

Polls and Surveys

Would you support or oppose a program giving ILLEGAL immigrants now living in the United States the right to live here LEGALLY if they pay a fine and meet other requirements?

Support

% Oppose

%

Unsure

%

9/27-30/07 58 35 7SOURCE: 9/30/2007- ABC News Poll, Fieldwork by ICR

N= 1035 adults nationwide MoE + 3In your view, what should be the higher priority in dealing with the issue of illegal immigration: developing a plan for halting the flow of illegal immigrants into the US, or developing a plan to deal with illegal immigrants who are already in the US, or should both be given the same priority? Halting Flow

%

Dealing with
those in US

%

Same

Priority

%

Unsure

%

7/6-8/07 20 25 53 2SOURCE: 7/8/2007 USA Today/Gallop Poll

N=1014 adults nationwide MoE+ 3Would you say that, in general, immigration is a good thing, a bad thing, or neither a good nor bad thing?

Good

%

Bad

%

Neither

%

Unsure

%

6/8-11/07 45 19 33 3Regardless of how you feel about it personally, do you think that deporting all illegal immigrants who are currently in the United States back to their native countries is a realistic and achievable goal, or not? Is

%

Is Not

%

Unsure

%

6/8-11/2007 1385 2Regardless of how you feel about it personally, do you think that having illegal immigrants who are currently in the United States voluntarily return to their native countries before applying to become legal citizens is a realistic and achievable goal, or not?

Is

%

Is Not

%

Unsure

%

6/8-11/2007

20

76

4

SOURCE: NBC/Wall Street Journal Poll conducted by the polling organization of Peter Hart (D) and Neil Newhouse (R).
June 8-11, 2007.

N=1,008 adults nationwide, MoE+ 3.1

Do you think illegal immigrants mostly take jobs that nobody wants or do they mostly take jobs away from Americans who

need them?

Jobs Nobody

Wants

%

Take Jobs

Away

%

Both (vol.)

%

Unsure

%

6/7-10/0756 27116 6/24-27/0751 27 17 5

One proposal would allow undocumented immigrants who have been living and working in the United States for a number of years, and who do not have a criminal record, to start on a path to citizenship by registering that they are in the country, paying a fine, getting fingerprinted, and learning English, amoth other requirements. Do you support or oppose this, or haven't you hear enough about it to say? Support

%

Oppose

%

Haven't Heard

%

Unsure

%

6/7-10/0763 23 12 2 6/24-27/076718 123

One proposal is to create a "guest worker" program that would give a temporary visa to nonciticens who want to work legally in the United States. Do you support or oppose this, or haven't you heard enough about it to say? Support

%

Oppose

%

Haven't Heard

%

Unsure

%

6/7-10/07492622

3

SOURCE: Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg Poll. June 7-10, 2007.

N=1183 adults nationwide MoE+ 3

If you had to choose, what do you think should happen to most illegal immigrants who have lived and worked in the United States for at least two years? They should be given a chance to keep their jobs and eventually apply for legal status. OR, They should be deported back to their native country.

Chance to

Keep Jobs

%

Deported

%

Unsure

%

5/18-23/07 62 33 53/07

60 36 45/4-8/07

61 35 4

Would you favor or oppose allowing illegal immigrants who came into the country before January to apply for a four-year visa that could be renewe, as long as they pay a \$5,000 fine, a fee, show a clean work record and pass a criminal background check? Favor

%

Oppose

%

Unsure

%

5/18-23/0767

28
5

SOURCE: CBS News/New York Times Poll. May 18-23, 2007.
N=1125 adults nationwide. MoE+ 3 Would you favor or oppose each of the following proposals?...
Building a 700 mile long fence on the border with Mexico Favor
%

Oppose
%
Unsure
%

5/4-6/07 45 53 210/20-22/06
45 53 26/8-11/06

45 50 5 Creating a program that would allow illegal immigrants already living in the United States for a number of years to stay in this country and apply for US citizenship if they had a job and paid back taxes

Favor
%
Oppose
%
Unsure
%

5/4-6/07
80
19
1

10/20-22/0677

21 2
6/8-11/0679
18

3 SOURCE: CNN/Opinion Research Corporation Poll. May 4-6, 2007.
N=1028 adults nationwide. MoE+ 3As you may know the government is considering issuing new tamper-proof Social Security cards as a way for people to prove they are eligible to work in the United States. Would you favor or oppose requiring people to show this card in order to get a job in the US?

Favor
%
Oppose
%
Unsure
%

3/2-4/07 86 10 3

Which comes closest to your view about what government policy should be toward illegal immigrants currently residing in the United States? Should the government deport all illegal immigrants back to their home country, allow illegal immigrants to remain in the United States in order to work but only for a limited amount of time, or allow illegal immigrants to remain in the United States and become US citizens but only if they meet certain requirements over a period of time? Options rotated

Deport All
%
Remain for
Limited Time
%
Remain if
Meet Certain
Requirements
%

Unsure
%

3/2-4/07 24 15 59 2 6/8-25/06 16 17 66 1 5/5-7/06 21 15 61 3 4/7-9/06 18 17 63 2SOURCE: USA Today/Gallup Poll. March 2-4, 2007.

N=1010 adults nationwide. MoE+ 3Comprehensive Reform Proposal- Language
Now thinking about immigration policy- Congress is considering several different proposals for immigration reform. If Congress was considering legislations which would do the following to create an earned legalization program:
- Provide resources to greatly increase border security

- Impose much tougher penalties on employers who hire illegal workers
- Allow additional foreign workers to come to the United States to work for a temporary period
- Create a system in which illegal immigrants could come forward and register, pay a fine, and receive a temporary worker permit
- Provide these temporary workers with a multi-year path to earned citizenship, if they get to the end of the line and meet certain requirements like living crime free, learning English, paying taxes

Would you favor or oppose passage of this legislation? 4/07 7/06 Favor 75% 71% Oppose 17% 23% Unsure 8% 6%

Do you believe this proposal is the same thing as amnesty for illegal immigrants or is it not amnesty at all?

7/06 Amnesty 33% Not Amnesty 52% Unsure 13%

SOURCE: The Tarrance Group. April 15-19, 2007.
N=800 Registered "Likely" Voters. MoE+ 3.5 07/06/2006 - Let Them Earn Their Legal Status - The American Spirit Lives On 07/06/2006 - Comprehensive Immigration Reform Now - Americans Want and Deserve Economic and National Security 06/29/2006 - Ayres McHenry & Assoc: The Importance of Reaching Agreement on Immigration Reform 06/23/2006 - National Survey of Registered Voters Re: Immigration Legislation & Choices Facing the Conference Committee 06/22/2006 - The Tarrance Group: Key Findings from a Nationwide Survey of Registered Likely Republican Voters 06/15/2006 - WSJ/NBC Poll: Public Warms to Bush Immigration Stance 06/12/2006 - Manhattan Institute: A Survey of Republican Voter Attitudes in the US