after the outbreak (August 3, 1967), the U.S. Department of Labor contracted, under authorization of the Manpower Development and Training Act, with the Behavior Research Institute of Detroit to introduce into an ongoing survey of prisoners questions designed to shed additional light on their employment status and indebtedness.

Information was collected on the characteristics of the prisoners; the nature of their job and weekly earnings; their home situation; their views as to the causes of the riot and the degree to which they knew what was taking place; and their ranking of Negro leaders.

Limited information (on employment status and indebtedness) is available for the total survey group of 496 prisoners. More extensive information was collected for 157 of those interviewed on August 3 and 4 at the request of the Office of Manpower Research, Manpower Administration.

The survey was not based on a scientific sample. It was conceived and conducted under extreme pressure. The data were coded, processed, and analyzed on August 5 and 6.

The interviews were conducted at five prison sites between July 31 and August 4, by 19 Negro interviewers. These interviewers were recruited largely from among graduate students at Wayne State University and from among Detroit high school teachers. Some poverty agency workers were added later.

The names and addresses, and all other means of individual identification, were obliterated from the questionnaires, so that the respondents would remain anonymous. The police charges were also removed, so that it is not possible to assess the severity of the alleged offense.

The interviews were not conducted under ideal circumstances, nor was there sufficient time to pre-test or to
develop a questionnaire that would yield more precise information. For example, present employment status was asked and the answer limited to "employed" or "unemployed," with no provision for indicating whether a prisoner might be a full-time student or out of the labor force for some other reason. The "not employed" category used in this analysis, based on the "unemployed" reply, does not, therefore, conform to the regular Department of Labor definition of unemployment. Some other questions were not phrased as precisely as would be desirable.

The study which follows-actually a profile-of 496 Negro men arrested during the July 23, 1967 riot in Detroit, Michigan attempts to provide a partial picture of the economic and social background of these persons.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Some of the highlights of the findings of this report are:
-The typical prisoner, out of the total interviewed, was a single man just over 30 years of age. He was a Protestant, but not a regular church-goer. He was a non-veteran who had dropped out of school by the lith grade. His birthplace was the South and he had lived in Detroit for 15 years or more.
-He was a blue collar worker in a manufacturing plant where he earned about $\$ 120$ a week. Although currently employed, he had experienced more than 5 weeks of unemployment in the past year. He had not participated in a government training or poverty program.
-In the prisoner's opinion, the riot was caused by 'police brutality." He also believed that poor housing, lack of job opportunities, and tensions and frustrations resulting from the Negroes' failure to secure equality caused the trouble in Detroit. His favorite leader is Martin Luther King and he thought that non-violent means was the best way to achieve civil rights for Negroes. He felt that conditions, both for himself and Detroit Negroes, in general, had improved in the last few years. He was also hopeful that the Negro would someday have everything that the white man has today.
-About 1 in 5 of the 157 prisoners who reported on their military experience had served in the Armed Forces. Only one man was a Vietnam veteran.
-About half of the 157 prisoners reporting on their indebtedness status indicated that they were in debt. One-half of those in debt owed for back rent or medical expenses. More than 50 percent of those in debt owed under $\$ 200$. Twenty-five percent owed between $\$ 200$ and $\$ 500$.

## FOCUS ON PRISONERS

The prisoners averaged about \$ 120 a week. This equaled the average wage in manufacturing for the Nation as a whole, but was below the approximate $\$ 150$ per week earned by the average factory worker in the Detroit area in July 1967. Even the youngsters (both the 16- to 19-year olds and those 20 to 24) averaged between $\$ 80$ and $\$ 100$ per week. Two out of 3 of the teenagers and 3 out of 4 of the men in their early twenties reported they were working.

One out of 8 married prisoners was making less than $\$ 80$ per week. More than half of the married men earned more than $\$ 120$ each week. $1 /$

One out of 4 single prisoners had weekly earnings of $\$ 120$ or more. More than 2 out of 5 of these single men earned more than $\$ 100$ per week.

As a group, prisoners without a high school diploma were almost as likely to be making over $\$ 120$ per week as those with more education. ${ }^{2}$ However, considerably more high school dropouts than graduates were earning less than $\$ 80$ per week.

Unemployment ( 22 percent) was nevertheless high-about five times higher than the unemployment rate (about 4.5 percent) for the entire Detroit metropolitan area. Unemployment was highest among the teenagers (although the 1 out of 3 jobless may have been overstated because some of these youngsters were presumably

Table 1. EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND WEEKLY WAGES

| Selected characteristics | Total | Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Under 20 |  |  | 20-24 | 25 and over |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | Under 16 | 16-19 |  | Total | 25-29 | 30-44 | $\begin{gathered} 45 \text { and } \\ \text { over } \end{gathered}$ |
| Total Reported | 496 | 93 | 2 | 91 | 127 | 276 | 112 | 138 | 26 |
| Employment status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employed . . . | 383 | 61 | 1 | 60 | 91 | 231 | 98 | 114 | 19 |
| Not employed. | 107 | 30 | 1 | 29 | 34 | 43 | 14 | 22 | 7 |
| Not reported. | 6 | 2 | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| Not employed rate..... | 21.8 | 33.0 | 50.0 | 32.6 | 27.2 | 15.7 | 12.5 | 16.2 | 26.9 |
| Wages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under \$40. | 15 | 7 | - | 7 | 3 | 5 | 3 | - | 2 |
| \$41-60. | 31 | 12 | - | 12 | 4 | 15 | 3 | 8 | 4 |
| \$61-80. | 42 | 6 | - | 6 | 8 | 28 | 8 | 18 | 2 |
| \$81-100. | 74 | 16 | - | 16 | 18 | 40 | 19 | 17 | 4 |
| \$101-120. | 80 | 9 | - | 9 | 29 | 42 | 20 | 19 | 3 |
| \$121-150. | 113 | 12 | - | 12 | 25 | 76 | 40 | 33 | 3 |
| \$151-200.... | 28 | 1 | - | 1 | 10 | 17 | 4 | 9 | 4 |
| Over \$200. | 19 | - | - | - | 3 | 16 | 4 | 12 | - |
| Not reported | 94 | 30 | 2 | 28 | 27 | 37 | 11 | 22 | 4 |

[^0]still attending school). Unemployment was not much lower for the 20 -to 24 year olds ( 27 percent compared to 33 percent for the teenagers) even though, nationally, unemployment rates among Negroes tend to drop off
very sharply between the teenagers and the early twenties. The drop in rates in the group surveyed occurred in those over 25, among whom unemployment averaged about 16 percent.

## Table 2. NUMBER OF PRISONERS WITH INCOME BY WEEKS OF WORK LOST

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Usual } \\ & \text { salary } \end{aligned}$per week | Number of weeks lost |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total reported | None | 1-4 | 5-15 | 16-26 | $\begin{aligned} & 26 \text { and } \\ & \text { over } \end{aligned}$ |
| Total reported | 109 ${ }^{\underline{1}}$ | 35 | 25 | 28 | 16 | 5 |
| Under \$ 40 . | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| \$41-60 | 6 | 1 | 5 | - | - | - |
| \$61-80 | 14 | 4 | 3 | 7 | - | - |
| \$81-100 | 25 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 1 |
| \$101-120 | 23 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| \$121-150 | 30 | 12 | 4 | 10 | 4 | - |
| \$151-200 | 6 | 1 | - | 3 | 2 | - |
| Over \$200. | 4 | 2 | - | 2 | - | - |

l Does not include those who did not report wages and full weeks of work lost.

## EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

Although the average pay for the employed prisoner was $\$ 120$ a week, two-thirds of those reporting on both wages and unemployment experience (109) had periods of joblessness ranging from 1 week to 6 months or more. One hundred and fifty-seven prisoners were asked whether they were employed during the year.

Fully a fourth of those who reported the weeks lost by unemployment in the past year (125) said they lost 4 months or more; another fourth lost 5 to 15 weeks; less than 30 percent reported no work loss.

## OCCUPATION

Although about 2 out of 5 prisoners had a high school education or more, only a small number (17) had jobs
calling for advanced education. More than 1 of every 4 prisoners (124) had a semiskilled job such as a machine operator or assembler. Almost 1 in 5 (79) worked in a service occupation. Some 59 who did not specify the type of work they performed held jobs in automobile plants; 52 of the prisoners were laborers and 32 indicated they were skilled workers. (This information is based on replies from 430 prisoners.)

Table 3. KIND OF WORK PERFORMED BY PRISONERS
Occupation Number

Total reported. . . . . 430
Operative . . . . . . . . . . 124
Service. . . . . . . . . . . . 79
Automobile Plant . . . . . . 59
Laborers. . . . . . . . . . . 52
Craftsmen. . . . . . . . . . 32
Other . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 84

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Of the 276 men arrested who were 25 or older, 83 , or about 1 in 3 , were high school graduates. This compares with 1 out of 6 nonwhite male graduates of this age group in the general population and equals the average of all races. In addition, nearly 6 percent of those in the survey over the age of 25 had more than 12 years of schooling.

Almost 1 out of 5 prisoners (93) was a teenager. One out of 3 of these teenagers was a high school gradu-
ate. About 1 out of 4 of the 496 prisoners was between the ages of 20 and 24 (inclusive). In this age group, 43 of the 127 ( 34 percent) were high school graduates and 10 in this age group had education beyond high school.

About 1 out of 6 prisoners had participated in a Federaltraining or poverty program. The younger prisoners were more likely to have been in such programs. About 1 in 5 of the prisoners under age 25 reported some kind of participation in a job training or poverty program as against only 1 in 8 of the older prisoners.

Table 4. YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED BY AGE

| Years of school completed | Total <br> all persons |  | Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Under 20 |  | 20-24 |  | 25 and over |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 496 | 100.0 | 93 | 100.0 | 127 | 100.0 | 276 | 100.0 |
| 8 years and under... | 61 | 12.3 | 5 | 5.4 | 4 | 3.1 | 52 | 18.8 |
| 9-11 years | 248 | 50.0 | 55 | 59.1 | 70 | 55.1 | 123 | 44.6 |
| 12 years. | 156 | 31.5 | 30 | 32.3 | 43 | 33.9 | 83 | 30.1 |
| 12 years and over. . . . . | 26 | 5.2 | - | - | 10 | 7.9 | 16 | 5.8 |
| Not reported. . | 5 | 1.0 | 3 | 3.2 | - | - | 2 | 7 |

## FAMILY STATUS

One-fourth of the prisoners over 25 were single and another 20 percent were separated, divorced, or widowed. Thus, about 1 out of every 5 prisoners, over the age of 25 , was living apart from his wife and family. Because some of the "single" prisoners reported that they had children, the number of broken families among the prisoners is even higher. About

40 percent of all of the prisoners were married.

About a third of those with two to four children earned between $\$ 121$ and $\$ 150$ per week. One out of 8 prisoners with two to four children earned less than $\$ 80$ per week. About half of the prisoners with two to four children earned more than $\$ 120$ per week. The median weekly income for prisoners with five or more children was about \$125. Two hundred and forty prisoners who had children also supplied information on their earnings.

Table 5. MARITAL STATUS AND AGE OF DETROIT PRISONERS

| Marital status | Total | Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Under 20 |  |  | 25 and over |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | Under 16 | 16-19 | 20-24 | Total | 25-29 | 30-44 | 45 and |
| Total | 496 | 93 | 2 | 91 | 127 | 276 | 112 | 138 | 26 |
| Married | 193 | 8 |  | 8 | 38 | 147 | 64 | 69 | 14 |
| Single . . | 237 | 82 | 2 | 80 | 84 | 71 | 36 | 35 | - |
| Separated, divorced, widowed. | 62 | 1 | - | 1 | 5 | 56 | 11 | 33 | 12 |
| Not reported. | 4 | 2 | - | 2 | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | - |

Table 6. EARNINGS AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN

| Number of children | Total reported | Salary per week |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Under \$40 | $\begin{gathered} \$ 41- \\ 60 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 61- \\ 80 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 81- \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 101- \\ 120 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 121- \\ 150 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 151- \\ 200 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Over } \\ & \$ 200 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total reported | 3691/ | 14 | 29 | 39 | 64 | 71 | 108 | 27 | 17 |
| 0 . . . . . | 129 | 7 | 16 | 17 | 27 | 28 | 24 | 9 | 1 |
| 1 | 71 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 7 | 28 | 2 | 2 |
| 2-4 | 137 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 20 | 29 | 46 | 13 | 11 |
| 5 and over | 32 | - | 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 3 |

l/ Of the 496 prisoners, 369 replied to both questions on wages and children.

Table 7. EARNINGS AND MARITAL STATUS

| Marital Status | Total reported | Salary per week |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Under \$40 | $\begin{gathered} \$ 41- \\ 60 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 61- \\ 80 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 81- \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 101- \\ & 120 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 121- \\ 150 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 151- \\ 200 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Over } \\ & \$ 200 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total reported | 4001/ | 14 | 31 | 42 | 74 | 80 | 113 | 27 | 19 |
| Married . . | 175 | 1 | 7 | 12 | 20 | 37 | 68 | 16 | 14 |
| Single | 178 | 10 | 19 | 25 | 47 | 34 | 34 | 7 | 2 |
| Separated | 26 | - | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 3 | 2 |
| Divorced. | 17 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Widowed | 4 | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - |

1/ Of the 496 prisoners, 400 reported on marital status and weekly earnings.

ORIGIN
About 15 percent of the prisoners had lived in Detroit 5 years or less. Almost 200 ( 40 percent) of the prisoners had been born inthe Deep South. (Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas.) An additional 67 had been born in the border States. (North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Missouri, and Oklahoma.) Of those born in the Deep South, over 40 percent had lived in Detroit for more than 15 years.

Almost half of the prisoners live with from four to seven persons. More than 10 percent are crowded into living quarters with eight or more others. Although 237 prisoners are single, only 80 reported that they lived alone. The average number of persons per household is over five.

## PRISONERS' VIEWS: <br> CAUSE OF RIOT

Police brutality was, by far, the most frequent response of the prisoners to the question "What do you think caused this trouble in Detroit?" About 30 percent- 159 of the 523 re -sponses-(some prisoners gave more than one reason) pointed, in the view of the prisoners, to the police as the causal agent of the riot. Prisoners referred to specific incidents such as beatings and other physical violence and personal abuse on the part of the police.

The second most frequent reason given as to the cause of the riot was less specific, but can be summed up in the term "discrimination." Some of these responses indicated the frustrations and tensions resulting from ineffectual efforts of Negroes to end segregation and discrimination as the cause. Other responses emphasized poor housing and living conditions and lack of job opportunities (54). Many of the prisoners (114) stated that they did
not know what caused the riot. About 40 responses referred to a specific incident involving a neighborhood bar (a 'blind pig') as the cause of the trouble. These responses did not mention police brutality.

## Table 8. RESPONSE TO QUESTION: <br> 'WHAT DO YOU THINK CAUSED THIS TROUBLE IN DETROIT?'"

Number of Responses
Total . . . . . . . . . 523
Police brutality . . . . . 159
Tensions and frustrations resulting from Negroes' efforts to gain equality 65
Don't know. . . . . . . . . 114
Lack of job opportunities, low pay, poor housing and living conditions. . . . . . . .
Raid on "blind pig'" without mention of police brutality.40
"Outside agitators" . . . 15
Other responses. . . . . 76

## FAVORITE NEGRO LEADER

About 50 percent (178) of the 363 prisoners who expressed a preference for a favorite Negro leader selected the Reverend Martin Luther King as their first choice. About 14 percent of the prisoners indicated that Stokely Carmichael was their favorite leader. Another 15 percent selected Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay), Malcolm X and Elijah Muhammad as their favorite leaders.

Of those who expressed a preference for Martin Luther King as their favorite Negro leader, the most frequently mentioned means of achieving civil rights was through nonviolent approaches such as political action. The next most frequently cited approach was a unified Negro front. The third and fourth most frequently mentioned solutions were
education and raising self-esteem,
respectively.
Prisoners who expressed a pref-
erence for Stokely Carmichael, Mu-
hammad Ali, Malcolm X and Elijah
Muhammad (combined), most fre-
quently mentioned nonviolent meas-
ures, followed by force and violence,
as the best ways of securing civil
rights. The third most mentioned
means was a unified approach, fol-
lowed by education and raising self-
esteem. About 50 prisoners, who
named a favorite leader, did not offer
any suggestions.
Table 9. FAVORITE NEGRO
Total
Number

## Reverend Martin Lu-

ther King178
Stokely Carmichael ..... 52
Adam Clayton Powell. ..... 24
Muhammad Ali ..... 21
Malcolm X. ..... 20
Elijah Muhammad ..... 12
Other ..... 56
MOST THOUGHT CONDITIONS
HAD IMPROVED

The majority of the interviewed believed that conditions in the last few years had become better for themselves and for Negroes generally in the Detroit area. About 1 out of 5 thought conditions had become worse for himself, and a slightly smaller proportion felt that conditions for $\mathrm{Ne}-$ groes in the Detroit area were worse.

## APPENDIX

PROFILE OF 500 NEGRO MEN ARRESTED IN THE DETROIT RIOT, 1967
(Number)

| Selected characteristics | Total | Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Under 20 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 20- \\ & 24 \end{aligned}$ | 25 and over |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | Under 16 | $\begin{aligned} & 16- \\ & 19 \end{aligned}$ |  | Total | $\begin{aligned} & 25- \\ & 29 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 30- \\ & 44 \end{aligned}$ | 45 and over |
| Total number interviewed | 496 | 93 | 2 | 91 | 127 | 276 | 112 | 138 | 26 |
| Years of school completed | 39 | 3 | - | 3 | 4 | 32 | 4 | 16 | 12 |
| 8 years | 22 | 2 | - | 2 | - | 20 | 4 | 13 | 3 |
| 9-11 years | 248 | 55 | 2 | 53 | 70 | 123 | 58 | 57 | 8 |
| 12 years | 156 | 30 | - | 30 | 43 | 83 | 39 | 42 | 2 |
| Over 12 years | 26 | - | - | - | 10 | 16 | 7 | 8 | 1 |
| Not reported | 5 | 3 | - | 3 | - | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| Employment statusEmployedNot employedNot reported | 383 | 61 | 1 | 60 | 91 | 231 | 98 | 114 | 19 |
|  | 107 | 30 | 1 | 29 | 34 | 43 | 14 | 22 | 7 |
|  | 6 | 2 | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| Salary |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under \$40 | 15 | 7 | - | 7 | 3 | 5 | 3 | - | 2 |
| \$41-60 | 31 | 12 | - | 12 | 4 | 15 | 3 | 8 | 4 |
| \$61-80 | 42 | 6 | - | 6 | 8 | 28 | 8 | 18 | 2 |
| \$81-100 | 74 | 16 | - | 16 | 18 | 40 | 19 | 17 | 4 |
| \$101-120 | 80 | 9 | - | 9 | 29 | 42 | 20 | 19 | 3 |
| \$121-150 | 113 | 12 | - | 12 | 25 | 76 | 40 | 33 | 3 |
| \$151-200 | 28 | 1 | - | 1 | 10 | 17 | 4 | 9 | 4 |
| Over \$200 | 19 | - | - | - | 3 | 16 | 4 | 12 | - |
| Not reported | 94 | 30 | 2 | 28 | 27 | 37 | 11 | 22 | 4 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Married | 193 | 8 | - | 8 | 38 | 147 | 64 | 69 | 14 |
| Single | 237 | 82 | 2 | 80 | 84 | 71 | 36 | 35 | - |
| Separated | 33 | 1 | - | 1 | 3 | 29 | 6 | 19 | 4 |
| Divorced | 23 | - | - | - | 2 | 21 | 4 | 12 | 5 |
| Widowed | 6 | - | - | - | - | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Not reported | 4 | 2 | - | 2 | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Persons living in house | 80 |  | - |  | 19 | 58 | 14 | 35 |  |
| 2-3 | 120 | 18 | - | 18 | 35 | 67 | 28 | 29 | 10 |
| 4-7 | 224 | 49 | 1 | 48 | 56 | 119 | 53 | 61 | 5 |
| 8 or more | 63 | 22 | 1 | 21 | 15 | 26 | 14 | 12 | - |
| Not reported | 9 | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Government training Yes | 81 | 28 | - | 28 | 19 | 34 | 12 | 20 | 2 |
| No | 408 | 65 | 2 | 63 | 107 | 236 | 100 | 112 | 24 |
| Not reported | 7 |  | - | - | 1 | 6 | - | 6 | - |

PROFILE OF 500 NEGRO MEN ARRESTED IN THE DETROIT RIOT, 1967
(Percent distribution by age)

| Selected characteristics | Total |  | Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Under 20 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 20- \\ & 24 \end{aligned}$ | 25 and over |  |  |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Total | Under 16 | $\begin{aligned} & 16- \\ & 19 \end{aligned}$ |  | Total | $\begin{aligned} & 25- \\ & 29 \end{aligned}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 30- \\ & 44 \end{aligned}\right.$ | 45 and over |
| Total number interviewed | 496 | 100.0 | 18.7 | 0.4 | 18.3 | 25.6 | 55.6 | 22.6 | 27.8 | 5. 2 |
| Years of school completed Total reported $\qquad$ | 491 | 100.0 | 18.3 | . 4 | 17.9 | 25.9 | 55.8 | 22.8 | 27. 7 | 5. 3 |
| Under 8 years | 39 | 100.0 | 7.7 | - | 7.7 | 10.3 | 82.1 | 10.3 | 41. 0 | 30.8 |
| 8 years | 22 | 100.0 | 9. 1 | - | 9.1 | - | 90.9 | 18. 2 | 59. 1 | 13.6 |
| 9-11 years | 248 | 100.0 | 22. 2 | . 8 | 21.4 | 28. 2 | 49.6 | 23.4 | 23.0 | 3. 2 |
| 12 years | 156 | 100.0 | 19.2 | - | 19.2 | 27.6 | 53.2 | 25.0 | 26. 9 | 1. 3 |
| Over 12 years | 26 | 100.0 | - | - | - | 38.5 | 61.5 | 26. 9 | 30.8 | 3. 8 |
| Employment status Total reported - | 490 | 100. 0 | 18.6 | 4 | 18.2 | 25.5 | 55.9 | 22.9 | 27.8 | 5. 3 |
| Employed | 383 | 100.0 | 15.9 | . 3 | 15.6 | 23.8 | 60.3 | 25.6 | 29.8 | 5. 0 |
| Not employed | 107 | 100.0 | 28.0 | . 9 | 27.1 | 31.8 | 40.2 | 13.1 | 20.6 | 6.5 |
| Salary |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total reported - | 402 | 100.0 | 15.7 | - | 15.7 | 24.9 | 59.5 | 25. 1 | 28.9 | 5. 5 |
| Under \$40 | 15 | 100.0 | 46. 7 | - | 46.7 | 20.0 | 33. 3 | 20.0 | - | 13.3 |
| \$41-60 | 31 | 100.0 | 38. 7 | - | 38.7 | 12.9 | 48. 4 | 9.7 | 25. 8 | 12.9 |
| \$61-80 | 42 | 100.0 | 14. 3 | - | 14.3 | 19.0 | 66.7 | 19.0 | 42. 9 | 4. 8 |
| \$81-100 | 74 | 100.0 | 21.6 | - | 21.6 | 24. 3 | 54. 1 | 25.7 | 23.0 | 5. 4 |
| \$101-120 | 80 | 100.0 | 11.3 | - | 11.3 | 36. 3 | 52.5 | 25.0 | 23.8 | 3. 8 |
| \$121-150 | 113 | 100.0 | 10.6 | - | 10.6 | 22. 1 | 67. 3 | 35.4 | 29. 2 | 2. 7 |
| \$151-200 | 28 | 100.0 | 3.6 | - | 3.6 | 35.7 | 60.7 | 14.3 | 32. 1 | 14.3 |
| Over \$200 | 19 | 100.0 | - | - | - | 15.8 | 84. 2 | 21.1 | 63.2 | - |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total reported ..... - | 492 | 100.0 | 18.5 | . 4 | 18.1 | 25.8 | 55.7 | 22.6 | 27. 8 | 5.3 |
| Married | 193 | 100.0 | 4. 1 | - | 4. 1 | 19.7 | 76. 2 | 33.2 | 35.8 | 7. 3 |
| Single | 237 | 100.0 | 34.6 | . 8 | 33.8 | 35.4 | 30.0 | 15.2 | 14.8 | - |
| Separated | 33 | 100.0 | 3. 0 | - | 3.0 | 9.0 | 87. 9 | 18. 2 | 57.6 | 12.1 |
| Divorced | 23 | 100.0 | - | - | - | 8.7 | 91. 3 | 17.4 | 52. 2 | 21.7 |
| Widowed | 6 | 100.0 | - | - | - | - | 100.0 | 16.7 | 33.3 | 50.0 |
| Persons living in house Total reported ...... | 487 | 100.0 | 18.9 | . 4 | 18.5 | 25.7 | 55.4 | 22.4 | 28. 1 | 4. 9 |
| 1 | 80 | 100.0 | 18.9 3.8 | . 4 | 18.5 3.8 | 23. 8 | 72. 5 | 17.5 | 43.7 | 11.3 |
| 2-3 | 120 | 100.0 | 15.0 | - | 15.0 | 29. 2 | 55.8 | 23. 3 | 24. 2 | 8. 3 |
| 4-7 | 224 | 100.0 | 21.9 | . 5 | 21.4 | 25.0 | 53.1 | 23.7 | 27. 2 | 2. 2 |
| 8 or more | 63 | 100.0 | 34. 9 | 1. 6 | 33.3 | 23.8 | 41.3 | 22.2 | 19.1 | - |
| Government training |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 489 81 | 100.0 | 19.0 34.6 | . 4 | 18.6 34.6 | 25.8 | 55. 42 | 22.9 | 27.0 24.7 | 5. 3 |
| No | 408 | 100.0 | 15.9 | . 5 | 15.4 | 26. 2 | 57.8 | 24.5 | 27.5 | 5. 9 |

(Percent distribution by characteristics)

| Selected characteristics | Total | Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Under 20 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 20- \\ & 24 \end{aligned}$ | 25 and over |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | Under $16$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16- \\ & 19 \end{aligned}$ |  | Total | $\begin{aligned} & 25- \\ & 29 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 30- \\ 44 \end{gathered}$ | 45 and over |
| Total number interviewed | 49́c | 93 | 2 | 91 | 127 | 276 | 112 | 138 | 26 |
| Years of school completed Total reported $\qquad$ | 491 | 90 | 2 | 88 | 127 | 274 | 112 | 136 | 26 |
| Percent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100, 0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Under 8 years | 7. 9 | 3. 3 | - | 3.4 | 3.1 | 11.7 | 3.6 | 11.8 | 46.2 |
| 8 years | 4. 5 | 2. 2 | - | 2. 3 | - | 7. 3 | 3.6 | 9. 6 | 11.5 |
| 9-1l years | 50.5 | 61.1 | 100.0 | 60.2 | 55.1 | 44. 9 | 51.8 | 41.9 | 30.8 |
| 12 years | 31.8 | 33.3 | - | 34.1 | 33.9 | 30.3 | 34.8 | 30.9 | 7. 7 |
| Over 12 years | 5.3 | - | - | - | 7.9 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 5. 9 | 3.8 |
| Employment status Total reported - | 490 | 91 | 2 | 89 | 125 | 274 | 112 | 136 | 26 |
| Percent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100. 0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Employed | 78.2 | 67.0 | 50.0 | 67.4 | 72. 8 | 84. 3 | 87.5 | 83.8 | 73. 1 |
| Not employed | 21.8 | 33.0 | 50.0 | 32.6 | 27. 2 | 15.7 | 12.5 | 16.2 | 26. 9 |
| Salary <br> Total reported | 402 | 63 | - | 63 | 100 | 239 | 101 | 116 | 22 |
| Percent | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Under \$40 | 3. 7 | 11.1 | - | 11.1 | 3. 0 | 2. 1 | 3.0 | - | 9. 1 |
| \$41-60 | 7. 7 | 19.0 | - | 19.0 | 4. 0 | 6. 3 | 3.0 | 6. 9 | 18. 2 |
| \$61-80 | 10.4 | 9.5 | - | 9.5 | 8. 0 | 11.7 | 7. 9 | 15.5 | 9. 1 |
| \$81-100 | 18.4 | 25.4 | - | 25.4 | 18.0 | 16.7 | 18.8 | 14. 7 | 18.2 |
| \$101-120 | 19.9 | 14.3 | - | 14.3 | 29.0 | 17.6 | 19.8 | 16. 4 | 13.6 |
| \$121-150 | 28. 1 | 19.0 | - | 19.0 | 25.0 | 31.8 | 39.6 | 28.4 | 13.6 |
| \$151-200 | 7. 0 | 1.6 | - | 1.6 | 10.0 | 7. 1 | 4.0 | 7. 8 | 18.2 |
| Over \$200 | 4. 7 | - | - | - | 3. 0 | 6.7 | 4.0 | 10.3 | - |
| Marital status Total reported | 492 | 91 | 2 | 89 | 127 | 274 | 111 | 137 | 26 |
| Percent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Married | 39.2 | 8. 8 | - | 9.0 | 29.9 | 53.6 | 57.7 | 50.4 | 53. 8 |
| Single | 48. 2 | 90.1 | 100.0 | 89.9 | 66. 1 | 25.9 | 32.4 | 25.5 | - |
| Separated | 6. 7 | 1.1 | - | 1.1 | 2. 4 | 10.6 | 5.4 | 13.9 | 15.4 |
| Divorced | 4. 7 | - | - | - | 1.6 | 7. 7 | 3.6 | 8.8 | 19.2 |
| Widowed | 1. 2 | - | - | - | - | 2. 2 | . 9 | 1.5 | 11.5 |
| Persons living in house <br> Total reported ....... | 487 | 92 | 2 | 90 | 125 | 270 | 109 | 137 | 24 |
| Percent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1 | 16. 4 | 3. 3 | - | 3. 3 | 15. 2 | 21.5 | 12.8 | 25. 5 | 37.5 |
| 2-3 | 24.6 | 19.6 | - | 20.0 | 28. 0 | 24.8 | 25.7 | 21. 2 | 41. 7 |
| 4-7 | 46. 0 | 53. 3 | 50.0 | 53. 3 | 44. 8 | 44.1 | 48.6 | 44. 5 | 20. 8 |
| 8 or more | 12. 9 | 23.9 | 50.0 | 23. 3 | 12.0 | 9.6 | 12.8 | 8.8 | - |
| Government training Total reported . | 489 | 93 | 2 | 91 | 126 | 270 | 112 | 132 | 26 |
| Percent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Yes | 16.6 | 30. 1 | - | 30.8 | 15.1 | 12.6 | 10.7 | 15.2 | 7. 7 |
| No | 83.4 | 69.9 | 100.0 | 69.2 | 84. 9 | 87.4 | 89.3 | 84. 8 | 92. 3 |

# RESPONSES TO QUESTIONNAIRE 

(Total number interviewed-496)

1. Age $\qquad$
Number Percent

| Total reported | 496 | 100.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Under 16 years | 2 | .4 |
| $16-19$ years | 91 | 18.3 |
| $20-24$ years | 127 | 25.6 |
| $25-29$ years | 112 | 22.6 |
| $30-44$ years | 138 | 27.8 |
| 45 and over | 26 | 5.2 |
| Not reported | --- | --- |

2. Sex M F (circle please)
[Only men were interviewed.]
3. Highest school grade completed

Number Percent

| Total reported | 491 | 100.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Under 8 years | 39 | 7.9 |
| 8 years | 22 | 4.5 |
| 9-11 years | 248 | 50.5 |
| 12 years | 156 | 31.8 |
| Over 12 | 26 | 5.3 |
| Not reported | 5 | - |

4. Employed $\qquad$ Unemployed $\qquad$

|  | Number | Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total reported | 490 | 100.0 |
| Employed | 383 | 78.2 |
| Unemployed | 107 | 21.8 |
| Not reported | 6 |  |

5. Kind of work you do

Number Percent

| Total reported | 430 | 100.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Operative | 124 | 28.8 |
| Service | 79 | 18.4 |
| $\quad$ Automobile | 59 | 13.7 |
| $\quad$ plant | 52 | 12.1 |
| Laborers | 52 | 7.4 |
| Craftsmen | 32 | 19.5 |
| Other | 84 | - |

6. Salary paid by that job per week \$

Number Percent

| Total reported | 402 | 100.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Under $\$ 40$ | 15 | 3.7 |
| $\$ 41-60$ | 31 | 7.7 |
| $\$ 61-80$ | 42 | 10.4 |
| $\$ 81-100$ | 74 | 18.4 |
| $\$ 101-120$ | 80 | 19.9 |
| $\$ 121-150$ | 113 | 28.1 |
| $\$ 151-200$ | 28 | 7.0 |
| Over $\$ 200$ | 19 | 4.7 |
| Not reported | 94 | - |

7. If on aid program, state weekly sum provided $\$$


Number Percent
Receiving aid 19 3.8
Not receiving aid 477
96.2
[Amount of aid was not reported by sufficient numbers to be meaningful.]
8. City and state of birth
Number Percent

| Total reported | 492 | 100.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Detroit | 174 | 35.4 |
| Other Michigan | 12 | 2.4 |
| Deep South 2/ | 196 | 39.8 |
| All other | 110 | 22.4 |
| Not reported | 4 | - |

9. Years in Detroit (if months, print M after figure)

Number Percent
Total reported $487 \quad 100.0$ Under 1 year 29 $1-5$ years 71 $6-15$ years $\quad 89$
Over 15 years 298
Not reported
9
10. Religion (don't probe) 1/ Do you attend church regularly? Yes $\qquad$

|  | Number | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |
| Religion |  |  |
| Total reported | 450 | 100.0 |
| Protestant | 359 | 79.8 |
| Catholic | 44 | 9.8 |
| Muslim | 3 | .7 |
| None | 28 | 6.2 |
| Other | 16 | 3.6 |
| Not reported | 46 | - |

Church Attendance
Total reported 408 Yes 175 No 233
Not reported 88
11. Marital status

Number Percent

| Total reported | 492 | 100.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Married | 193 | 39.2 |
| Single | 237 | 48.2 |
| Separated | 33 | 6.7 |


| Divorced | 23 | 4.7 |
| :---: | ---: | :---: |
| Widowed | 6 | 1.2 |
| Not reported | 4 | - |

12. Number gf $^{\text {f children }}$ you have

|  | Number | Percent |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |
| Total reported | 447 | 100.0 |
| 0 | 170 | 38.0 |
| 1 | 85 | 19.0 |
| $2-4$ | 154 | 34.5 |
| 5 and over | 38 | 8.5 |
| Not reported | 49 | - |

13. When you were growing up, were your parents: Together Separated or divorced $\qquad$
Number Percent

| Total reported | 493 | 100.0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Together | 296 | 60.0 |
| Not together | 197 | 40.0 |
| Not reported | 3 | - |

14. Who do you live with? 1/

## Number Percent

| Total reported | 490 | 100.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| $\quad$ Wife | 41 | 8.4 |
| Family | 119 | 24.3 |
| Both parents | 49 | 10.0 |
| Father | 15 | 3.1 |
| Mother | 80 | 16.3 |
| Other relatives | 63 | 12.9 |
| Friends | 21 | 4.3 |
| Alone | 90 | 18.4 |
| $\quad$ Other |  |  |
| $\quad$ (YMCA, etc.) | 12 | 2.4 |
| Not reported | 6 | - |

15. How many persons live together in your house? $\qquad$ 1

Number Percent
Total reported
487
100.0

1
80
16.4

2-3
120
24. 6

4-7
224
46. 0

Number
Percent
8 or more 63
63
Not reported 9
16. Have you ever voted? Yes $\qquad$ No

Number Percent

| Total reported | 480 | 100.0 |
| :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Yes | 241 | 50.2 |
| No | 239 | 49.8 |
| Not reported | 16 | - |

17. Have you been in any government retraining, youth, poverty, or other such program? Yes_ No_ If yes, what program?

Number Percent

| Total reported | 489 | 100.0 |
| :--- | ---: | :---: |
| Yes | 81 | 16.6 |
| No | 408 | 83.4 |
| Not reported | 7 | - |
| Program 3 | - | - |

18. What do you think of it? $\qquad$ 4/

|  | Number |  | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  | 102 | 100.0 |
| Total reported | 102 | 82.4 |  |
| $\quad$ Favorable | 84 | 8 |  |
| Unfavorable | 14 |  | 13.7 |
| Other response | 4 |  | 3.9 |
| Not reported | 397 |  | - |

19. What clubs or organizations do you belong to? $\qquad$ 5

Number Percent

| Total reported | 6 | 100.0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| National fraternal |  |  |
| (Elk, Mason, etc.) | 28 | 26. 4 |
| Local--athletic or social | 25 | 23.6 |
| Church affiliated | 7 | 6.6 |
| Union | 16 | 15.1 |
| Civil Rights <br> (NAACP, etc.) | 16 | 15.1 |
| Other | 14 | 13.2 |
| Not reported | 410 |  |

20. What is your favorite amusement? 5/

Total reported 542100.0 Sport (baseball, fishing, pool, etc.) 286
52. 8

Music or other cultural activities (reading class, etc.) $112 \quad 20.7$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { TV, radio } & 20 & 3.7\end{array}$
Movies 22 4.1
"Drink," "women," "meeting people," etc. 26
4. 8

Other
76
14.0

Not reported 23
-
21. Have you ever had a nervous condition that anybody thought you should see a doctor for? Yes No__ If yes, please tell what seemed to be wrong. 3/

Number Percent

| Total reported | 492 | 100.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| $\quad$ Yes | 68 | 13.8 |
| No | 424 | 86.2 |
| Not repor ted | 4 | - |
| Who is your favorite | Negro |  |
| leader? |  |  |


|  | Number | Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total reported | 363 | 100.0 |
| Rev. Martin Luther King | 178 | 49.0 |
| Stokely Carmichael | 52 | 14. 3 |
| Adam Clayton Powell | 24 | 6.6 |
| Muharnmad Ali | 21 | 5.8 |
| Malcolm X | 20 | 5.5 |
| Elijah Muhammad | - 12 | 3.3 |
| Other | 56 | 15.4 |
| Not reported | 133 | - |

23. Why? $\qquad$

Total reported | Number | Percent |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |

Like what he says (program) 157
45.5

Helped Negro people (ac-complishments) 69
Doesn't preach hate (nonviolence)
Says what he means
Forceful or
violent approach

11
20. 0

Leads in the right direc-

| tion | 21 | 6.1 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Other | 38 | 11.0 |
| ot reported | 151 | - |

Not reported
151
24. Who do you like second best? ——— 5

25. Why? $\qquad$

|  | Number | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total repcrted <br> Like what he <br> says (pro- <br> gram) | 99 | 100.0 |
|  | 26 | 26.3 |

Helped Negro people (ac-complishments) 31
31.3

Doesn't preach hate (nonviolence) 16
16. 2

Says what he means 13
13.1

Forceful or violent approach
Other
Not reported
397
26. Please name other Negro leaders you have heard of. $\qquad$ 5/

## Number Percent

Total reported $644 \quad 100.0$
Muhammad $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Ali } & 22 & 3\end{array}$
Stokely Carmichael 97
15. 1

Elijah Muhammad

28
4. 3

Rev. Martin Luther King 158
24.5

Malcolm X
42
6.5

Adam Clayton Powell

71
226
Not reported 126
11.0
35. 1
-
27. What famous person would you like most to be like? $\qquad$
Number Percent

| Total reported | 356 | 100.0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| "Myself" | 62 | 17.4 |
| Rev. Martin Luther King | 40 | 11.2 |
| Muhammad Ali | 31 | 8.7 |
| John F. Kennedy | 25 | 7. 0 |
| Stokely Carmichael | 6 | 1.7 |
| Elijah Muhammad | 6 | 1.7 |
| Malcolm X | 1 | 3 |
| Sports figures | 48 | 13.5 |


| Entertainers | 47 | 13.2 |
| :--- | ---: | :---: |
| Other | 90 | 25.3 |
| Not reported | 140 | - |

28. Will there ever come a day when the Negro has everything the white man has? Yes___ No___ When? $\qquad$ Years $\qquad$ Number Percent

| Total reported | 458 | 100.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Yes | 347 | 75.8 |
| No | 111 | 24.2 |
| Not reported | 38 | - |
|  |  |  |
| Total reported | 380 | 100.0 |
| Under l0 years | 93 | 24.5 |
| 10-20 | 103 | 27.1 |
| $21-40$ | 32 | 8.4 |
| 40 plus | 74 | 19.5 |
| Never | 78 | 20.5 |
| Not reported | 116 | - |

29. What is the best way for the Negro to go about getting civil rights? 1/

|  | Number | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total reported <br> Nonviolent, | 565 | 100.0 |
| political <br> action | 158 | 28.0 |
| United <br> action | 119 | 21.1 |
| Education <br> Raise self- | 89 | 15.8 |
| esteem | 58 | 10.3 |
| Force and <br> violence | 83 | 14.7 |
| Other | 58 | 10.3 |
| Not reported | 85 | - |

30. Is there any person you know and talk to regularly who thinks riots are a good thing? Yes__ No Relationship $\qquad$

| Total reported | 481 | 100.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Yes | 86 | 17.9 |

No
395
82. 1

Not reported 15

| Relationshipl/ |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Total reported | 846 | 100.0 |
| $\quad$ Relative | 5 | 6.0 |
| Friend | 53 | 63.1 |
| Casual ac- |  |  |
| quaintance | 17 | 20.2 |
| Other | 9 | 10.7 |
| Not reported | 412 | - |

31. When did you last talk to him about such things? During riot, at start of riot, a few hours before riot, the day before, a few days before, week before, weeks before, month or more before. Circle correct answer above, or fill in OTHER:

|  | Number | Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total reported | 677 | 100.0 |
| During riot | $16^{-}$ | 23.9 |
| At start of riot | t 4 | 6.0 |
| A few hours before riot | 3 | 4. 5 |
| The day before | e 5 | 7. 5 |
| A few days before | - 4 | 6. 0 |
| A week before | 6 | 9. 0 |
| Weeks before | 6 | 9. 0 |
| Month or more before | 15 | 22. 4 |
| Other | 8 | 11.9 |
| Not reported | 429 |  |

32. Is there any person you know and talk to regularly who thinks riots are a bad thing? Yes__ No _ Relationship $\qquad$ Number Percent

| Total reported | 478 | 100.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Yes | 268 | 56.1 |
| No | 210 | 43.9 |
| Not reported | 18 | - |
| Relationshipl/ |  |  |
| $\quad$ Total reported | $2498 /$ | 100.0 |
| $\quad$ Relative | $78^{-}$ | 31.3 |

Number Percent
Friend ..... 129 ..... 51.8Casual ac-quaintance15

$$
6.0
$$Other27

10.8
Not reported ..... 259
33. When did you last talk to himabout such things? During riot,at start of riot, a few hours be-fore riot, the day before, a fewdays before, week before, weeksbefore, month or more before.Circle correct answer above, orfill in OTHER:
Number Percent
Total reported $2209 / 100.0$
During riot ..... 60 ..... 27. 3
At start of riot ..... 17 ..... 7. 7
A few hours be- fore riot ..... 3. 6
The day before ..... 14 ..... 6.4
A few days be-fore 146.4
A week before ..... 17 ..... 7. 7
Weeks before ..... 23 ..... 10.5
Month or morebefore 3616.4
Other ..... 31 ..... 14. 1
Not reported ..... 278
34. Is there any famous Negro whothinks these riots are a good thing?Yes
$\qquad$ No $\qquad$ Who?

|  | Number | Percent |
| :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Total reported | 443 | 100.0 |
| Yes | 119 | 26.9 |
| No | 324 | 73.1 |
| Not reported | 53 | - |

Who $\qquad$
Number Percent

| Total re- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ported 19 | 123 | 100.0 |
| Stokely Carmichael | 72 | 58. 5 |


| Rev. Martin |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| $\quad$ Luther King | 10 | 8.1 |
| Malcolm X | 10 | 8.1 |
| Muhammad Ali | 6 | 4.9 |
| Elijah Muham- |  |  |
| $\quad$ mad | 2 | 1.6 |
| Other | 23 | 18.7 |
| Not reported | 48 | - |

35. Is there any famous Negro who thinks these riots are a bad thing? Yes $\qquad$ No

Number Percent

| Total reported | 451 | 100.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Yes | 261 | 57.9 |
| No | 190 | 42.1 |
| Not reported | 45 | - |

Who $\qquad$ Number Percent

| Total reported lo/ | 269 | 100.0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Martin |  |  |
| Luther King | 185 | 68.8 |
| Roy Wilkins | 14 | 5.2 |
| Adam Clayton |  |  |
| Powell | 7 | 2.6 |
| Dick Gregory | 5 | 1.9 |
| Stokely Carmichael | 4 | 1.5 |
| Muhammad Ali | 4 | 1. 5 |
| Elijah Muhammad | 1 | - |
| Malcolm X | 1 | - |
| Other | 48 | 17. 8 |
| Not reported | 39 | - |

36. What other cities have had riot troubles like Detroit? $\qquad$
Number Percent
Total re-

| ported 5/ | 1,108 | 100.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Los Ange- |  |  |
| les (Watts) | 228 | 20.6 |
| Chicago | 192 | 17.3 |
| Newark | 185 | 16.7 |

Number
Percent

| New York | 181 | 16.3 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Cleveland | 101 | 9.1 |
| Milwaukee | 20 | 1.8 |
| Birmingham | 20 | 1.8 |
| Other cities | 181 | 16.3 |

37. Where did you hear about other cities having such riots? $\qquad$
Number Percent

| Total re- |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| ported 5/ | 730 | 100.0 |
| $\quad$ TV | 258 | 35.3 |
| Radio | 144 | 19.7 |
| Newspapers | 238 | 32.6 |
| Other | 90 | 12.4 |
| Not reported | 71 | - |

38. Does your home have a:__TV
set__Tadio?
Number Percent

| Total reported | 496 | 100.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| TV and radio | 391 | 78.8 |
| TV only | 28 | 5.6 |
| Radio only | 43 | 8.7 |
| None | 34 | 6.9 |

39. Have you seen any race riots on TV? Yes $\qquad$ No Which ones did they show?

|  | Number | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |
| Total reported | 470 | 100.0 |
| Yes | 376 | 80.0 |
| No | 94 | 20.0 |
| Not reported | 26 | - |

Which ones?

|  | Number | Percent |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total re- |  |  |  |
| ported 10/ | 463 | 100.0 |  |
| $\quad$ Watts (L. A.) | 138 | 29.8 |  |
| Newark | 92 | 19.9 |  |
| Chicago- |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Cicero | 46 |  | 9.9 |


| Harlem | 38 | 8.2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Detroit | 38 | 8.2 |
| Birmingham | 27 | 5.8 |
| Cleveland | 19 | 4.1 |
| Selma | 18 | 3.9 |

40. What were most of the people doing in these race riots?
(Examples: looting, attacking police, sniping, setting fire, etc. Probe: Ask what they seemed to be doing most-such as, mostly sniping, setting fires, etc.)

Number Percent
Total re-
ported 1/5/ 483
Looting; burning, fighting 226
46. 8

Police vio-
lence (beating, dogs, etc.) 83 17.2

Police action, no violent arrests, hold back crowds, etc.

26
5. 4

Crowd action, nonviolent; or action by other officials (firemen, etc.) $88 \quad 18.2$
Other 60
12.4

Not reported
126
41. What TV shows do you watch the most?
General Television Program
Categories
(No specific program title mentioned)
73 Western
63 News
54 Total Sports References
10 Boxing \& Wrestling
7 Baseball
1 Football
36 Sports in General
49 Movies
14 VarietyMysteries
13 Comedies
12 ..... All
8 Specials
7 Science Fiction
6 Cartoons
3 Adventures
Dramas
Quiz ProgramsEducational Programs
2 Discussion Programs
1 Spy Movies
Space ShowsCommercialsArmy (Documentary)Musicals
332 General Program Category
(No specific program titlementioned)
309 Specific Program Title Men-tioned
64 "None" and "Unknown"
705 Total Responses
(Specific Television Program Titles Mentioned)
30 I Spy
24 The Fugitive
21 Mission Impossible
19 The Ed Sullivan Show
13 Swinging Time
12 The Johnny Carson Show Combat
9 Bonanza21

8 The Invaders Bill Kennedy Star Trek

7 Gunsmoke
6 The Joey Bishop Show Rat Patrol The Honeymooners-Jackie Gleason

5 Cheyenne

## Green Hornet

110 Other titles

309 Total references to specific programs
42. What newspapers do you read regularly?

Number Percent

| Total re- |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| ported 5/ | 636 | 100.0 |
| $\quad$ Detroit News | 310 | 48.7 |
| Free Press | 167 | 26.3 |
| Chronicle | 76 | 11.9 |
| None | 38 | 6.0 |
| Other | 45 | 7.1 |
| Not reported | 30 | - |

43. What magazines to you read regularly?

Number Percent
Total re-
ported 5/ $\quad 715 \quad 100.0$
Ebony ${ }^{-} 166 \quad 23.2$

Jet 109
15. 2

Life 99
13. 8

Esquire 15
2. 1
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Sports Mlus - } \\ \text { trated } & 14 & 2.0\end{array}$
Look 45 6.3
Reader's Digest 34

72
Other 161
Not reported 69
44. What radio programs do you hear regularly? $\qquad$ Number Percent

| Total reported | 505 | 100.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Stations | 257 | 50.9 |
| WCHB | 175 | 34.7 |
| WCHD | 35 | 6.9 |
| WJLB | 28 | 5.5 |
| CKLW | 7 | 1.4 |
| WCAR | 5 | 1.0 |
| WXYZ | 4 | .8 |
| WJBK | 3 | .6 |

$\frac{\text { Type of Program }}{\text { "Soul" and jazz }} 248$
49. 1 music 108
21.4

News 28 5.5

Personality shows (specified) 47
Church and religious $18 \quad 3.6$
Sports $12 \quad 2.4$

| FM Music | 9 | 1.8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

Serials and adventures 4 . 8
All other 22
Not reported 96
45. How do you feel when you see a race riot on TV?

Number Percent
Total re-
ported 5/
418
100.0

Critical of police or other officials 34
Critical of Negroes

10
Critical of whites or society 30
Feel bad, sad 130
Angry, frustrated, mad 36
No feeling 37
Have sense of association
8. 1
2. 4
7. 2
31.1
8.6
8. 9
with the rioters
Other 58
83
97
Not reported
13.9
19.9
-
46. How did you first find out there was trouble going on in Detroit? (Respondent should answer without prompting; but if no answer, probe into these possibilities: Heard noise on street, friend phoned, was out in street and saw it, saw it announced on TV, heard about it on radio, etc.)

Number Percent

| Total Re-5/ |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| portedl |  |  |
| Friend - | 468 | 100.0 |
| Relative | 102 | 21.8 |
| TV - Radio | 51 | 10.9 |
| Saw it in |  | 26.5 |
| street | 80 | 17.1 |
| Other | 111 | 23.7 |
| Not reported | 32 | - |

47. What did that source inform you was happening? (If necessary, probe): Please try to remember his (the source's) exact words. 3/
48. After that, who did you tell about it? (relationship of person, not name): $\qquad$ Try to remember your exact words 3 $\qquad$ How did you inform that person? By personal contact $\qquad$ Byphone $\qquad$

## Told who?

Number Percent
Total reported $\quad 378 \quad 100.0$

| No one | 184 | 48.7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

Relatives $91 \quad 24.1$

Friends 80
21.2 Other 23
6.1

Not reported
122

Number Percent
How informed?

| Total re- <br> ported I1/ <br> Personal <br> contact | 191 | 170 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| By phone | 21 | 89.0 |
|  |  | 11.0 |

49. Try to remember your exact words. 3

Cmember your exact
50. What time of day did you hear about it first? $\qquad$
Number Percent

| Total reported | 421 | 100.0 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| $1-4 \mathrm{am}$ | 38 | 9.0 |
| $5-8 \mathrm{am}$ | 51 | 12.1 |
| $9-12 \mathrm{noon}$ | 112 | 26.6 |
| $1-4 \mathrm{pm}$ | 74 | 17.6 |
| $5-8 \mathrm{pm}$ | 76 | 18.1 |
| $9-12$ midnight | 36 | 8.6 |
| After Sunday | 34 | 8.1 |
| Not reported | 75 | - |

51. What time did you first go to the scene to find out what was going on?

How long was this after you first heard about it?

Number Percent

| What time? |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Total reported | 403 | 100.0 |
| $1-4$ am | 16 | 4.0 |
| $5-8$ am | 15 | 3.7 |
| $9-12$ noon | 31 | 7.7 |
| $1-44 \mathrm{pm}$ | 65 | 16.1 |
| $5-8 \mathrm{pm}$ | 68 | 16.9 |
| $9-12 \mathrm{midnight}$ | 51 | 12.7 |
| Did not go | 86 | 21.3 |
| After Sunday | 71 | 17.6 |
| Not reported | 93 | - |
| How long after? |  |  |
| Total reported | 388 | 100.0 |
| Was at the |  |  |
| scene | 24 | 6.2 |
| Under l hour | 67 | 17.3 |
| l-6 hours | 109 | 28.1 |


| $7-18$ hours $\quad 73$ | 18.8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

18-24 hours 11

$$
2.8
$$

$$
\text { Over } 24 \text { hours } \quad 17 \quad 4.4
$$

$$
\text { Did not go } 87
$$

$$
22.4
$$

$$
\text { Not reported } 108
$$

52.Number Percent
Total reported 5/ ..... 477
100.0
Looting, fighting, other violence 221 ..... 46. 3
Police or military action 103 ..... 21.6
Fire, damage, broken glass 81 ..... 17.0
People standing a round ..... 38
8.0
Other ..... 34
7.1 ..... 110
53. What were most of the people doing the most of? (Examples: looting, sniping, fighting police, etc.) $\qquad$ (Probe into more serious activities also if response is "just standing around" by asking "What else?'")

Number Percent

Total
reported 5/ $422 \quad 100.0$
Looting,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { fighting, other } \\
& \text { violence } 220
\end{aligned}
$$

Police or military action 20

Fire, damage, broken glass 29
6.9

People standing around 133
Other 20
Not reported 5/ 103
31.5
4. 7
54. What was the worst thing they were doing? $\qquad$
Number Percent

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { reported 5/ } \end{aligned}$ | 368 | 100.0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Looting, fighting, other violence | 109 | 29.6 |
| Police or military action | 28 | 7.6 |
| Fire, damage, broken glass | 139 | 37.8 |
| People standing a round | 11 | 3.0 |
| "Don't know" | 39 | 10.6 |
| Other | 42 | 11.4 |
| Not reported | 134 | - |

55. Did you meet any friends there?

|  | Number | Percent |
| :---: | :---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |
| Total reported | 405 | 100.0 |
| Yes | 151 | 37.3 |
| No | 254 | 62.7 |

56. If somebody said there was a terrible emergency that was happening someplace, how would you check to find out if it were true?

|  | Number | Percent |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| Total reported <br> Go there | 498 | 100.0 |
| myself | 112 | 22.5 |
| Telephone | 96 | 19.3 |
| Radio, TV | 184 | 36.9 |
| Phone police | 49 | 9.8 |
| Do nothing | 18 | 3.6 |
| Other | 39 | 7.8 |
| Not reported | 31 | - |

57. Just before you went to see the riot, where were you? (Do not suggest-let the respondent; but if necessary probe);
(a) $\qquad$
$\qquad$ At home inside.
(b) At home outside.

| ___ At a friend's inside. (d) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\qquad$ Outside, away from the riot. (f) Outside, right a |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| the scene. (g) $\qquad$ At a store, poolhall, or bowling alley. (h) |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| At a bar. (i) $\qquad$ Other (specify) |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Absolute |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{llr}\text { Total reported } \\ \begin{array}{c}\text { At home- } \\ \text { inside }\end{array} & 436 & 100.0 \\ \text { At }{ }^{\text {hom }} \text { ( }\end{array}$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| At home- |  |  |
| At friend's - |  |  |
| At friend's - |  | 5.0 |
| Outside-away |  |  |
| Outside-right |  |  |
| at the scene | e 23 | 5. 3 |
| Other | 69 | 15.8 |
| Not reported | 60 |  |

58. What were you doing just before you went to see the riot? $\qquad$

|  | Number | Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total reported | 416 | 100.0 |
| At home (general) | 129 | 31.0 |
| Watching TV | 39 | 9.4 |
| In bed | 70 | 16.8 |
| Sitting on porch (or outside) | 19 | 4.6 |
| In transit (from work, visiting) | 37 | 8. 9 |
| At the scene | 4 | 1.0 |
| With friends (talking) | 56 | 13.5 |
| Other | 62 | 14.9 |
| Not reported | 80 | - |

59. What do you think caused this trouble in Detroit? $\qquad$
60. Are you in debt now for? $\qquad$ How much?

## Back rent

Car payment
Medical expenses
Food
Clothing
Other
Number Percent

| Total Inter- |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| viewed | 157 | 100.0 |
| Did not re- |  |  |
| port debts | 77 | 49.0 |
| Reported debt | 80 | 51.0 |

Types of indebtedness Total re
ported
/ Rent
Car Medical exexpenses $29 \quad 22.5$ Food 31531

| Total indebtedness <br> Total re- |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| $\quad$ ported | 71 | 100.0 |
| Under $\$ 200$ | 38 | 53.5 |
| $\$ 201-500$ | 20 | 28.2 |
| $\$ 501-1,000$ | 4 | 5.6 |
| Over $\$ 1,000$ | 9 | 12.7 |
| Not re- |  |  |
| ported | 9 | - |

69. Have you ever had a judgment (a court order to pay a debt) against you? Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$

|  | Number |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percent |  |
| Total reported | 131 |  |
| Yes | 32 |  |
| No | 94.0 |  |
| Not reported |  | 26 |
|  |  | 75.6 |
| No |  | - |

70. Have you ever had anything you bought repossessed by the seller? Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$

|  | Number | Percent |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| Total reported | 136 | 100.0 |
| Yes | 24 | 17.6 |
| No | 112 | 82.4 |
| Not reported | 21 | - |

71. Were you ever in the Armed Forces? If yes, when-WW II-Korea-Viet Nam $\qquad$ Other $\qquad$
Number Percent
Total interviewed 157
100.0 Never served in Armed Forces 124
Served in Armed Forces $33 \quad 21.0$ When-World

| War II | 7 | 4.5 |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Korea | 9 | 5.7 |

Korea 9.7
Viet Nam 16
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Other } & 16 & 10.2\end{array}$

## FOOTNOTES

$\frac{1}{2}$ Classification developed subsequent to interview based on recorded response.
2/Deep South includes Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Nississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas.
3/Classification not made because of diversity of replies and need for individual analysis.
4/Some persons volunteered opinions on training programs who were not in these programs.
5/More than one response tabulated.
6 Only 84 of the 86 persons replying "yes" to the above reported.
$\frac{7}{8}$ Only 67 of the 86 persons replying "yes" to question 30 reported.
$8 /$ Only 249 of the 268 persons replying "yes" to the above reported.
9 Only 220 of the 268 persons replying "yes"' to question 32 reported.
I0 More than one response was tabulated applicable to "Yyes"" above.
II/ Only 191 of the 194 persons who reported that they had informed someone about the riot replied to this question.
12 Applicable to "yes" replies of previous question.

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[^0]:    1/Four hundred prisoners reported on marital status and weekly earnings.
    2/Three hundred and ninetynine prisoners reported on earnings and education.

