A NATIONAL SURVEY OF VOTER ATTITUDES ON IMMIGRATION REFORM

A BI-PARTISAN POLL FIELDED BY THE TARRANCE GROUP AND LAKE RESEARCH PARTNERS

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N= 1,010 REGISTERED “LIKELY” VOTERS / ±3.1% M.O.E.
DO YOU FEEL THINGS IN THIS COUNTRY ARE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, OR HAVE THEY GOTTEN OFF ON THE WRONG TRACK?
PLEASE TELL ME WHICH ONE OF THESE ISSUES YOU PERSONALLY WORRY ABOUT THE MOST.

- **Iraq**
  - Mar-06: 17%
  - Mar-05: 9%

- **The economy & jobs**
  - Mar-06: 22%
  - Mar-05: 11%

- **Terrorism & national security**
  - Mar-06: 11%
  - Mar-05: 10%

- **Moral values**
  - Mar-06: 10%
  - Mar-05: 9%

- **Health care**
  - Mar-06: 9%
  - Mar-05: 8%

- **Illegal immigration**
  - Mar-06: 8%
  - Mar-05: 5%

- **Retirement & Social Security**
  - Mar-06: 16%
  - Mar-05: 12%

- **Education**
  - Mar-06: 10%
  - Mar-05: 7%

- **Other**
  - Mar-06: 21%
  - Mar-05: 16%

* Wording slightly different
WHAT IF THERE WERE A CANDIDATE WHO STOOD FOR MOST OF THE THINGS YOU BELIEVE IN, BUT TOOK A STAND ON IMMIGRATION THAT YOU REALLY DISAGREED WITH: WOULD YOU DEFINITELY /PROBABLY VOTE FOR THAT CANDIDATE, OR PROBABLY/ DEFINITELY NOT VOTE FOR THAT CANDIDATE?

Vote For

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<th>Mar-05</th>
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<td>Vote For</td>
<td>64%</td>
<td>55%</td>
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<td>Not vote for</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>32%</td>
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<td>Unsure/ Refused</td>
<td>6%</td>
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As you may already know, Congress is currently considering a number of immigration reform proposals. Two things that appear in all of these proposals are increased security at the border & tougher enforcement of current laws. However, there are several different proposals on how to deal with future immigration.

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<td>• Immigrants could come here to work for up to six years, then they must return to their home country</td>
<td>• Immigrants could come to work for three years and in the fourth year, while continuing to work, they would be eligible to apply for citizenship.</td>
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<td>• Immigrants could bring their immediate families, but their families could not work.</td>
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<td>• These immigrants and their families would be eligible for only emergency medical care and education.</td>
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<td>• Immigrants would never be eligible for US citizenship.</td>
<td>• Immigrants could earn the right to citizenship by working, paying taxes, and learning English.</td>
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WHICH OF THESE PLANS DO YOU THINK IS THE BETTER WAY TO HANDLE FUTURE IMMIGRATION?

- Plan B: 71%
- Plan A: 19%
- Unsure: 10%
HIGHER SUPPORT LEVELS FOR PLAN A

PLAN A (19%)

• High School Graduates 26%
• African American Men 27%
• Non Christians/ Others 27%
• Conservative Democrats 27%
• Illegal Immigration Their Major Concern 26%
# Higher Support Levels for Plan B

## Plan B (71%)

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<td>All Other Age Cohorts</td>
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<td>Conservative Democrats</td>
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<td>Moderate</td>
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<td>Some College</td>
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<td>College Graduate</td>
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<td>Wrong Track</td>
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<td>Most Likely 60%</td>
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<td>Likely voters</td>
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PLAN CHOICE BY PARTY

- **GOP**: 21% for Plan A, 70% for Plan B
- **Independent**: 19% for Plan A, 64% for Plan B
- **Democrat**: 17% for Plan A, 74% for Plan B
PLAN CHOICE BY RACE

- **White**: Plan A (18%), Plan B (70%)
- **African America**: Plan A (24%), Plan B (72%)
- **Hispanic**: Plan A (17%), Plan B (74%)
PLAN CHOICE BY GEOGRAPHIC REGION

- Rural: 24% (Plan A), 66% (Plan B)
- Suburban: 18% (Plan A), 70% (Plan B)
- Urban: 17% (Plan A), 76% (Plan B)

Legend: Plan A, Plan B
PLAN CHOICE BY U.S. SENATE REPRESENTATION

- 2 GOP Senators: Plan A 70%, Plan B 20%
- Mixed Delegation: Plan A 20%, Plan B 72%
- 2 DEM Senators: Plan A 17%, Plan B 71%
PLAN CHOICE BY PARTY CONTROL OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

GOP Control

Plan A: 19%
Plan B: 70%

DEM Control

Plan A: 19%
Plan B: 71%
OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PLAN WHICH YOU JUST CHOSE, WHICH CHARACTERISTIC THAT I READ DO YOU LIKE THE MOST?

(Asked of N= 907 , or 90% of total sample)

- Can earn right to citizenship: 31%
- 3 years, then citizenship program: 27%
- Family can work: 12%
- 6 years, then return home: 9%
- Only emergency services: 4%
- Never eligible for citizenship: 4%
- Emergency services until 4th year: 3%
- Family cannot work: 1%
- Unsure: 10%
OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PLAN WHICH YOU DID NOT CHOOSE, WHICH CHARACTERISTICS THAT I READ DO YOU DISLIKE THE MOST?
(Asked of N= 905, or 90% of total sample)

- 6 years, then return home: 28%
- Never eligible for citizenship: 18%
- Family cannot work: 15%
- 3 years, then citizenship program: 6%
- Only emergency services: 5%
- Family can work: 4%
- Can earn right to citizenship: 4%
- Emergency services until 4th year: 3%
- Unsure: 18%
Under Plan A, immigrants would not burden our social services programs like food stamps and welfare.

Under Plan A, we will be able to limit the long term growth of the foreign population in the country.

With this plan, we can easily adjust the number of immigrants allowed into the country to best serve our economic needs.
Plan A is unrealistic because many workers will attempt to stay here illegally when their work time runs out & we will have millions more illegal immigrants in the country.

Since these workers will only be temporary they will not put down roots, work as hard, learn English, or try to fit in with American culture.

At a time when America is facing great threats from abroad, we should not be inviting millions of additional foreign workers to come here, take American jobs, & then stay here illegally & become possible threats to our security.
Under Plan B, we will have an immigration system based on the American values of equal rights and fairness instead of creating a group of second class workers.

With Plan B, immigrants will be encouraged to work hard, put down roots, and fit into American culture.

Plan B allows immigrants to keep their immediate families together and allows

More likely  Unsure  No difference  Less likely
OPPOSITION TO PLAN B

Plan B will cost taxpayers millions of dollars since many of these immigrants will stay and use more social services.

In the long run, Plan B would very bad for the country since it would begin an endless cycle of millions of foreigners coming here and becoming citizens.

In bad economic times, it would be impossible to send these immigrants back, even if there were no jobs for them.
WHICH OF THESE PLANS DO YOU THINK IS THE BETTER WAY TO HANDLE FUTURE IMMIGRATION?

- Plan A: 25%
- Plan B: 64%
- Unsure: 11%

51% Stayed with Plan A
89% Stayed with Plan B
PLEASE LISTEN CAREFULLY AS I READ EACH STATEMENT AND TELL ME IF YOU WOULD AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THAT PARTICULAR STATEMENT.

If we strengthen the border & end illegal immigration, we will need to increase legal immigration to meet our country’s economic needs.

There should be no consideration of what to do about future immigration until we have increased security at the border & increased enforcement for punishing employers who are currently employing illegal immigrants.
“THE IMMIGRATION SYSTEM IS BROKEN AND NEEDS TO BE FIXED.”

Mar-05

84%

4%

12%

Mar-06

90%

5%

5%
“WE NEED AN IMMIGRATION SYSTEM THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE BASIC AMERICAN VALUES OF FAIRNESS AND EQUAL TREATMENT UNDER THE LAW.”
“DEPORTING ALL 11 MILLION ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CURRENTLY IN THE UNITED STATES IS UNREALISTIC.”
“IF AN IMMIGRANT HAS BEEN IN THIS COUNTRY WORKING, PAYING TAXES, AND LEARNING ENGLISH, THERE SHOULD BE A WAY FOR THEM TO BECOME A CITIZEN.”

(SPLIT SAMPLE A)
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(SPLIT SAMPLE B)
“FIXING OUR IMMIGRATION SYSTEM TO MAKE IT SAFE, LEGAL, AND ORDERLY WILL MAKE US MORE SECURE FROM TERRORISTS.”
“WE NEED A CONTROLLED IMMIGRATION SYSTEM THAT WOULD REPLACE AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION FLOW WITH A LEGAL IMMIGRATION FLOW.”