

POLL RESULTS FOR ILLINOIS

A scientific poll of the state's voters finds almost no support for the Gang of Eight's oversized amnesty bill in the way it rewards 11 million illegal aliens before any new enforcement to stop future illegal immigration. (See more details on the poll below.)

- **Only 24% of likely voters in Illinois agree with the work-permits-first and enforcement-later approach of S. 744.**
- 15% of voters were unsure of their opinion on this issue.
- 61% said they want "full enforcement" at the workplace and the border before even "considering" giving work permits to illegal aliens.

Pulse Opinion Research conducted its scientific poll of ILLINOIS likely voters with results having the standard margin of sampling error of 3 percentage points, with a 95% level of confidence.

Here is how it asked the question:

QUESTION: "SOME in Congress propose giving work permits to illegal immigrants first and then implementing border and workplace enforcement to stop future flows of illegal workers over the next 10 years. OTHERS in Congress say the enforcement at the borders and workplace must be implemented first and then the work permits can be considered. WHICH do you prefer for dealing with illegal immigrants?"

The wording in some ways was biased toward the bill because it suggested that the enforcement would actually happen over 10 years, when in fact the bill is written with so many waivers and exceptions that it is doubtful how much of the enforcement really would occur.

Nonetheless, hardly any group of Illinois voters showed any real sign of support for the way S. 744 is structured.

For each group of voters listed here:

The first percentage is for those who answered, "Work permits first, followed by 10 years of implementing enforcement" which is what S. 744 does.

The second percentage is for those who answered, "Full enforcement first, before considering work permits." (The remainder answered "Not sure.")

27% - 57%....Age 18-39

22% - 63%....Age 40-64

25% - 57%....Age 65+

21% - 65%....*White*

26% - 49%....*Black*

49% - 32%....*Hispanic*

19% - 78%....*Asian/Other*

15% - 69%....*Republican*

34% - 49%....*Democrat*

16% - 73%....*Independent*

13% - 73%....*Evangelical*

33% - 55%....*Protestant*

21% - 69%....*Catholic*

26% - 50%....*Other & No Religion*

22% - 67%....*Men*

26% - 55%....*Women*

Here is another question that shows where Illinois voters are on enforcement issues.

QUESTION: "On the issue of fighting illegal immigration, is the government doing too much, not enough or about the right amount?"

12%....*Too much*

61%....*Not enough*

17%....*About the right amount*

10%....*Not sure*