SOUTH DAKOTA
Survey of 1000 Likely Voters
Conducted April 16-18, 2013
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?

   8% Excellent
26% Good
35% Fair
29% Poor
  1% Not sure

2* **In South Dakota**, the broad unemployment rate has been 12% for less-educated citizens who have no more than a high school diploma and who want a full-time job. Over the next two years how would you rate the **prospects that the state's economy will produce a lot more jobs** for these citizens….excellent, good, fair or poor?

   9% Excellent
28% Good
35% Fair
29% Poor
  2% Not sure

3* Congress is considering a bill to give **work permits to an estimated 7 million illegal immigrant workers.** Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the work permits?

35% SUPPORT
     11% Strongly support work permits
     24% Somewhat support
63% OPPOSE
     25% Somewhat oppose
     38% Strongly oppose
 3% Not sure

        INTENSITY
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4* (**Answered ONLY by the 341 Likely Voters Who Support Work Permits**) Do you support giving work permits to nearly all illegal immigrants, most of them, or some of them?

22% Nearly all
36% Most
36% Some
6% Not sure

5* Do you believe less educated illegal **immigrants compete with** less-educated **Americans** for construction, manufacturing, hospitality and other service jobs?

62% Yes
25% No
14% Not sure

6* How much **moral responsibility** do you feel Congress has to help protect the ability of **current illegal immigrants** to hold a job and support their families without fear of deportation: a lot, some, very little or none?

9% A lot
30% Some
23% Very little
32% None
6% Not sure

7* How much **moral responsibility** do you feel Congress has to help protect **unemployed or low-wage Americans** from having to compete with foreign workers for U.S. jobs: A lot, some, very little or none?

41% A lot
34% Some
14% Very little
16% None
6% Not sure

8* In recent years, the government has issued **permanent green cards** to approximately 1 million new immigrants each year. Is this number too high, too low or about right?

43% Too high
11% Too low
34% About right
13% Not sure

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9* Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that the United States is faced with labor shortages and **needs more immigrant workers**?

> 26% AGREE
> > 6% Strongly agree
> > 20% Somewhat agree
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> 69% DISAGREE
> > 33% Somewhat disagree
> > 36% Strongly disagree
>
> 5% Not sure

> > INTENSITY
> > > 6% Strongly AGREE need more immigrant workers
> > > 36% Strongly DISAGREE need more immigrant workers

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

> 7% Too much
> 64% Not enough
> 21% About the right amount
> 9% Not sure

11* SOME in Congress propose giving work permits to illegal immigrants immediately 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 the illegal immigrants?

> 20% **Work permits first,** followed by 10 years of implementing enforcement
> 66% **Full enforcement first,** before considering work permits
> 14% Not sure

12* Are you **more likely to vote for a political** party that supports enforcing immigration laws first or that supports legalizing illegal immigrants first?

> 64% A political party that supports enforcing immigration laws first
> 16% A political party that supports legalizing illegal immigrants first
> 20% Not sure

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13* What is the government's **most urgent priority in setting immigration policy** this year: Bring otherwise law-abiding illegal immigrants out of the shadows, protecting unemployed less-educated Americans from competition from foreign workers, or ensuring that employers get the foreign workers they need to keep the economy strong?

      19% Bring illegal immigrants out of the shadows
      53% Protect unemployed Americans from foreign-worker competition
      20% Ensure employers get workers they need for strong economy
       8% Not sure

14* Do you favor or oppose requiring all employers to use **E-Verify** to electronically ensure that they are hiring only legal workers for U.S. jobs?

      74% Favor
      10% Oppose
      16% Not sure

15* In terms of **dealing with the illegal immigrant population** of 11 million, would you prefer that the United States deport most, deport only some but ensure the rest take no jobs or taxpayer assistance, or provide most with legal status and work permits?

      34% Deport most
      30% Deport some but ensure no jobs or assistance for the rest
      24% Legal status and work permits for most
      12% Not sure

16* If Congress were to give work permits to illegal immigrants, should it **offset the job competition** for unemployed Americans by reducing green cards for future immigrant workers?
      43% Yes, offset with reduction in future immigrant workers
      21% No offsets in future immigration
      37% Not sure