

## 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

11% Strongly SUPPORT Work Permits  
38% Strongly OPPOSE Work Permits

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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

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

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