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# National poll of evangelical voters' biblical views and moral priorities on immigration policy

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## Of Special Interest

Question 7 — Moral responsibility for protecting settled illegal immigrants so they can care for their families?

Question 8 — Moral responsibility for protecting unemployed Americans from having to compete with extra foreign workers?

Question 10 — What does "the stranger" scripture mean for U.S. policy?

Question 11 — Do restrictive immigration laws violate or follow biblical teaching?

Question 13 — More reason to give legal status to illegal immigrants because so many in churches?

Question 18 — Deport illegal immigrants?

Question 19 — Take away jobs and encourage to go home?

## **METHODOLOGY:**

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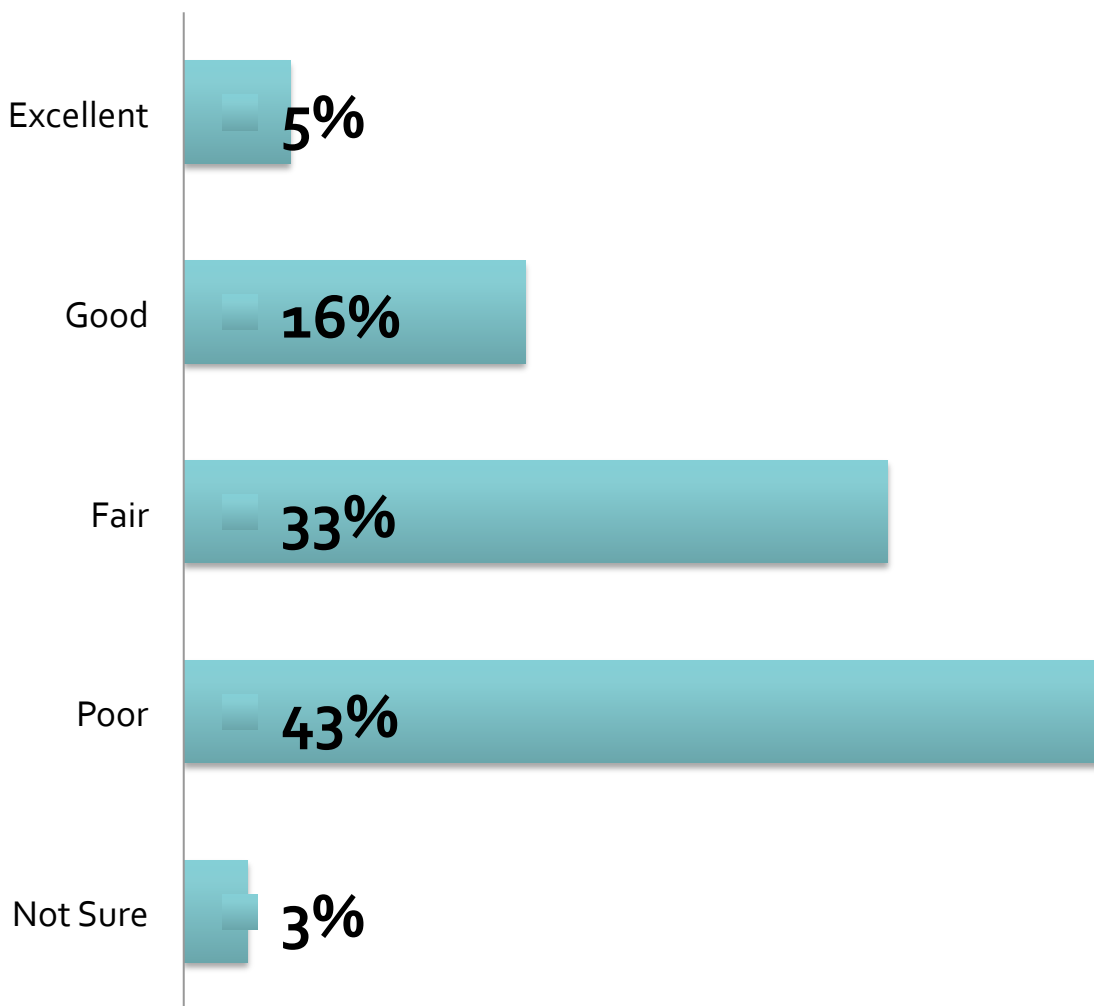
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Half of the respondents were Republicans, 25% were Democrats and 25% were Independents. The age distribution was 32% for 18-39, 46% for 40-64 and 22% for 65+. Whites were 82%, Blacks were 8% and Hispanics, Asians and others were 10%. Men were 46% and women were 54%.

The survey was sponsored by the NumbersUSA Education & Research Foundation. It is a non-partisan, non-profit organization founded to focus on the bi-partisan U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform's recommendations to reduce immigration numbers for the protection of the country's most vulnerable members.

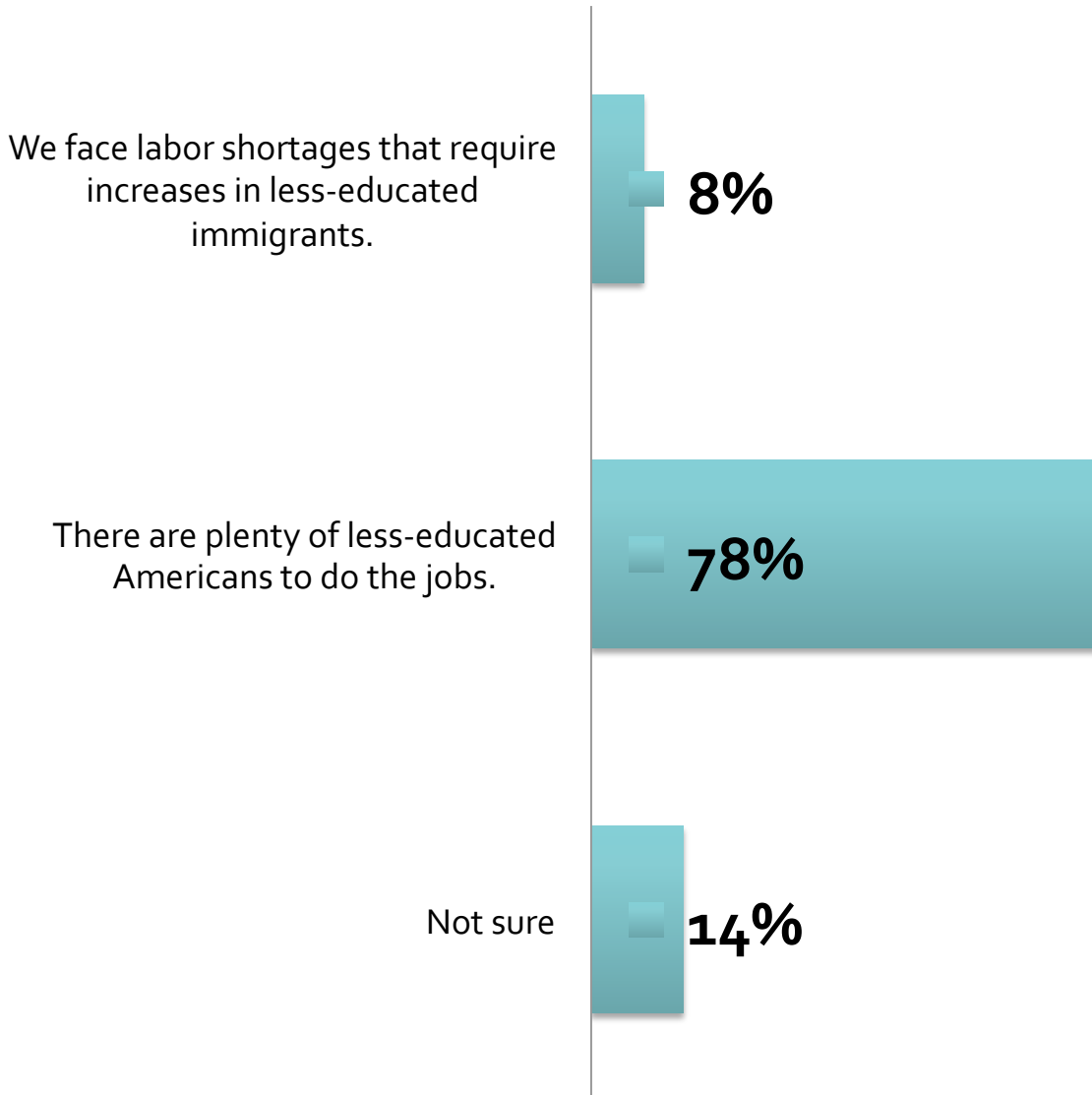
The survey was conducted using an established automated polling methodology: 90% of the sample calls were placed to randomly-selected phone numbers through a process that insures appropriate geographic representation; 10% of the sample was conducted via online surveys of those individuals who use a cell-phone as their primary telephone. After the calls and on-line surveys are completed, the raw data is processed through a weighting program to insure that the sample reflects the overall population in terms of age, race, gender, political party, and other factors. The processing step is required because different segments of the population answer the phone in different ways. For example, women answer the phone more than men, older people are home more and answer more than younger people, and rural residents typically answer the phone more frequently than urban residents. The population targets were based upon census bureau data, a series of screening questions to determine likely voters, and other factors. Pulse Opinion Research determines its partisan weighting targets through a dynamic weighting system that takes into account voting history, national trends, and recent polling.

**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?**



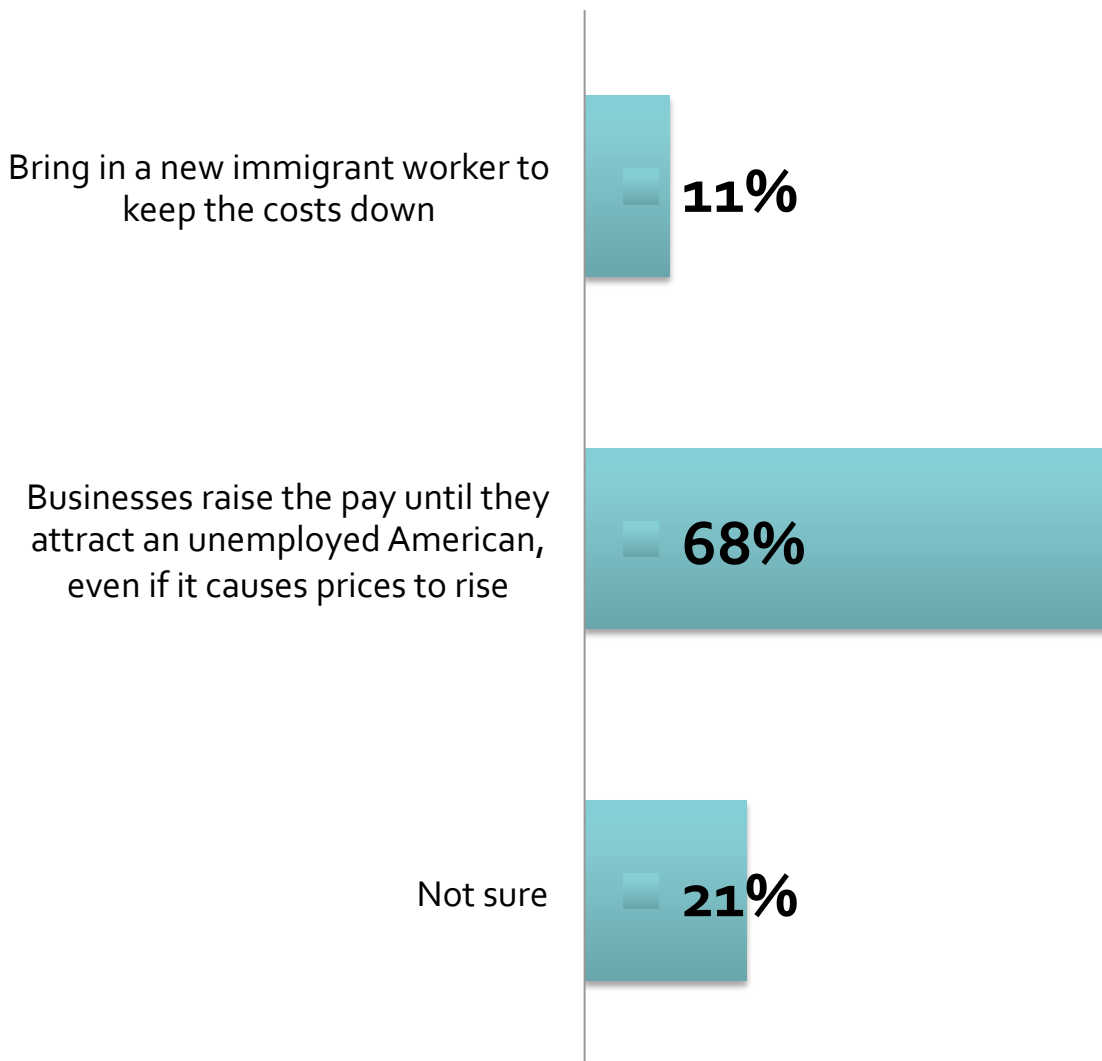
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## 2. Which do you agree with more about construction and service occupations?



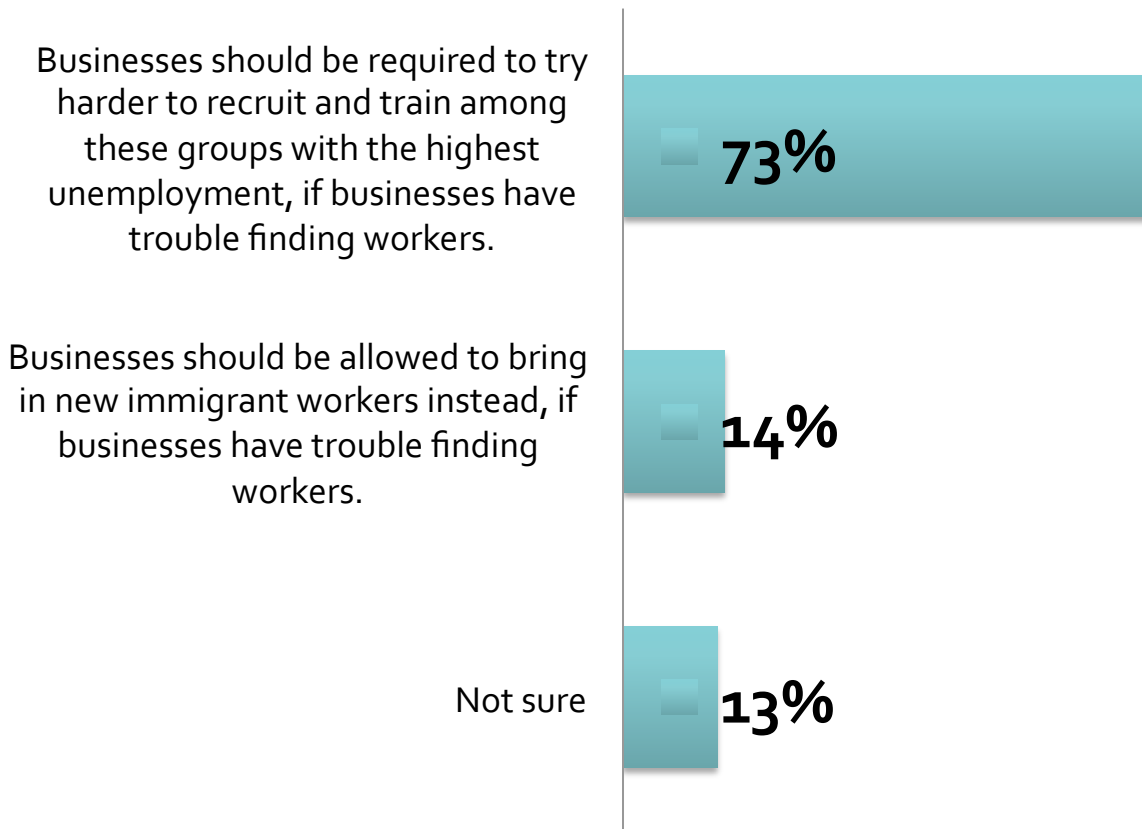
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### 3. When employers say they have trouble finding an American to take a job, which is better for the country?



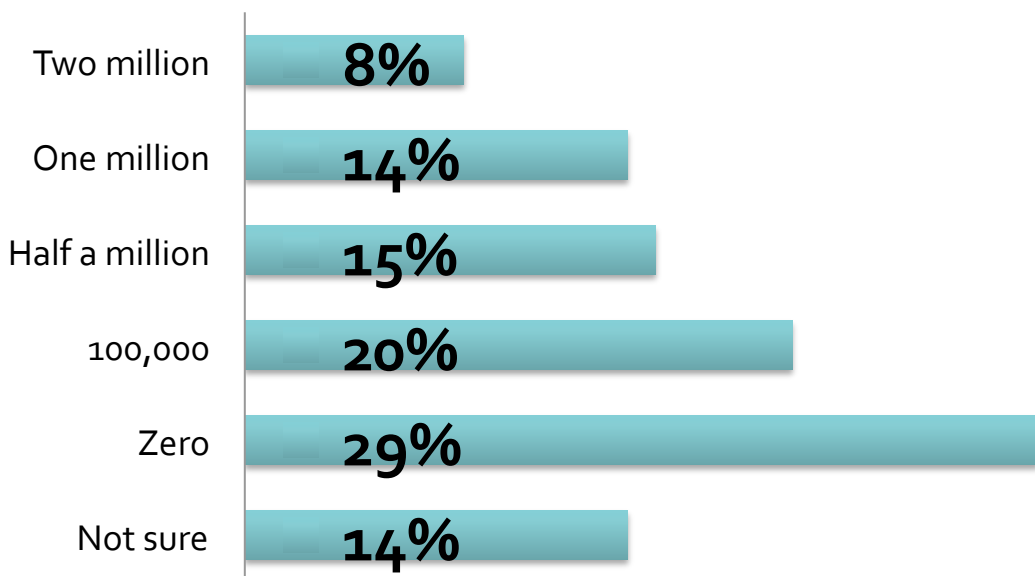
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**4. Some employers say it is difficult to hire workers from among groups with the highest unemployment and poverty rates (which includes Black and Hispanic Americans, younger Americans of all ethnicities, and disabled Americans). What should businesses do?**

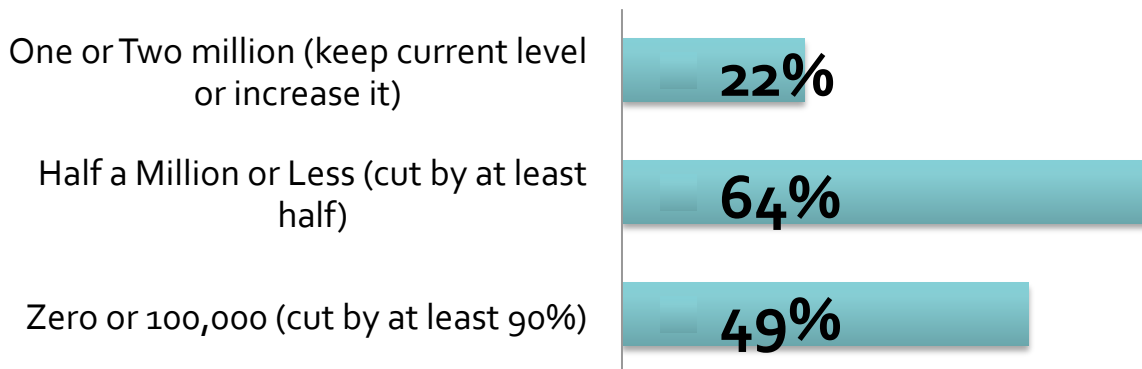


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**5. Currently, the government allows one million legal immigrants each year. How many legal immigrants should the government allow each year?**

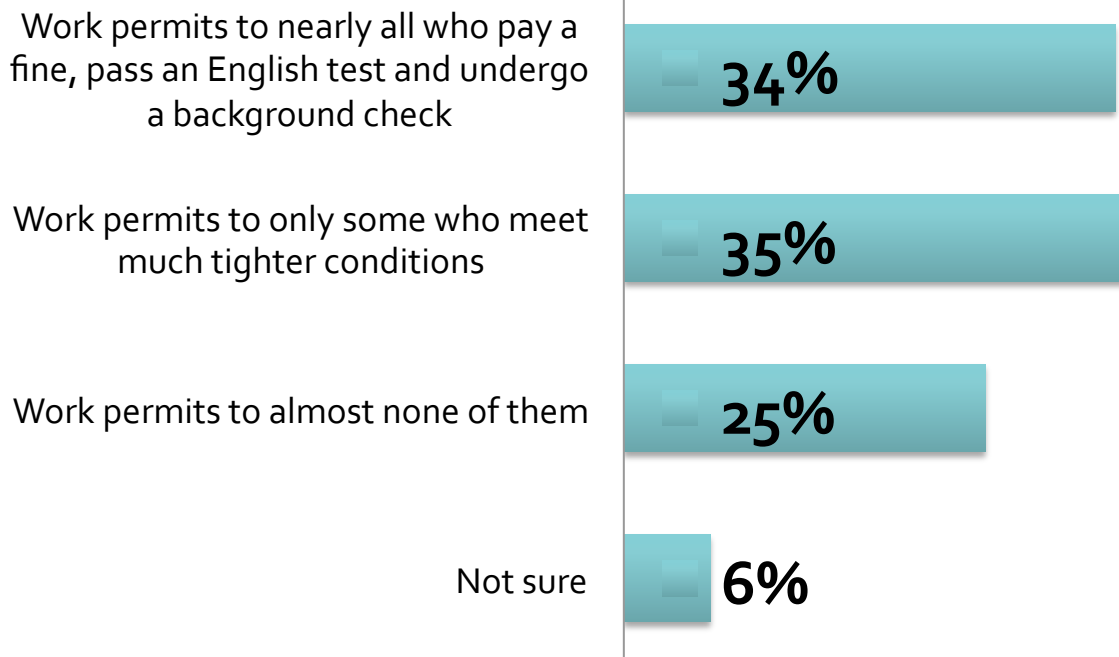


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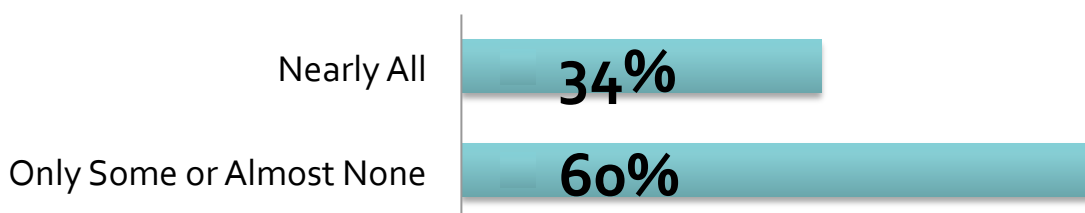


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**6. Now, let's think about ILLEGAL immigration. When it comes to the estimated 12 million foreign citizens who are in this country illegally, are you generally sympathetic to eventually offering lifetime work permits?**



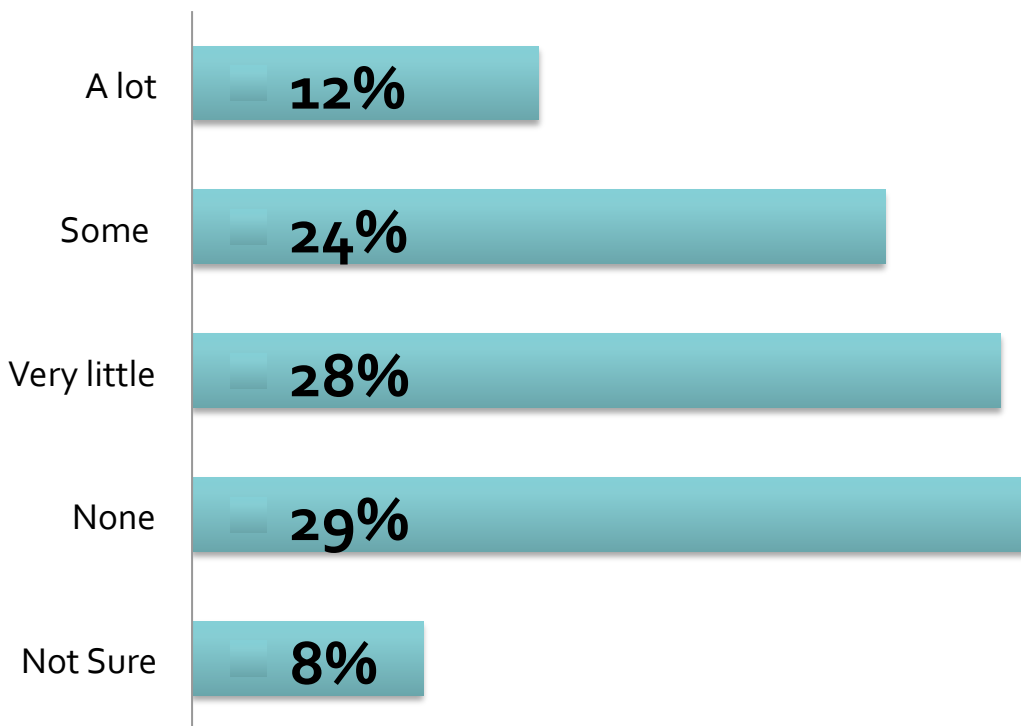
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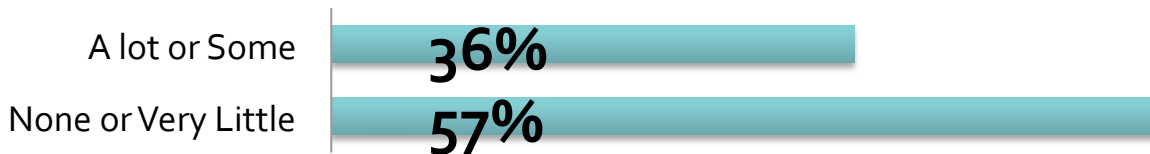
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**7. How much moral responsibility do you feel any nation's government has to help protect the ability of settled illegal immigrants to hold a job and support their families without fear of deportation?**

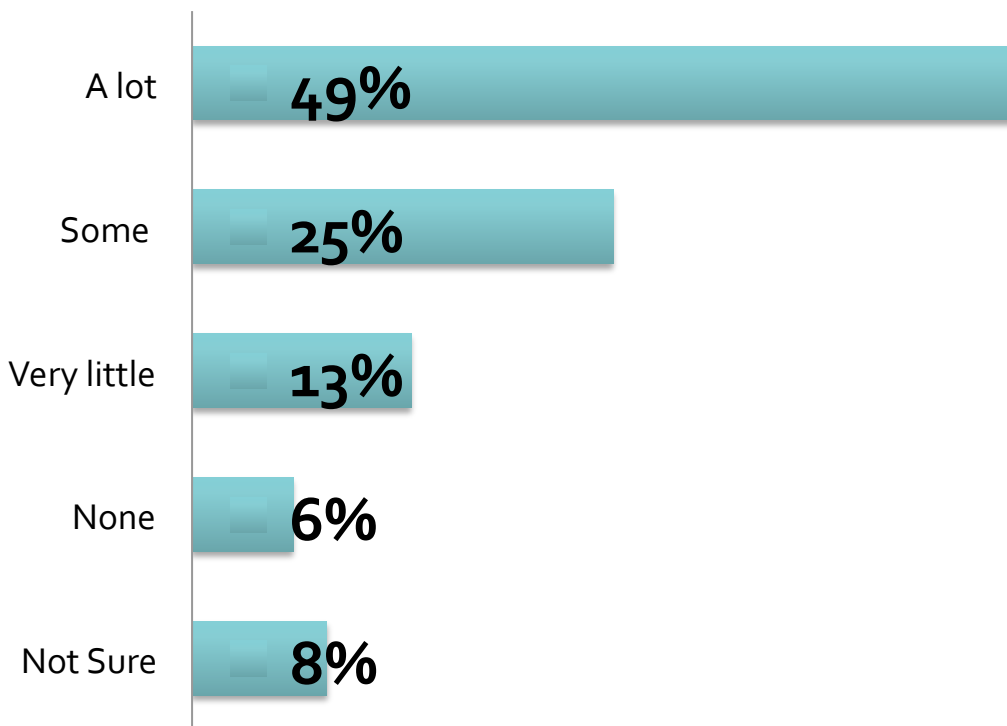


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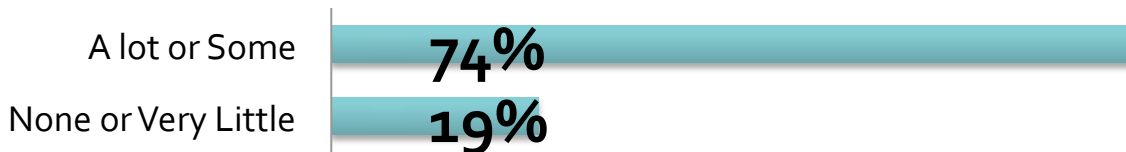


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**8. How much moral responsibility do you feel any nation's government has to adopt immigration policies to protect its own unemployed or low-wage workers from having to compete with foreign workers for jobs?**

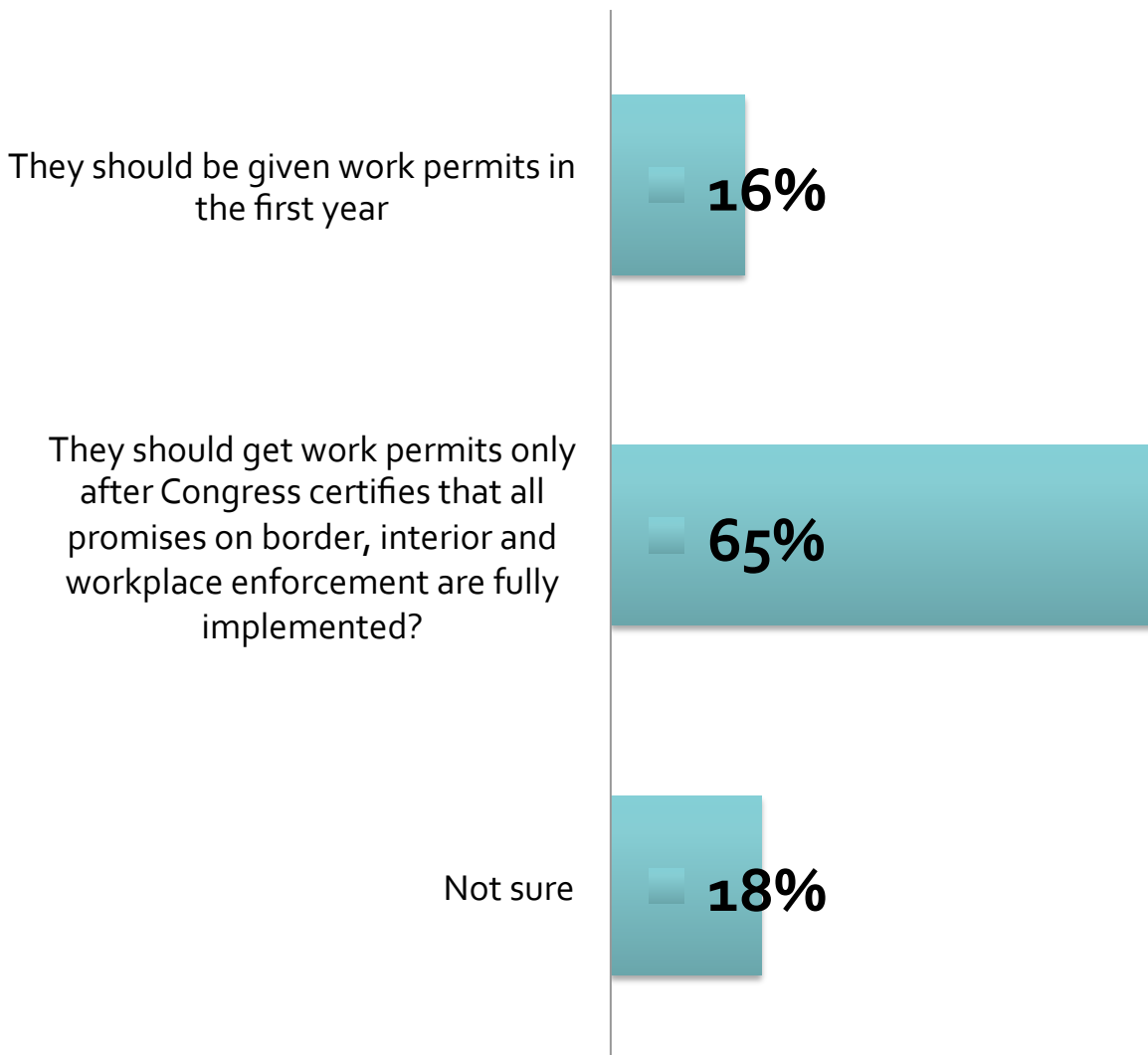


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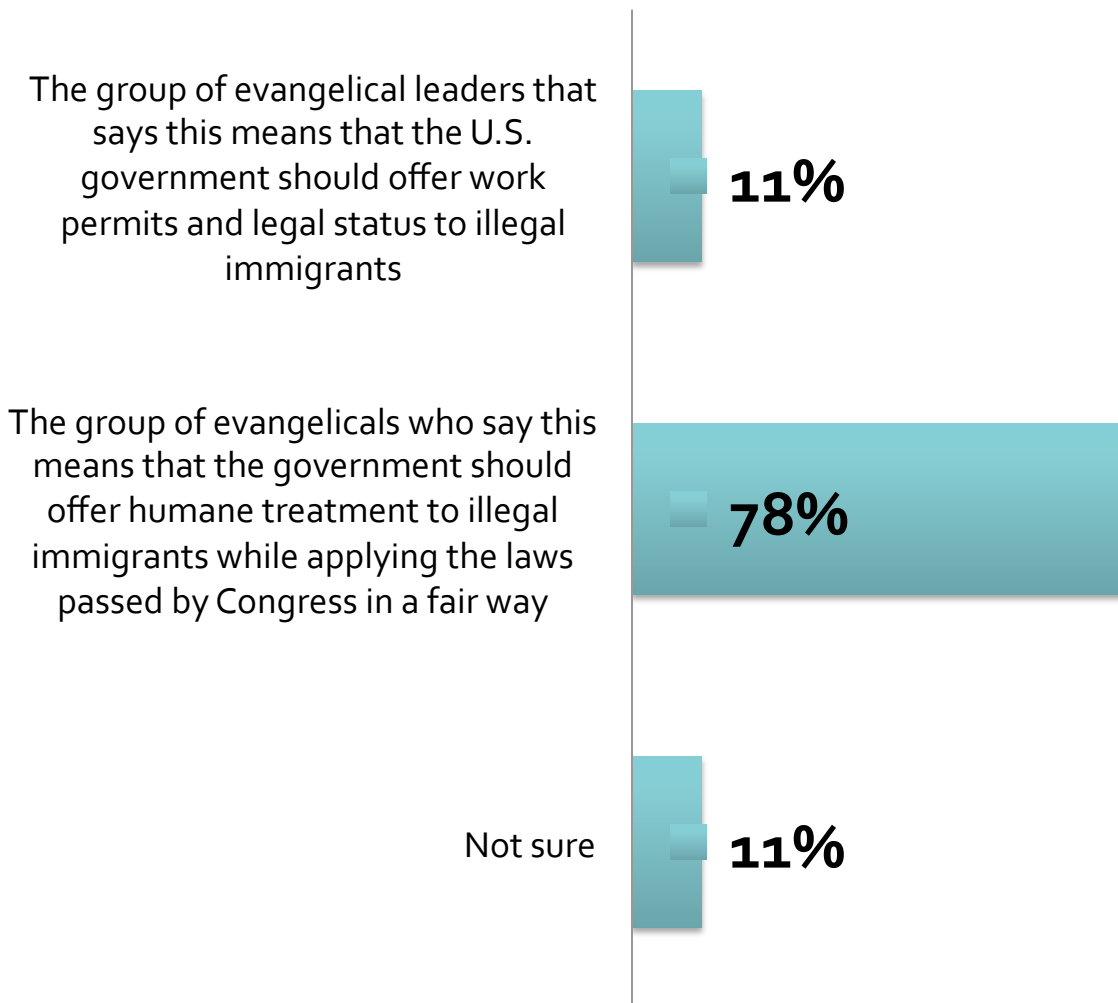
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**9. If the U.S. government were to offer some kind of legalization to any group of illegal immigrants, what do you prefer?**



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**10. In the Old Testament book of Leviticus, God commands the ancient Israelites to love the "stranger" as themselves. Who do you agree with on the meaning?**



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**11. Do laws passed by a nation's government to limit immigration violate or follow biblical teaching?**

The laws violate biblical teaching by keeping out poor foreigners seeking a better life

**11%**

The laws follow biblical teaching by protecting the most vulnerable within the national community

**56%**

Not sure

**33%**

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## 12. Which do you agree with more?

Nations have the moral and sovereign right to decide which and how many immigrants can enter each year

75%

Most people should be able to migrate from country to country since all people are equal children of God

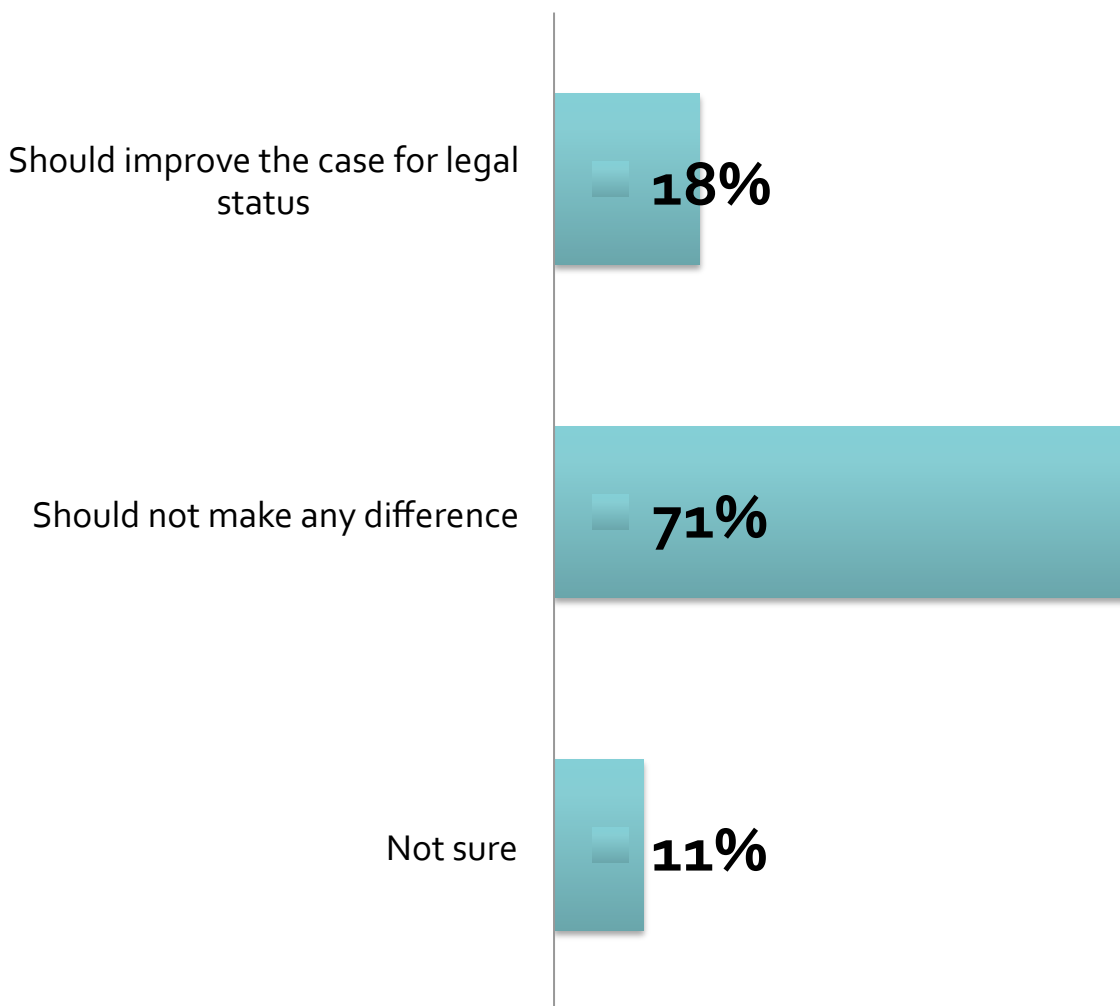
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Not sure

10%

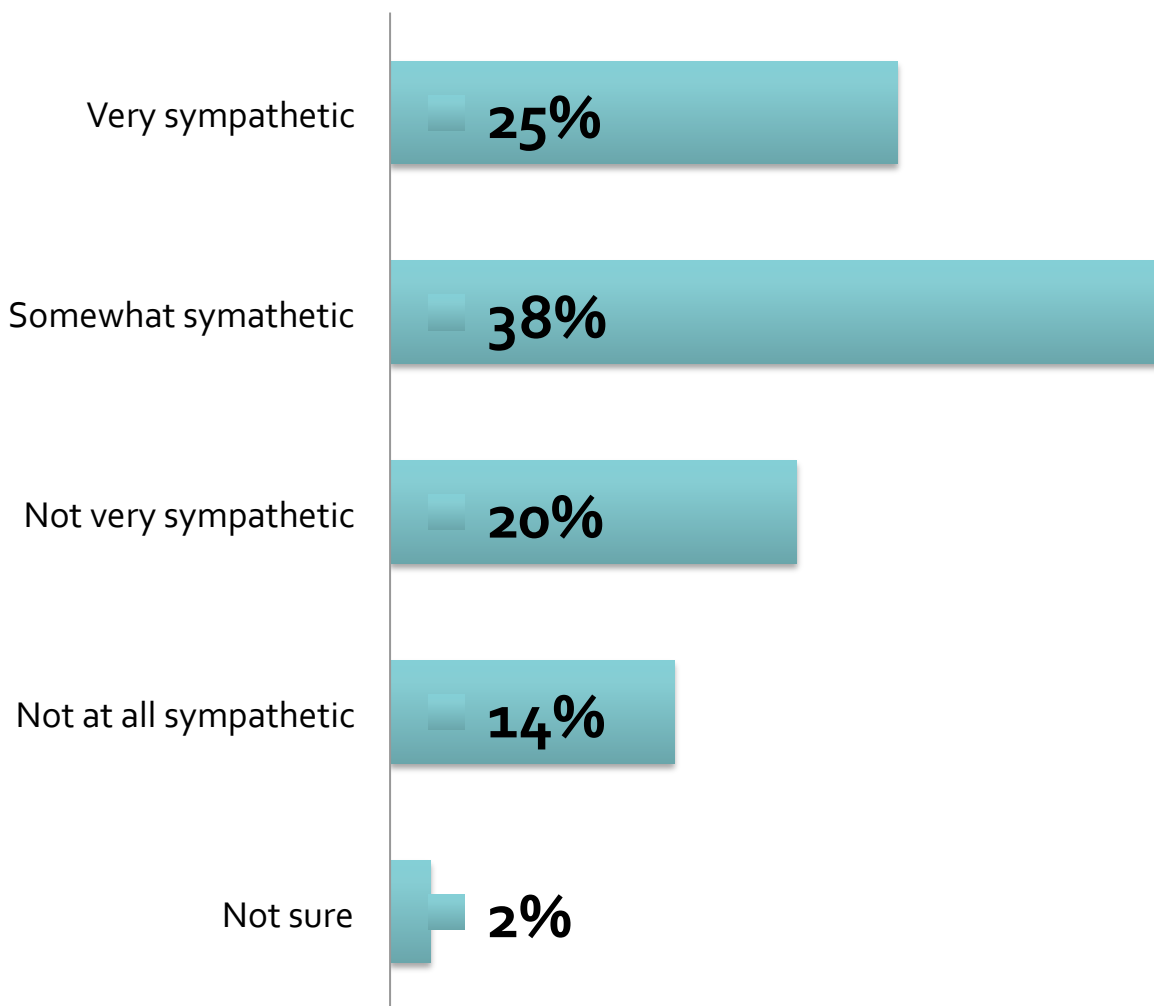
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**13. Many illegal immigrants are active members of churches. Should that improve the case for giving work permits and legal status or should it not make any difference?**



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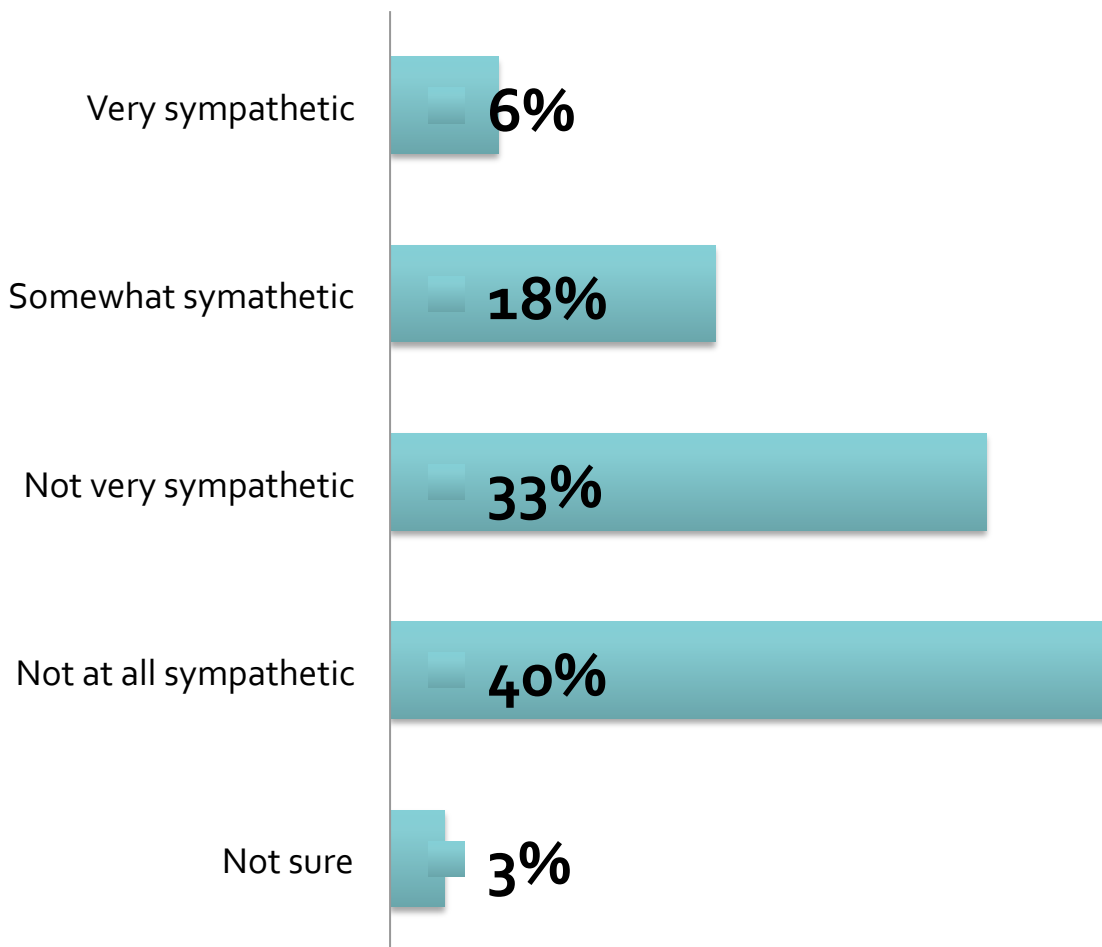
**14. Concerning young adult illegal immigrants who came to the U.S. as children, how sympathetic are you to their request for lifetime work permits and legal status?**



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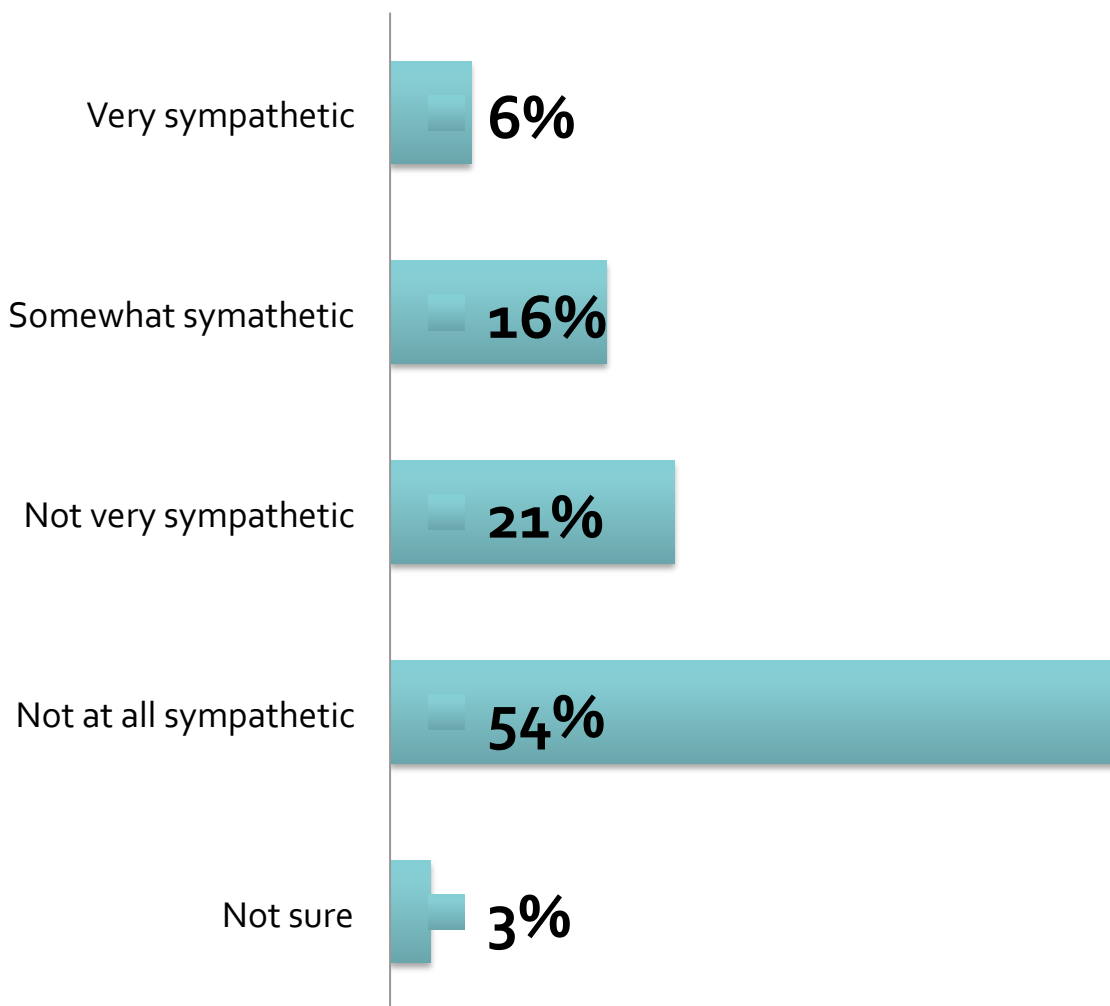


**15. Concerning adult foreign citizens who came here on vacation, as students or temporary workers and then overstayed their visas, how sympathetic are you to their request for lifetime work permits and legal status ?**

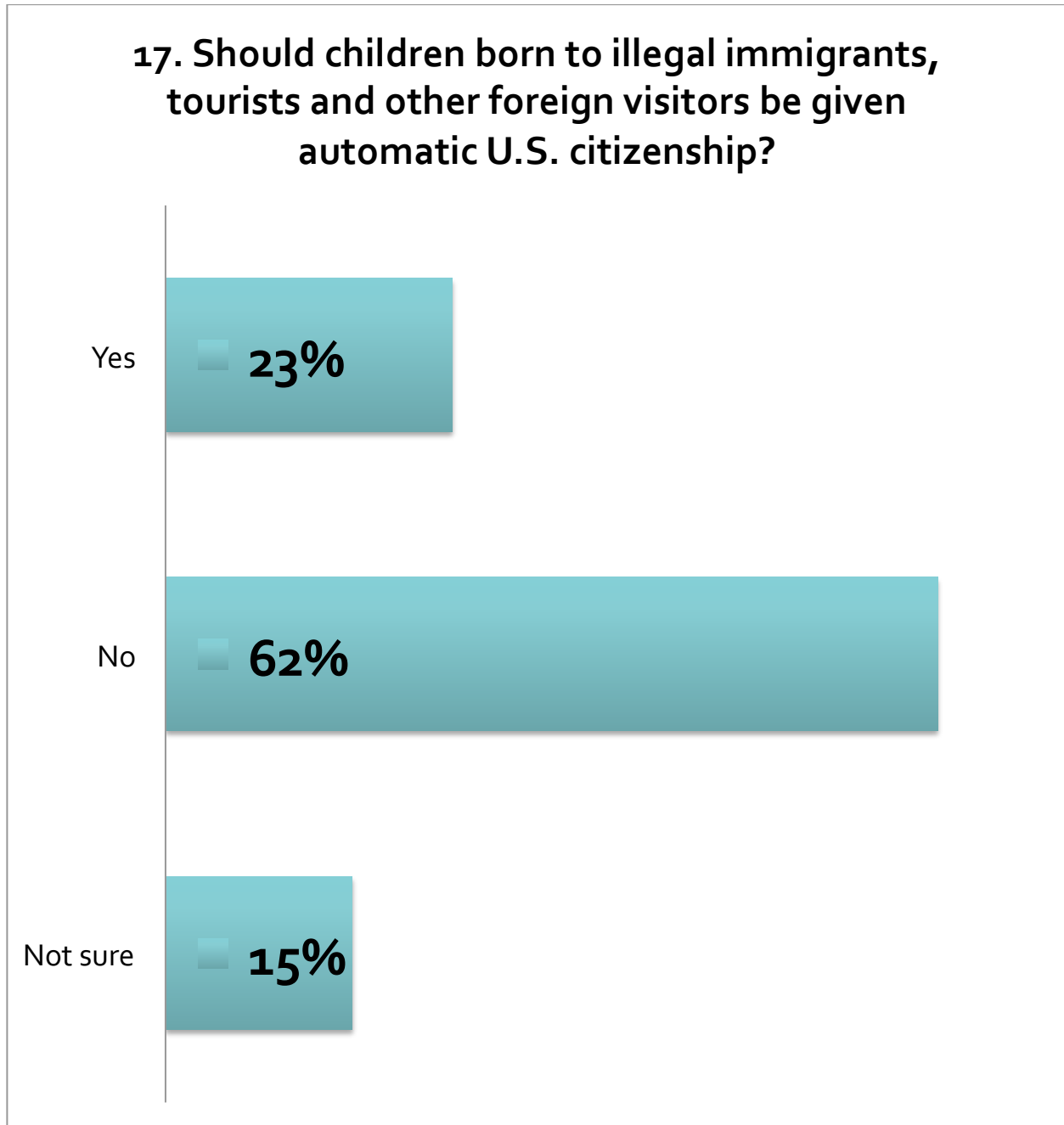


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**16. Concerning adult foreign citizens who crossed U.S. borders illegally, how sympathetic are you to their request for lifetime work permits and legal status ?**



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**18. When thinking about the 12 million illegal immigrants in the United States, what is your position on deporting them?**

Deport most of them because it is the right thing to do under the law

38%

Deport only some of them because mass deportations are not practical

39%

You oppose most deportations as inhumane

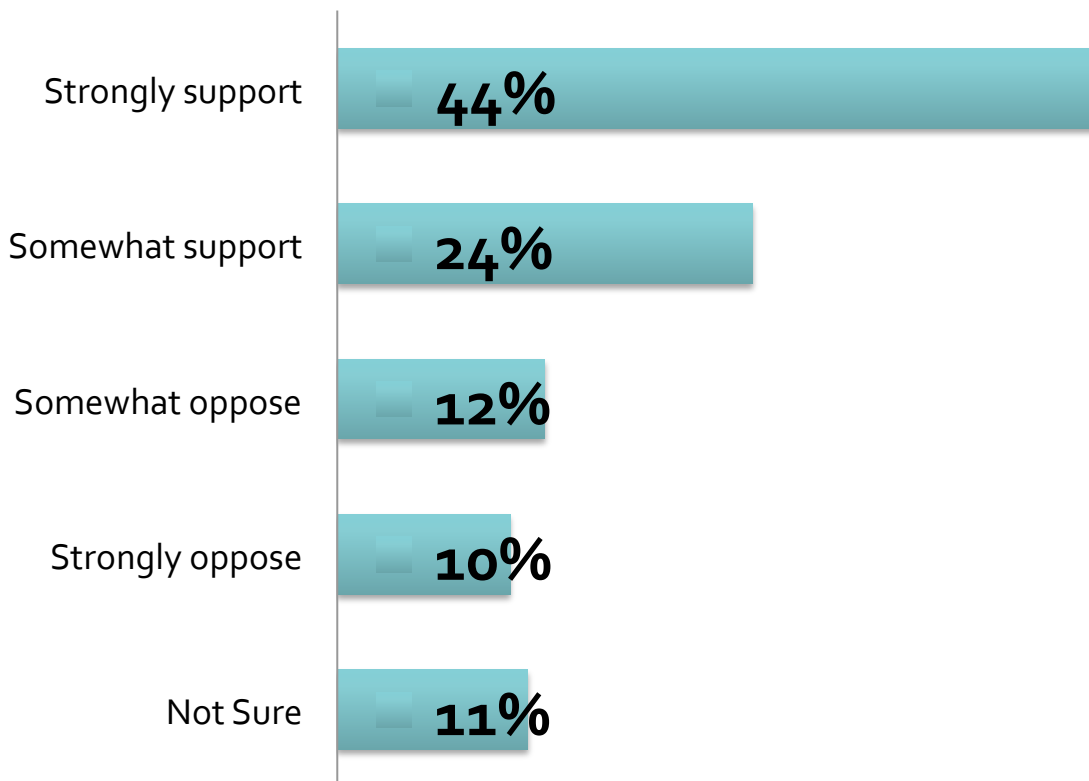
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**19. What is your opinion on proposals to encourage most illegal immigrants to go back home on their own by keeping them from getting jobs and public benefits here?**



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