

Youth lose faith in police - survey

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Johannesburg - Nearly three quarters of young South Africans have lost confidence in the country's police force, according to a survey company which released their findings on Wednesday.

"Young people feel police are not doing their jobs properly, and they see police performance as getting worse - not better," said Pondering Panda's spokesperson Shirley Wakefield in a statement.

She said that 71% of the 3 320 respondents between the ages of 18 and 34 believed that police were getting worse at their jobs.

Compared to the 48% of respondents who in June 2012 had felt police standards were falling, this showed that in March nearly a quarter more of young South Africans joined the ranks of the dissatisfied.

The survey was conducted this month via cellphone interviews with a demographically representative sample.

In the survey, 71% of young South Africans also rated police as either doing their job "not very" or "not at all" well.

The number of young South Africans who thought police were improving was halved from 26% in June last year to 13% this March.

Exactly three quarters of those surveyed thought police corruption was increasing.

Wakefield said that one possible consequence of these perceptions was a rise in vigilante justice, where communities meted out punishment themselves to suspected criminals.

"If government wants to curb vigilantism and restore the faith of young people in the police, it needs to improve police discipline and training, and demonstrate that communities can safely turn to the police for help when faced with crime."



Jamba - March 27, 2013 at 12:43

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Why only the youth? Everybody is losing faith.

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Brian Tebogo Mogotsi - March 27, 2013 at 12:59

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Who wouldn't? Actually it's the government that's to blame.

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ProfAndyZulu - March 27, 2013 at 12:51

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Yes, and why not? Konstable Abel and Piet have never been our friends and now they are just as likely to do something criminal to you as they are to help you... Can't blame the youth: it is called voting with your feet...

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jacqui.daanevanrensborg - March 27, 2013 at 12:51

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They are not the only ones losing faith in the police.

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Ken Amery - March 27, 2013 at 12:54

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Do you blame them the whole system is a joke and by the way it is not only the youth!!

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Mark Singh Singh - March 27, 2013 at 13:01

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Is SA the only country that classifies a 34 year old as a youth?

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sam.makua.10 - March 27, 2013 at 13:01

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Oh yeah here we go again! Youth this ... Youth that... surveys ..boring. As black youth, we are losing faith in getting employment after graduation because we don't have those connections that blankes have in the workplace!

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Brandon Buckley - March 27, 2013 at 13:16

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Pathetic comment!! What is BBBEE?? Ask your lecturer to draw pictures in the sand for you!

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Monique Naude - March 27, 2013 at 13:17

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I don't have stuff all connections in any workplaces. I never gained from Apartheid, and now I am paying by being excluded from jobs because of my skin colour. Do yourself a favour and apply for BEE positions. Or go overseas and look for a job there. It has NOTHING to do with race here my friend. It is about everybody losing faith in those who are meant to protect us. You really have a chip on your shoulder Sam.

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Xola Ralarala - March 27, 2013 at 13:02

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Not all police r useless.

The truth is alot of them r useless and drunken masters.

But there r a few good police out there.

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Irukandji - March 27, 2013 at 13:19

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Show me a good cop, I dare you!

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Garrick Dunstan - March 27, 2013 at 13:07

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Yeah and they're the ones who never get promoted instead the useless ones who have connections who will keep boroughs anc president back in get pushed through the ranks

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Magda Henning - March 27, 2013 at 13:08

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Do a survey about faith in the ANC government. No faith in government which includes police.

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Joshua Sematla - March 27, 2013 at 13:09

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What's with news24 and these stupid panda surveys, don't u have anything positive to report about, like the growing number of young black entrepreneurs, the growing number young black people buying houses, the growing number of young black graduates and professionals and how black people have progressed since 1994. I'm sick n tired of negative bs

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Victor Dikgang Mabule - March 27, 2013 at 13:15

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Our police are doing a great job if you are not in the wrong why should you fight when questioned I would understand if you say they are not prompt when called go to CAR if you are not satisfied

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Irukandji - March 27, 2013 at 13:18

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The youth are wise beyond their years. I'd rather trust a car guard from Zimbabwe than a cop.

The cops are rotten to the core. ALL of them, I tell you!

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