

PULSE OPINION RESEARCH

CATHOLIC Voter Opinions on Immigration

Survey of 4,967 Catholic Likely Voters in Politically Competitive States

Conducted during 2013 Senate immigration debate

NOTE: Margin of Sampling Error, +/- 1.4 percentage points with a 95% level of confidence

1* The government reports that 20 million Americans who want a full-time job cannot find one. Over the next two years how would you rate their prospects of getting a job...excellent, good, fair or poor?

5% Excellent
22% Good
35% Fair
35% Poor
3% Not sure

2* Congress is considering a bill to give work permits to an estimated 7 million illegal immigrant workers. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the work permits?

11% You strongly support work permits
21% Somewhat support
21% Somewhat oppose
44% Strongly oppose
3% Not sure

GROUPING: 33% Support
65% Oppose

INTENSITY: 11% Strongly support
44% Strongly oppose

3* (Answered only by the 1596 Likely Voters Who Support Work Permits) Do you support giving work permits to nearly all illegal immigrants, most of them, or some of them?

28% Nearly all
36% Most
31% Some
4% Not sure

4* Do you believe less educated illegal immigrants compete with less-educated Americans for construction, manufacturing, hospitality and other service jobs?

67% Yes
22% No
10% Not sure

5* How much moral responsibility do you feel Congress has to help protect the ability of current illegal immigrants to hold a job and support their families without fear of deportation: a lot, some, very little or none?

14% A lot
27% Some
26% Very little
28% None
6% Not sure

INTENSITY: 14% A lot
28% None

6* How much moral responsibility do you feel Congress has to help protect unemployed or low-wage Americans from having to compete with foreign workers for U.S. jobs: A lot, some, very little or none?

48% A lot
31% Some
12% Very little
7% None
2% Not sure

INTENSITY: 48% A lot
7% None

7* In recent years, the government has issued permanent green cards to approximately 1 million new immigrants each year. Is this number too high, too low or about right?

48% Too high
9% Too low
31% About right
12% Not sure

8* Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that the United States is faced with labor shortages and needs more immigrant workers?

5% Strongly agree
17% Somewhat agree
29% Somewhat disagree
42% Strongly disagree
7% Not sure

GROUPING: 22% Agree
71% Disagree

INTENSITY: 5% Strongly agree
42% Strongly disagree

9* On the issue of fighting illegal immigration, is the government doing too much, not enough or about the right amount?

9% Too much
67% Not enough
17% About the right amount
8% Not sure

10* SOME in Congress propose work permits for illegal immigrants first, followed by 10 years of implementing border and workplace enforcement to stop future flows of illegal workers. OTHERS in Congress say full enforcement at the borders and workplace must be implemented first and then the work permits can be considered. Which do you prefer for dealing with the illegal immigrants?

21% Work permits first, followed by 10 years of implementing enforcement
68% Full enforcement first, before considering work permits
11% Not sure

11* Are you more likely to vote for a political party that supports enforcing immigration laws first or that supports legalizing illegal immigrants first?

69% A political party that supports enforcing immigration laws first
19% A political party that supports legalizing illegal immigrants first
15% Not sure

12* What is the government's most urgent priority in setting immigration policy this year: Bring otherwise law-abiding illegal immigrants out of the shadows, protecting unemployed less-educated Americans from competition from foreign workers, or ensuring that employers get the foreign workers they need to keep the economy strong?

- 22% Bring illegal immigrants out of the shadows
- 56% Protect unemployed Americans from foreign-worker competition
- 14% Ensure employers get workers they need for strong economy
- 7% Not sure

13* Do you favor or oppose requiring all employers to use E-Verify to electronically ensure that they are hiring only legal workers for U.S. jobs?

- 80% Favor
- 8% Oppose
- 12% Not sure

14* In terms of dealing with the illegal immigrant population of 11 million, would you prefer that the United States deport most, deport only some but ensure the rest take no jobs or taxpayer assistance, or provide most with legal status and work permits?

- 32% Deport most
- 30% Deport some but ensure no jobs or assistance for the rest
- 28% Legal status and work permits for most
- 11% Not sure

METHODOLOGY: Pulse Opinion Research compiled these results from polling it conducted throughout the national debate over the Senate's consideration of S. 744 which would provide work permits to illegal immigrants and would increase the level of legal immigration. The surveys were in politically competitive states, primarily ones with a Senator from each party or with Senators from a party other than the one that won the presidential voting in 2012: On April 3, 2013 in NC, WV and AK. On April 15-17, 2013 in IA, NH, OH, LA, KY, AR, MT, IN, SD, DE, MI, VA, CO. On April 23-25, 2013 in NV, MO, PA, KS, WI, ND, and IL. On May 20-21, 2013 in TN and NE. National surveys were conducted on April 18 and May 20, 2013.

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