

Evangelical Christian Voters

National Survey of 1,000 Likely Evangelical Voters

Conducted February 11-17, 2014

By Pulse Opinion Research

NOTE: Margin of Sampling Error, +/- 3 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
16% Good
33% Fair
43% Poor
3% Not sure

2* 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?

8% We face labor shortages that require increases in less-educated immigrants
78% There are plenty of less-educated Americans to do the jobs
14% 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
11% Bring in a new immigrant worker to keep the costs down
21% 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?

73% Businesses should be required to recruit from American groups with high unemployment
14% Businesses should be allowed to bring in new immigrant workers instead
13% Not sure

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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 -- two million, one million, a half-million, 100,000, or zero?

- 8% Two million
- 14% One million
- 15% Half a million
- 20% 100,000
- 29% Zero
- 14% Not sure

GROUPINGS:

- 22% One or Two Million (keep current level or increase it)
- 64% Half a Million or Less (cut by at least half)
- 49% Zero or 100,000 (cut by at least 90%)

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 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?

- 34% Work permits to nearly all who pay a fine, pass an English test and undergo a background check
- 35% Work permits to only some who meet much tighter conditions
- 25% Work permits to almost none of them
- 6% Not sure

GROUPINGS

- 34% Nearly All
- 60% Only Some or Almost None

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?

- 12% A lot
- 24% Some
- 28% Very little
- 29% None
- 8% Not sure

GROUPINGS

- 36% A Lot or Some
- 57% 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 protect its own unemployed or low-wage workers from having to compete with foreign workers for jobs: A lot, some, very little or none?

- 49% A lot
- 25% Some
- 13% Very little
- 6% None
- 8% Not sure

GROUPINGS

- 74% A Lot or Some
- 19% 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?

- 16% Work permits during the first year before new enforcement
- 65% Work permits only after Congress certifies full implementation of all border, interior and workplace enforcement
- 18% Not sure

10* In the Old Testament book of Leviticus, God commands the ancient Israelites to love the "stranger" as themselves. 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

11* Do laws passed by a nation's government to limit immigration violate biblical teaching by keeping out poor foreigners seeking a better life or do those laws follow biblical teaching by protecting the most vulnerable within the national community?

- 11% The laws violate biblical teaching by keeping out poor foreigners
- 56% The laws follow biblical teaching by protecting a nation's most vulnerable
- 33% Not sure

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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, OR most people should be able to migrate from country to country since all people are equal children of God?

75% Nations have a moral and sovereign right to decide which and how many immigrants can enter

15% Most people should be able to migrate from country to country since all people are equal children of God

10% Not sure

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?

18% Should improve the case for legal status

71% Should not make any difference

11% Not sure

14* 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?

25% Very sympathetic

38% Somewhat sympathetic

20% Not very sympathetic

14% Not at all sympathetic

2% Not sure

15* 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

18% Somewhat sympathetic

33% Not very sympathetic

40% Not at all sympathetic

3% Not sure

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16* 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
16% Somewhat sympathetic
21% Not very sympathetic
54% Not at all sympathetic
3% Not sure

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

23% Yes
62% No
15% Not sure

18* 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?

38% Deport most because it is the right thing to do under the law
39% Deport some since mass deportations are not practical
14% You oppose most deportations as inhumane
10% Not sure

19* 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?

44% Strongly support
24% Somewhat support
12% Somewhat oppose
10% Strongly oppose
11% Not sure

GROUPINGS

68% Strongly or Somewhat SUPPORT
22% Strongly or Somewhat OPPOSE