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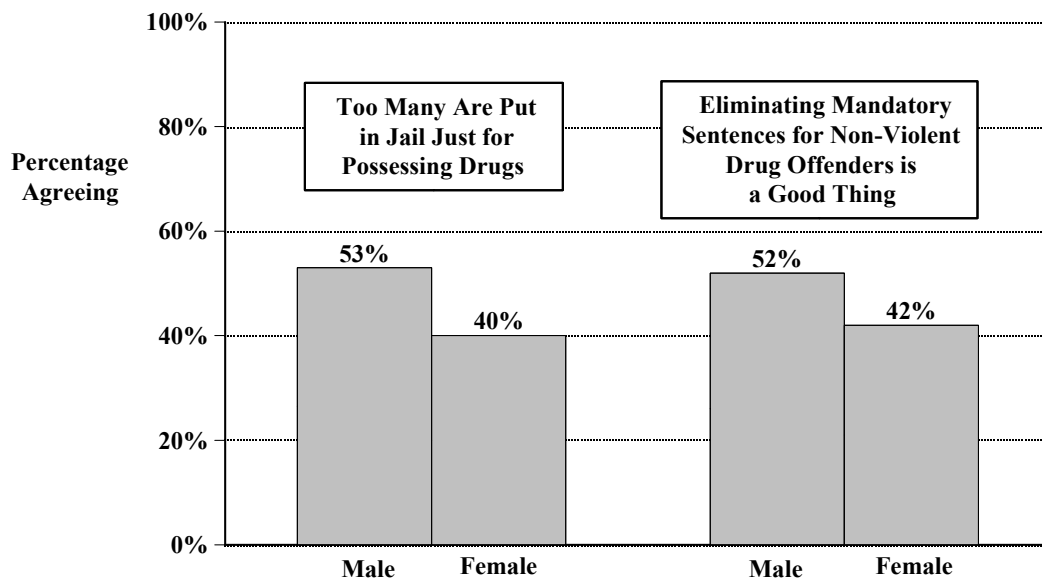
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### *Poll Finds Women More Likely to Support Harsher Drug Sentencing Laws*

Women are significantly more punitive than men when it comes to drug sentencing, according to a U.S. telephone poll conducted earlier this year. Over one-half of men believe that too many people are put in jail just for drugs, compared to only 40% of women. Men were more likely to support eliminating mandatory drug sentences for non-violent drug offenders (52% vs. 42%). Interestingly, “this gap exists despite the fact that women are about as likely as men to consider drug use to be a disease rather than a crime” (*Other Important Findings and Analyses*, p. 1). Additional poll results are available online at [www. people-press.org/drugs01rpt.htm](http://www.people-press.org/drugs01rpt.htm).

### Drug Sentencing Views of Male and Female U.S. Household Residents, February 2001

(n=1,513)



NOTE: Results are based on telephone interviews conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates among a nationwide sample of 1,513 adults between February 14-19, 2001. The sampling error is  $\pm 4.5\%$ .

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from The Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, *74% Say Drug War Being Lost, Interdiction and Incarceration Still Top Remedies*, March 21, 2001. Available online at [www.people-press.org/drugs01rpt.htm](http://www.people-press.org/drugs01rpt.htm).