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

24% Good

35% Fair

35% Poor

2% Not sure

2* Which do you agree with more -- we face <u>labor shortages</u> 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

3* 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

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 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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5* Currently the government allows one million legal immigrants each year. <u>How many legal immigrants should the government allow each year</u> -- 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) 59% Half-million or less (reduce by at least half) 43% Zero or 100,000

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

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: a lot, some, very little or none?

17% A lot 28% Some 23% Very little 25% None 7% Not sure

GROUPINGS

45% A Lot or Some 48% None or Very little

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8* How much moral responsibility do you feel any nation's government has to adopt immigration policies to <u>protect its own unemployed or low-wage workers</u> from having to compete with foreign workers for jobs: A lot, some, very little or none?

45% A lot 32% Some 11% Very little 5% None 6% Not sure

GROUPINGS

77% A Lot or Some 16% None or Very Little

9* 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

10* (FOR EVANGELICALS ONLY – 205 LV's)) In the Old Testament book of Leviticus, God commands the ancient Israelites to <u>love the "stranger "as themselves.</u> Do you agree with one group of evangelical leaders who say this means that the U.S. government should offer work permits and legal status to illegal immigrants, or do you agree with another group of evangelicals who say this means that the government should offer humane treatment to illegal immigrants while applying the laws passed by Congress in a fair way?

11% This means the US government should offer work permits and legal status to illegal immigrants

78% This means the US government should offer humane treatment while fairly applying the law

11% Not sure

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11* (FOR CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS – 434 LV's)) In the Old Testament book of Leviticus, God commands the ancient Israelites to love the "stranger" as themselves. Do you agree with religious leaders who say this means that the U.S. government should offer work permits and legal status to illegal immigrants, or do you agree with another group of religious leaders who say this means that the government should offer humane treatment to illegal immigrants while applying the laws passed by Congress in a fair way?

12% This means the US government should offer work permits and legal status to illegal immigrants

70% This means the US government should offer humane treatment while fairly applying the law

18% Not sure

12* (FOR CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS & EVANGELICALS ONLY) Do laws passed by a nation's government to limit immigration <u>violate biblical teaching</u> by keeping out poor foreigners seeking a better <u>life or do those laws follow biblical teaching</u> by protecting the most vulnerable within the national community?

11% The laws violate biblical teaching by keeping out poor foreigners 53% The laws follow biblical teaching by protecting a nation's most vulnerable 36% Not sure

13* (FOR CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS & EVANGELICALS ONLY) Which do you agree with more: Nations have the <u>moral and sovereign right</u> to decide which and how many immigrants can enter each year, OR most people should be able to migrate from country to country since all people are <u>equal children of God?</u>

77% Nations have a moral and sovereign right to decide which and how many immigrants can enter

13% Most people should be able to migrate from country to country since all people are equal children of God 10% Not sure

14* (FOR CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS & EVANGELICALS ONLY) Many <u>illegal</u> <u>immigrants are active members of churches</u>. Should that improve the case for giving work permits and legal status or should it not make any difference?

14% Should improve the case for legal status75% Should not make any difference11% Not sure

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15* [ALL VOTERS] Concerning young adult illegal immigrants who came to the U.S. as <u>children</u> -- 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

16* 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

17* Concerning <u>adult foreign citizens who crossed U.S. borders illegally</u> -- 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

GROUPING

25% Very or Somewhat Sympathetic71% Not At All or Not Very Sympathetic

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

28% Yes 56% No 15% Not sure

19* 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

20* 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 <u>keeping</u> them from getting jobs and public benefits here?

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

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