

HELP END MOTORCYCLE PROFILING CO-SPONSOR H.RES.318 & S.RES.154

SOUTH DAKOTA

FAST FACTS:

- 33% of respondents are American Veterans
- 98% voted in the 2016 General Election
- None of the respondents have been convicted of a felony
- An increase of profiling incidents have been reported since 2012
- 8% of respondents reported being denied access into a public areas such as publicly owned buildings or businesses due to wearing motorcycle attire

MOTORCYCLE AFFILIATION

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Motorcycle Club (1%er)	2.86%
Motorcycle Club	17.14%
Motorcycle Club or Association (Veterans)	8.57%
Motorcycle Club or Ministry (Religious)	2.86%
Motorcycle Club or Association (Clean and Sober)	2.86%
Riding Club	11.43%
Independent, no club affiliation	54.29%



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More and more, motorcyclists across the country feel singled out by law enforcement because of their appearance, apparel, or because they are simply riding a motorcycle. In fact, according to a recently conducted national survey, over half of the respondents felt they had been profiled by law enforcement despite not committing any traffic infractions. Unfortunately, the stereotype of the “criminal biker” has been exacerbated by television shows such as “Sons of Anarchy” that depict motorcyclists as dangerous and unlawful citizens, and responsible motorcyclists are suffering the consequences.



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WHAT IS MOTORCYCLE PROFILING?

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FAST FACTS:

- Over 14,000 riders have participated in this national survey by the Motorcycle Profiling Project ... this number continues to grow
- Since 2012, there has been a 53% increase in reported incidents
- Almost 40% of respondents are American Veterans
- 86% of respondents voted in 2016 General Election

WHO IS BEING TARGETED?

Answer Choices	Responses
Motorcycle Club (1%er)	8.53%
Motorcycle Club	26.98%
Motorcycle Club or Association (Veterans)	11.35%
Motorcycle Club or Ministry (Religious)	4.64%
Motorcycle Club or Association (Clean and Sober)	2.08%
Riding Club	7.23%
Independent, no club affiliation	39.19%

