

# NEW JERSEY

Survey of 1,000 Likely Voters

Conducted June 4-5, 2013

By Pulse Opinion Research

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

1\* Recent government unemployment reports show that about 10 million Americans with college education and about 10 million less-educated Americans without college want a full-time job but still cannot find one. Do you think their **prospects of finding a job** over the next two years are excellent, good, fair or poor?

4% Excellent  
27% Good  
32% Fair  
33% Poor  
4% Not sure

2\* Over the last two decades, the government has issued lifetime work permits to approximately **1 million new immigrants each year**. Should the government reduce the annual immigration number, increase it, or keep it about the same?

50% Reduce the immigration number  
12% Increase it  
34% Keep it about the same  
4% Not sure

3\* Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that the United States **needs more less-educated immigrant workers** to deal with labor shortages?

14% Strongly agree  
19% Somewhat agree  
23% Somewhat disagree  
32% Strongly disagree  
12% Not sure

INTENSITY: 14% STRONGLY agree  
32% STRONGLY disagree

4\* Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that the United States **needs more highly-educated immigrant workers** to deal with labor shortages?

20% Strongly agree  
23% Somewhat agree  
24% Somewhat disagree  
25% Strongly disagree  
9% Not sure

INTENSITY: 20% STRONGLY agree  
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5\* SOME in Congress argue that reducing the number of future foreign workers would provide less competition and make it easier for unemployed Americans to find jobs. OTHERS in Congress argue that bringing in more foreign workers would create economic growth and provide more jobs to unemployed Americans. Which sounds like the better policy, reducing the number of foreign workers or bringing in more?

62% Reducing foreign workers provides less competition for unemployed Americans to find jobs

23% Bringing in more foreign workers to create economic growth and provide more jobs for unemployed Americans

15% Not sure

6\* On the matter of ILLEGAL immigration, do you believe **less educated illegal immigrants compete with less-educated Americans** for construction, manufacturing, hospitality and other service jobs?

63% Yes

25% No

12% Not sure

7\* The government estimates that **11 million people live illegally** in the United States. Congress is considering legislation that would give most of them work permits if they pay a fine and undergo a background check. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the **work permits**?

25% Strongly support

27% Somewhat support

17% Somewhat oppose

28% Strongly oppose

3% Not sure

8\* In terms of **dealing with the current illegal immigrant population** of 11 million, would you prefer that the United States deport most, or that it try to persuade most to leave voluntarily by denying them jobs, or let most stay as visitors if they have families here but without jobs or public assistance, or give most full legal status and work permits?

24% Deport most

15% Try to persuade most to leave voluntarily by denying them jobs

24% Let most stay as visitors with their families but no jobs or public assistance

30% Give most full legal status and work permits

7% Not sure

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## COMPOSITS ON Q8 HANDLING OF ILLEGAL POPULATION:

- 24% Chose (a) to deport most
- 30% Chose (b) to give full legal status and work permits
- 39% Chose answers (a) & (b) wanting most to leave
- 54% Chose answers (c) & (d) allowing most to stay
- 63% Chose answers (a), (b) & (c) denying jobs & assistance to most

9\* On the issue of **fighting illegal immigration**, is the government doing too much, not enough or about the right amount?

- 10% Too much
- 61% Not enough
- 20% About the right amount
- 9% Not sure

10\* The immigration bill in Congress would offer work permits to 11 million illegal immigrants in the first year, followed by 10 years of implementing border and workplace enforcement to stop future flows of illegal workers. OPPONENTS of the bill say they want enforcement at the borders and workplace to be fully implemented BEFORE considering giving work permits. Which do you prefer for dealing with the illegal population?

- 30% Work permits first, followed by 10 years of implementing enforcement
- 53% Full enforcement first, before considering work permits
- 17% Not sure

11\* Opponents of the bill say that because most of the 11 million illegal immigrants are less educated, they will cost a lot more than they will pay in taxes once they become eligible for entitlements like health care, retirement and other public assistance programs. Supporters of the bill say that once the illegal immigrants gain legal status their extra contribution to economic growth will produce taxes that will more than make up for their costs. Which do you agree with more?

- 49% They will cost a lot more than they will pay in taxes once they become eligible for entitlements
- 38% Their contribution to economic growth will produce taxes that will more than make up for their costs
- 13% Not sure