

SPRAWL & POPULATION National Poll

Survey of 1,000 Likely Voters

Conducted April 1-2, 2014

By Pulse Opinion Research

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

1* The U.S. Department of Agriculture calculates that over the last decade urban sprawl destroyed millions of acres of farmland and natural habitat equal in size to the entire state of Maryland. If this were to continue, would it be a major problem, somewhat of a problem, not much of a problem or not a problem at all?

- 42% A major problem
- 35% Somewhat of a problem
- 17% Not much of a problem
- 3% Not a problem at all
- 4% Not sure

GROUPINGS: 77% A major or somewhat PROBLEM
20% NOT MUCH or at all a problem

2* How important is it to protect farmland from development so the United States is able to produce enough food to completely feed its own population in the future?

- 71% Very important
- 21% Somewhat important
- 6% Not very important
- 0% Not important at all
- 2% Not sure

GROUPINGS: 92% Very or somewhat IMPORTANT
6% NOT VERY important

3* How important is it for the United States to have enough farmland to be able to feed people in other countries as well as its own?

- 26% Very important
- 46% Somewhat important
- 19% Not very important
- 6% Not important at all
- 2% Not sure

GROUPINGS: 72% Very or somewhat IMPORTANT
25% NOT VERY or at all important

4* Which do you agree with more: That it is unethical to pave over and build on good cropland or that the need for more housing is a legitimate reason to eliminate cropland?

- 59% It is unethical to pave over and build on good cropland
- 19% The need for more housing is a legitimate reason to eliminate cropland
- 22% Not sure

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5* The government reports that to make room for growing cities the last three decades, 17 million acres of surrounding woodlands have been cut down. How significant a problem is this loss of natural wildlife habitat?

53% Very significant
32% Somewhat significant
11% Not very significant
1% Not at all significant
3% Not sure

GROUPINGS: 85% Very or somewhat SIGNIFICANT
12% NOT VERY or at all significant

6* Do you feel an emotional or spiritual uplift from time spent in natural areas like woodlands and open grasslands?

70% Yes
18% No
12% Not sure

7* How important is it that you can get to natural areas fairly quickly from where you live?

48% Very important
37% Somewhat important
11% Not very important
2% Not important at all
2% Not sure

GROUPINGS: 85% Very or somewhat IMPORTANT
13% NOT VERY or at all important

8* A study of government data found that most of the development destruction of farmland and natural habitat over the last decade was related to rapid growth in the United States population. The Census Bureau projects the population is on pace to double this century. Would doubling the population in YOUR area make it better, worse or not much different?

9% Better
60% Worse
24% Not much different
7% Not sure

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9* If the population in YOUR AREA were to double, would traffic become much worse or would the government be able to build enough extra transportation capacity to accommodate the extra people?

- 68% Traffic would become much worse
- 20% The government would be able to build enough extra transportation capacity to accommodate the extra people
- 13% Not sure

10* Over the rest of this century, would you prefer that the nation's population continue to double to 600 million, grow by half to 450 million, stay about the same as it is now at just over 300 million, or slowly become smaller?

- 9% Continue to double to 600 million
- 26% Grow by half to 450 million
- 43% Stay about the same at more than 300 million
- 12% Slowly become smaller
- 9% Not sure

GROUPINGS: 9% Continue present pace
81% Slow pace of growth by at least half

11* Census data show that since 1972, the size of American families has been at replacement-level. But annual immigration has tripled and is now the cause of nearly all long-term population growth. Does the government need to reduce immigration to slow down population growth, keep immigration the same and allow the population to double this century, or increase immigration to more than double the population?

- 68% Reduce immigration to slow down population growth
- 18% Keep immigration the same and allow population to double
- 4% Increase immigration to more than double the population
- 10% Not sure

12* 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?

- 7% Two million
- 14% One million
- 23% Half a million
- 20% 100,000
- 20% Zero
- 16% Not sure

GROUPINGS: 21% Keep same level or increase
63% Cut immigration at least in half