

# Views on wrongful convictions among college students

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## HYPOTHESES

1. The hypothesis is that Criminal justice majors will report higher levels of agreement that the Criminal justice system is biased compared to Non-Criminal justice majors



## RESULTS

- T- test results showed no significant difference between criminal justice majors and non-criminal justice majors in their beliefs on if they believe the criminal justice is biased  $t(42) = .291, p = .772$ .
- Results show that both Criminal justice majors and Non- Criminal justice majors reported similar levels of agreement on if they believe the criminal justice system is biased.



## PARTICIPANTS

- ❖ 49 Participants
- ❖ 18 CRJU Majors/ 30 Non- CRJU Majors
- ❖ 15 Males/ 33 Females
- ❖ Race
  - ❖ African American (87%)
  - ❖ White, (2%),
  - ❖ Latino (4%),
  - ❖ Asian (2%),



## MEASURES

- ❖ Believe the criminal justice system is biased (N= 44, M= 7.18)
- ❖ Most students believed the criminal justice system was racially biased.

## DISCUSSION

The results of this study suggest the following:

- ❖ There was no significant difference between both criminal justice majors and non-criminal justice majors, on if they believe the criminal justice system is biased.
- ❖ Students of any major may already be educated or exposed to information about Wrongful convictions.
- ❖ Another explanation for these findings is that all participants attend a historically black institution, so issues related to wrongful convictions are limited to only criminal justice majors