

National All-Voters

Survey of 1,000 Likely Voters
Conducted February 11-12, 2014
By Pulse Opinion Research

Margin of Sampling Error, +/- 3 percentage points with a 95% level of confidence

a* 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
24% Good
35% Fair
35% Poor
2% Not sure

b* Which do you agree with more -- we face labor shortages in construction and service occupations that require increases in less-educated immigrants, OR there are plenty of less-educated Americans to do the jobs?

10% We face labor shortages that require increases in less-educated immigrants
73% There are plenty of less-educated Americans to do the jobs
17% Not sure

c* When employers say they have trouble finding an American to take a job, is it better for the country if businesses raise the pay until they can attract an unemployed American even if it causes prices to rise, or is it better to bring in a new immigrant worker to keep the costs down?

68% Raise the pay to attract an unemployed American worker
14% Bring in a new immigrant worker to keep the costs down
19% Not sure

d*Some employers say it is difficult to hire workers from among groups with the highest unemployment and poverty rates, which includes Black and Hispanic Americans, younger Americans of all ethnicities, and Americans with disabilities. If businesses are having trouble finding workers, should they be required to try harder to recruit and train among these groups with the highest unemployment, or should businesses be allowed to bring in new immigrant workers instead?

74% Businesses should be required to recruit from American groups with high unemployment
13% Businesses should be allowed to bring in new immigrant workers instead
12% Not sure

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e* Currently the government allows one million legal immigrants each year. How many legal immigrants should the government allow each year -- two million, one million, a half-million, 100,000, or zero?

11% Two million
16% One million
16% Half a million
17% 100,000
26% Zero
14% Not sure

GROUPINGS

27% One million or more (keep same or increase)
57% Half-million or less (reduce by at least half)
40% Zero or 100,000

f* Now, let's think about ILLEGAL immigration. When it comes to the estimated 12 million foreign citizens who are in this country illegally, are you generally sympathetic to eventually offering lifetime work permits to nearly all who pay a fine, pass an English test and undergo a background check, or to only some who meet much tighter conditions, or to almost none?

40% Work permits to nearly all who pay a fine, pass an English test and undergo a background check
33% Work permits to only some who meet much tighter conditions
21% Work permits to almost none of them
6% Not sure

GROUPINGS

40% Nearly All
54% Only Some or Almost None

g* If the U.S. government were to offer some kind of legalization to any group of illegal immigrants, should they be given work permits in the first year or only after Congress certifies that all promises on border, interior and workplace enforcement are fully implemented?

25% Work permits during the first year before new enforcement
59% Work permits only after Congress certifies full implementation of all border, interior and workplace enforcement
16% Not sure

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h* Concerning young adult illegal immigrants who came to the U.S. as children -- are you very sympathetic, somewhat sympathetic, not very sympathetic or not at all sympathetic to their request for lifetime work permits and legal status?

28% Very sympathetic
35% Somewhat sympathetic
20% Not very sympathetic
14% Not at all sympathetic
3% Not sure

GROUPING

63% Very or Somewhat Sympathetic
34% Not At All or Not Very Sympathetic

i* Concerning adult foreign citizens who came here on vacation, as students or temporary workers and then overstayed their visas -- are you very sympathetic, somewhat sympathetic, not very sympathetic or not at all sympathetic to their request for lifetime work permits and legal status?

6% Very sympathetic
21% Somewhat sympathetic
32% Not very sympathetic
38% Not at all sympathetic
3% Not sure

GROUPING

27% Very or Somewhat Sympathetic
70% Not At All or Not Very Sympathetic

j* Concerning adult foreign citizens who crossed U.S. borders illegally -- are you very sympathetic, somewhat sympathetic, not very sympathetic or not at all sympathetic to their request for lifetime work permits and legal status?

6% Very sympathetic
19% Somewhat sympathetic
22% Not very sympathetic
49% Not at all sympathetic
4% Not sure

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25% Very or Somewhat Sympathetic
71% Not At All or Not Very Sympathetic

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k* Should children born to illegal immigrants, tourists and other foreign visitors be given automatic U.S. citizenship?

28% Yes
56% No
15% Not sure

l* When thinking about the 12 million illegal immigrants in the United States, do you favor deporting most of them because it is the right thing to do under the law; or do you favor deporting only some of them because mass deportations are not practical, or do you oppose most deportations as inhumane?

34% Deport most because it is the right thing to do under the law
37% Deport some since mass deportations are not practical
20% You oppose most deportations as inhumane
9% Not sure

m* Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose proposals to encourage most illegal immigrants to go back home on their own by keeping them from getting jobs and public benefits here?

41% Strongly support
22% Somewhat support
14% Somewhat oppose
14% Strongly oppose
9% Not sure

GROUPINGS:

63% Strongly or Somewhat SUPPORT
28% Strongly or Somewhat OPPOSE

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