



WHERE AMERICANS STAND ON IMMIGRATION A HIDDEN COMMON GROUND REPORT

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The survey results below appear in the report titled “Where Americans Stand on Immigration,” which summarizes findings from a nationally representative survey of 1,054 adult Americans 18 years and older. The survey was fielded May 15-24, 2020 by Ipsos using the probability-based web-enabled KnowledgePanel®. Respondents completed the survey in English or Spanish. The survey was weighted to match Census figures to ensure full representation of the American people.

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A survey of Americans (ages 18+)

Interview dates: May 15-24, 2020

Number of interviews: N=1,054

Number of interviews: those who self-identify as Republican N=325

Number of interviews: those who self-identify as Democrat N=345

Number of interviews: Independent (Independent + Another party) N=284

Number of interviews: Apolitical (No preference + Skipped) N=100

Margin of error among total: +/- 3.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

Margin of error among Republicans: +/- 6.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

Margin of error among Democrats: +/- 5.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

Margin of error among Independents: +/- 6.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

Margin of error among Apolitical: +/- 10.7 percentage points at 95% confidence level

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

*NOTE: * = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents*



Annotated Questionnaire:

1. In the long run, do you think immigrants in the U.S. make American society better or worse?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Better	56	33	73	64	38
Worse	15	27	6	11	15
Don't know	29	39	20	23	46
Skipped	1	1	-	1	1

2. As you may know, there are several proposals to make changes to the nation's immigration system. In general, which of the following comes closest to your opinion about the country's current immigration system overall?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Leave it the way it is	4	7	3	4	2
Make <u>minor</u> changes to improve it	24	19	28	27	21
Make <u>major</u> changes to improve it	42	49	42	39	31
Redesign it completely	15	16	14	16	16
Don't know	13	8	13	12	28
Skipped	1	1	-	2	1
<i>Leave it + Minor changes</i>	29	26	31	31	23
<i>Redesign it + Major changes</i>	57	65	56	55	47



3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding immigrants in American society? Immigrants...

Summary	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
	Total Agree	Total Agree	Total Agree	Total Agree	Total Agree
Are important to the American economy	66	47	82	71	56
Are part of what makes America great	65	47	79	71	55
Enrich American culture, values and traditions	61	47	75	66	41
Need to assimilate more into American culture, values and traditions	54	69	43	58	42
Are a drain on government resources	39	69	21	34	32
Take jobs away from U.S. citizens	27	52	13	23	17

Enrich American culture, values and traditions	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly agree	33	18	50	35	17
Somewhat agree	28	29	25	31	24
Neither agree nor disagree	23	26	14	24	38
Somewhat disagree	6	14	3	4	3
Strongly disagree	4	9	2	2	7
Don't know	5	3	6	3	9
Skipped	1	2	*	1	2
Total Agree	61	47	75	66	41
Total Disagree	11	23	5	6	10



3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding immigrants in American society? Immigrants...

Take jobs away from U.S. citizens	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly agree	9	17	4	8	7
Somewhat agree	18	35	9	15	10
Neither agree nor disagree	21	20	15	24	32
Somewhat disagree	21	16	25	26	13
Strongly disagree	26	8	41	23	30
Don't know	4	2	5	2	6
Skipped	1	2	*	1	2
Total Agree	27	52	13	23	17
Total Disagree	47	24	66	49	43

Are part of what makes America great	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly agree	36	18	56	38	20
Somewhat agree	29	29	24	33	36
Neither agree nor disagree	18	24	11	18	27
Somewhat disagree	6	14	2	4	3
Strongly disagree	5	9	2	3	6
Don't know	4	4	5	3	6
Skipped	1	2	*	1	2
Total Agree	65	47	79	71	55
Total Disagree	11	23	4	8	9

Are a drain on government resources	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly agree	14	29	4	12	9
Somewhat agree	25	40	17	22	23
Neither agree nor disagree	19	13	16	24	34
Somewhat disagree	15	7	20	17	12
Strongly disagree	20	6	35	21	12
Don't know	5	3	7	4	8
Skipped	1	2	*	1	2
Total Agree	39	69	21	34	32
Total Disagree	35	13	55	37	24



3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding immigrants in American society? Immigrants...

Are important to the American economy	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly agree	36	15	54	39	30
Somewhat agree	30	31	28	32	26
Neither agree nor disagree	16	25	7	16	21
Somewhat disagree	8	16	4	6	8
Strongly disagree	4	7	3	3	5
Don't know	4	4	4	4	8
Skipped	1	2	*	1	2
Total Agree	66	47	82	71	56
Total Disagree	12	22	6	8	13

Need to assimilate more into American culture, values and traditions	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly agree	26	40	17	27	15
Somewhat agree	29	29	26	32	27
Neither agree nor disagree	23	16	25	23	31
Somewhat disagree	11	8	16	9	10
Strongly disagree	6	4	9	5	4
Don't know	5	2	6	4	11
Skipped	1	2	1	1	2
Total Agree	54	69	43	58	42
Total Disagree	17	12	26	14	14



4. When you think about immigrants in American society, are you thinking **[If skipped all Q3 items: do you think]** mostly about immigrants living in the U.S. legally or mostly about immigrants living in the U.S. illegally?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Most immigrants here <u>legally</u>	23	23	23	27	13
Most immigrants here <u>illegally</u>	26	44	15	22	21
Both equally	35	26	41	34	42
Don't really think about the two groups separately	10	4	16	9	9
Don't know	6	2	5	7	15
Skipped	*	1	-	*	1

5. Do you think most of the immigrants in the United States have come here legally, or have most of them come here illegally?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Most come here <u>legally</u>	29	19	40	30	19
Most come here <u>illegally</u>	25	40	16	22	23
About half and half	26	25	26	27	28
Don't know	19	15	18	21	28
Skipped	*	1	*	*	1



6. How important are each of the following to you regarding U.S. immigration policy overall?

Summary	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
	Total Important	Total Important	Total Important	Total Important	Total Important
Ensuring that people and families who cross the border illegally are treated humanely	85	83	92	87	68
Allowing highly skilled immigrants to come to the U.S. as documented workers (e.g., doctors, engineers, scientists)	83	82	87	86	66
Enforcing rules that make sure people and families who cross the border illegally are processed quickly and fairly	83	84	85	87	65
Creating a path to citizenship for people whose parents brought them to the U.S. illegally as young children	77	69	87	80	64
Allowing undocumented immigrants to apply for legal status if they are otherwise law-abiding and pay taxes	75	65	87	78	59
Enforcing immigration rules more strongly so students, workers and travelers with temporary visas do not overstay them and remain in the U.S. illegally	72	89	61	76	58
Preventing illegal immigration by enforcing border security more strongly	71	89	56	76	63
Allowing documented immigrants and citizens to legally bring children and close family members to live in the U.S.	70	62	82	71	51



6. How important are each of the following to you regarding U.S. immigration policy overall?

Summary	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
	Total Important	Total Important	Total Important	Total Important	Total Important
Fining companies or employers that hire undocumented immigrants	66	80	59	69	47
Allowing immigrants who will take low-wage jobs that Americans do not want to come to the U.S. as documented workers	64	59	71	69	48
Deporting all undocumented immigrants	50	79	32	46	38
Separating family members when they cross the border illegally so others will be less likely to come to the U.S.	28	43	23	26	16

Preventing illegal immigration by enforcing border security more strongly	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Very important	43	72	19	46	37
Somewhat important	28	17	37	30	26
Not too important	12	3	20	11	10
Not at all important	7	1	13	7	2
Don't know	9	4	11	6	23
Skipped	1	2	*	-	2
Total Important	71	89	56	76	63
Total Not Important	19	4	33	18	12



6. How important are each of the following to you regarding U.S. immigration policy overall

Deporting all undocumented immigrants	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Very important	24	45	12	21	16
Somewhat important	25	34	20	25	22
Not too important	19	11	24	27	12
Not at all important	19	3	33	19	15
Don't know	11	5	11	8	32
Skipped	1	2	1	-	3
Total Important	50	79	32	46	38
Total Not Important	38	14	57	46	27

Allowing undocumented immigrants to apply for legal status if they are otherwise law-abiding and pay taxes	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Very important	47	31	65	47	35
Somewhat important	28	34	23	31	24
Not too important	8	12	4	8	10
Not at all important	8	16	2	7	6
Don't know	8	5	6	7	24
Skipped	1	2	*	-	2
Total Important	75	65	87	78	59
Total Not Important	16	28	6	15	16

Allowing highly skilled immigrants to come to the U.S. as documented workers (e.g., doctors, engineers, scientists)	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Very important	53	47	61	58	37
Somewhat important	30	36	26	27	29
Not too important	6	8	3	6	8
Not at all important	3	3	3	2	4
Don't know	8	5	7	6	19
Skipped	1	2	*	-	3
Total Important	83	82	87	86	66
Total Not Important	8	11	5	8	12



6. How important are each of the following to you regarding U.S. immigration policy overall

Ensuring that people and families who cross the border illegally are treated humanely	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Very important	68	58	79	68	56
Somewhat important	17	24	12	19	12
Not too important	4	5	1	5	7
Not at all important	3	6	0	3	2
Don't know	6	3	6	5	20
Skipped	1	3	1	-	3
Total Important	85	83	92	87	68
Total Not Important	7	11	2	8	9

Allowing immigrants who will take low-wage jobs that Americans do not want to come to the U.S. as documented workers	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Very important	30	20	40	36	17
Somewhat important	34	39	31	33	31
Not too important	12	13	8	14	15
Not at all important	9	15	5	7	6
Don't know	14	11	15	10	30
Skipped	1	2	1	-	1
Total Important	64	59	71	69	48
Total Not Important	21	29	14	21	21

Separating family members when they cross the border illegally so others will be less likely to come to the U.S.	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Very important	13	19	12	13	4
Somewhat important	15	24	10	13	12
Not too important	14	15	10	19	15
Not at all important	39	22	55	43	24
Don't know	18	18	12	13	43
Skipped	1	2	1	-	2
Total Important	28	43	23	26	16
Total Not Important	53	37	65	61	39



6. How important are each of the following to you regarding U.S. immigration policy overall

Enforcing rules that make sure people and families who cross the border illegally are processed quickly and fairly	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Very important	55	58	58	56	40
Somewhat important	28	26	28	32	25
Not too important	6	5	6	6	9
Not at all important	2	3	1	1	1
Don't know	8	6	7	6	24
Skipped	1	2	*	-	2
Total Important	83	84	85	87	65
Total Not Important	7	8	7	7	10

Enforcing immigration rules more strongly so students, workers and travelers with temporary visas do not overstay them and remain in the U.S. illegally	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Very important	40	62	23	44	30
Somewhat important	32	27	38	31	28
Not too important	12	5	20	11	11
Not at all important	5	1	9	6	1
Don't know	9	3	9	7	27
Skipped	1	2	1	-	2
Total Important	72	89	61	76	58
Total Not Important	18	6	29	17	13



6. How important are each of the following to you regarding U.S. immigration policy overall

Allowing documented immigrants and citizens to legally bring children and close family members to live in the U.S.	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Very important	38	25	48	43	29
Somewhat important	32	37	33	28	22
Not too important	12	15	5	13	20
Not at all important	7	12	4	8	6
Don't know	10	9	9	8	20
Skipped	1	2	*	-	3
Total Important	70	62	82	71	51
Total Not Important	19	27	9	21	25

Fining companies or employers that hire undocumented immigrants	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Very important	39	55	29	38	32
Somewhat important	27	25	29	32	16
Not too important	13	6	18	14	9
Not at all important	10	5	12	12	9
Don't know	10	6	10	5	32
Skipped	1	3	1	-	2
Total Important	66	80	59	69	47
Total Not Important	22	12	31	26	18

Creating a path to citizenship for people whose parents brought them to the U.S. illegally as young children	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Very important	51	31	69	52	42
Somewhat important	27	37	18	29	23
Not too important	7	11	3	7	5
Not at all important	7	14	1	6	5
Don't know	8	4	8	7	24
Skipped	1	2	1	-	1
Total Important	77	69	87	80	64
Total Not Important	13	25	4	13	10



7. Do you think undocumented workers currently living in the U.S. mostly fill jobs U.S. citizens would like or mostly fill jobs U.S. citizens do not want?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Fill jobs citizens would like	10	20	6	7	8
Fill jobs citizens do not want	63	42	78	71	55
Don't know	26	36	16	22	36
Skipped	1	2	*	-	1

8. As far as you know, about how many undocumented immigrants pay federal, state or local taxes?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
<u>Most</u> undocumented immigrants pay taxes	20	5	31	23	19
About half	10	8	11	12	6
Very few	21	33	14	19	21
<u>No</u> undocumented immigrants pay taxes	10	19	5	9	7
Don't know	38	34	39	37	45
Skipped	1	1	-	*	2
Half or More	30	13	42	35	25
Few or None	32	51	19	28	28



9. **[Split Sample A]** Which comes closest to your view about what government policy should be toward illegal immigrants currently residing in the United States? Should the government deport all illegal immigrants back to their home country, allow illegal immigrants to remain in the United States in order to work, but only for a limited amount of time, or allow illegal immigrants to remain in the United States and become U.S. citizens, but only if they meet certain requirements over a period of time?

	Total (N=545)	Republican (N=171)	Democrat (N=179)	Independent (N=141)	Apolitical (N=54)
Deport all	16	32	4	16	11
Allow to stay to work for a limited amount of time	17	27	12	13	8
Allow to stay and become citizens	52	26	72	58	49
Don't know	15	13	13	13	31
Skipped	*	1	-	-	-

9. **[Split Sample B]** Which comes closest to your view about what government policy should be toward undocumented immigrants currently residing in the United States? Should the government deport all undocumented immigrants back to their home country, allow undocumented immigrants to remain in the United States in order to work, but only for a limited amount of time, or allow undocumented immigrants to remain in the United States and become U.S. citizens, but only if they meet certain requirements over a period of time?

	Total (N=509)	Republican (N=154)	Democrat (N=166)	Independent (N=143)	Apolitical (N=46)
Deport all	18	37	6	14	20
Allow to stay to work for a limited amount of time	19	23	13	26	15
Allow to stay and become citizens	49	32	69	44	35
Don't know	13	9	10	16	28
Skipped	1	-	1	1	2



10. Here are examples of people who entered the U.S. illegally and are living here as undocumented immigrants. Please indicate for each whether you think the government should allow them to stay in the country or not.

Summary	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
	Allow to stay in the U.S.	Allow to stay in the U.S.	Allow to stay in the U.S.	Allow to stay in the U.S.	Allow to stay in the U.S.
A young adult who was brought to the U.S. illegally by their parents as a child, is currently in college and has never been in trouble with the law	66	48	81	68	58
A parent who came here illegally with young children to make a better life for their family, is currently employed and pays taxes.	58	33	78	60	56
A young adult who was brought to the U.S. illegally by their parents as a child, is currently employed but has committed a minor crime.	27	10	43	28	22
A parent who came here illegally with young children to make a better life for their family, is currently employed but does not pay taxes.	13	4	22	13	8
A young adult who was brought to the U.S. illegally by their parents as a child, is currently employed but has committed a major crime.	6	2	9	8	8



10. Here are examples of people who entered the U.S. illegally and are living here as undocumented immigrants. Please indicate for each whether you think the government should allow them to stay in the country or not.

A parent who came here illegally with young children to make a better life for their family, is currently employed and pays taxes.	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
<u>Allow</u> them to stay in the U.S.	58	33	78	60	56
<u>Do not allow</u> them to stay in the U.S.	13	27	3	14	8
Depends	20	33	12	18	17
Don't know	7	4	7	8	16
Skipped	1	3	*	-	3

A parent who came here illegally with young children to make a better life for their family, is currently employed but does not pay taxes.	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
<u>Allow</u> them to stay in the U.S.	13	4	22	13	8
<u>Do not allow</u> them to stay in the U.S.	38	62	21	35	32
Depends	39	25	48	42	37
Don't know	9	6	8	9	20
Skipped	1	2	1	-	3

A young adult who was brought to the U.S. illegally by their parents as a child, is currently in college and has never been in trouble with the law	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
<u>Allow</u> them to stay in the U.S.	66	48	81	68	58
<u>Do not allow</u> them to stay in the U.S.	9	17	4	8	7
Depends	17	29	9	15	17
Don't know	7	5	6	9	15
Skipped	1	2	1	-	3



10. Here are examples of people who entered the U.S. illegally and are living here as undocumented immigrants. Please indicate for each whether you think the government should allow them to stay in the country or not.

A young adult who was brought to the U.S. illegally by their parents as a child, is currently employed but has committed a minor crime.	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
<u>Allow</u> them to stay in the U.S.	27	10	43	28	22
<u>Do not allow</u> them to stay in the U.S.	24	41	11	23	18
Depends	40	42	38	42	40
Don't know	8	6	7	7	17
Skipped	1	2	1	-	3

A young adult who was brought to the U.S. illegally by their parents as a child, is currently employed but has committed a major crime.	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
<u>Allow</u> them to stay in the U.S.	6	2	9	8	8
<u>Do not allow</u> them to stay in the U.S.	61	80	49	65	45
Depends	23	13	33	19	24
Don't know	8	4	8	9	20
Skipped	1	2	1	-	4

11. Do you think most undocumented immigrants currently living in the U.S...

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Are here because they illegally crossed the U.S.-Mexico border	38	53	29	37	27
Are here because they illegally overstayed their work, student or travel visas	28	20	36	30	18
Don't know	34	26	35	34	52
Skipped	1	1	*	-	3



12. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about continuing to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border? Continuing to build a wall...

Summary	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
	Total Agree	Total Agree	Total Agree	Total Agree	Total Agree
Takes tax dollars away from more important problems	56	30	76	64	49
Will not stop significant numbers of people from crossing the border illegally	50	27	67	57	42
Goes against American values and traditions	42	17	63	46	28
Is an important symbol <u>regardless</u> of how many people it stops from crossing the border illegally	31	63	11	27	26
Is worth the cost	30	64	5	28	27
Will stop <u>almost all</u> people from crossing the border illegally	24	50	10	18	16



12. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about continuing to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border? Continuing to build a wall...

Will stop <u>almost all</u> people from crossing the border illegally	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly agree	8	19	3	7	3
Somewhat agree	16	32	7	11	13
Neither agree nor disagree	12	13	10	10	22
Somewhat disagree	18	16	15	22	20
Strongly disagree	37	12	59	41	21
Don't know	8	6	6	9	17
Skipped	1	2	1	*	3
Total Agree	24	50	10	18	16
Total Disagree	54	29	73	63	42

Is an important symbol <u>regardless</u> of how many people it stops from crossing the border illegally	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly agree	15	35	3	13	7
Somewhat agree	16	28	8	14	18
Neither agree nor disagree	15	16	16	13	20
Somewhat disagree	10	9	9	11	13
Strongly disagree	33	8	55	40	17
Don't know	8	3	8	9	21
Skipped	2	2	1	*	3
Total Agree	31	63	11	27	26
Total Disagree	43	16	64	51	31

Takes tax dollars away from more important problems	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly agree	39	12	62	46	26
Somewhat agree	17	18	14	17	22
Neither agree nor disagree	12	17	8	10	15
Somewhat disagree	10	20	4	8	8
Strongly disagree	13	27	5	12	6
Don't know	7	5	6	6	18
Skipped	1	2	1	-	3
Total Agree	56	30	76	64	49
Total Disagree	23	47	9	20	15



12. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about continuing to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border? Continuing to build a wall...

Is worth the cost	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly agree	18	45	2	15	11
Somewhat agree	12	19	3	13	16
Neither agree nor disagree	11	11	9	11	14
Somewhat disagree	11	8	11	12	15
Strongly disagree	37	9	64	41	20
Don't know	9	7	9	8	21
Skipped	2	2	2	-	4
Total Agree	30	64	5	28	27
Total Disagree	48	17	75	53	34

Goes against American values and traditions	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly agree	24	6	43	26	11
Somewhat agree	17	11	21	20	17
Neither agree nor disagree	16	12	16	16	24
Somewhat disagree	12	18	6	14	11
Strongly disagree	21	48	5	17	13
Don't know	8	4	8	6	20
Skipped	1	2	1	-	3
Total Agree	42	17	63	46	28
Total Disagree	33	66	10	31	25

Will <u>not</u> stop significant numbers of people from crossing the border illegally	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly agree	29	10	47	30	21
Somewhat agree	21	17	20	27	21
Neither agree nor disagree	10	10	8	10	15
Somewhat disagree	16	27	8	15	12
Strongly disagree	13	27	7	10	8
Don't know	9	7	8	9	19
Skipped	1	2	1	-	4
Total Agree	50	27	67	57	42
Total Disagree	29	53	16	24	20



13. Do you support or oppose allowing each of the following to come to the United States as a documented, legal immigrant? If a person...

Summary	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support
Has special job skills that companies cannot find among American workers	73	69	79	76	60
Is financially secure and does not need government assistance	71	69	72	76	63
Is escaping war and violence	68	60	78	67	61
Is escaping political or religious persecution	65	59	72	69	51
Is engaged to marry a U.S. citizen	61	53	66	66	52
Has a close family member already living in the U.S.	58	51	66	60	48
Will work in low-wage jobs that Americans do not want	56	44	64	64	44

Has a close family member already living in the U.S.	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly support	27	18	36	28	16
Somewhat support	32	32	30	32	32
Neither support nor oppose	20	21	19	19	24
Somewhat oppose	8	13	4	10	5
Strongly oppose	5	11	2	5	3
Don't know	7	2	7	6	16
Skipped	2	2	1	-	4
Total Support	58	51	66	60	48
Total Oppose	14	24	6	14	8



13. Do you support or oppose allowing each of the following to come to the United States as a documented, legal immigrant? If a person...

Is engaged to marry a U.S. citizen	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly support	33	22	42	36	28
Somewhat support	27	31	24	30	24
Neither support nor oppose	20	25	19	17	21
Somewhat oppose	7	11	5	4	8
Strongly oppose	4	5	3	6	2
Don't know	7	3	7	8	14
Skipped	1	2	1	-	4
Total Support	61	53	66	66	52
Total Oppose	11	17	7	10	9

Is escaping war and violence	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly support	41	23	56	44	35
Somewhat support	27	37	22	23	26
Neither support nor oppose	14	17	10	17	17
Somewhat oppose	6	12	2	5	3
Strongly oppose	4	6	3	3	3
Don't know	7	3	7	8	13
Skipped	1	2	1	*	4
Total Support	68	60	78	67	61
Total Oppose	9	18	5	8	6

Is escaping political or religious persecution	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly support	40	24	53	45	27
Somewhat support	25	35	19	25	24
Neither support nor oppose	15	17	12	13	23
Somewhat oppose	6	12	2	6	2
Strongly oppose	4	5	5	4	3
Don't know	8	5	8	8	16
Skipped	1	2	1	-	5
Total Support	65	59	72	69	51
Total Oppose	10	17	7	9	5



13. Do you support or oppose allowing each of the following to come to the United States as a documented, legal immigrant? If a person...

Is financially secure and does not need government assistance	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly support	47	40	49	53	41
Somewhat support	25	30	23	22	22
Neither support nor oppose	15	14	15	12	19
Somewhat oppose	3	6	2	2	2
Strongly oppose	3	5	2	3	2
Don't know	6	3	6	6	10
Skipped	2	2	2	-	4
Total Support	71	69	72	76	63
Total Oppose	7	11	5	6	4

Has special job skills that companies cannot find among American workers	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly support	46	36	58	49	30
Somewhat support	27	32	21	27	30
Neither support nor oppose	13	18	12	9	18
Somewhat oppose	4	5	1	5	2
Strongly oppose	3	5	2	4	2
Don't know	5	2	5	6	13
Skipped	1	2	1	-	5
Total Support	73	69	79	76	60
Total Oppose	7	10	3	8	4

Will work in low-wage jobs that Americans do not want	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly support	28	16	39	33	19
Somewhat support	28	28	26	31	25
Neither support nor oppose	24	30	19	22	29
Somewhat oppose	6	11	2	4	6
Strongly oppose	6	9	5	3	4
Don't know	7	3	8	7	13
Skipped	2	3	1	1	4
Total Support	56	44	64	64	44
Total Oppose	11	20	7	7	10



14. Do you support or oppose the government taking each of the following actions during the coronavirus crisis?

Summary	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support
Mandatory coronavirus testing for immigrants entering the country <u>legally</u>	80	85	80	81	63
Providing <u>undocumented</u> immigrants living in the U.S. with testing and treatment for the coronavirus so that they do not spread the disease	71	62	79	75	57
Temporarily restricting immigrants from entering the U.S.	62	81	49	62	52
Stopping all immigration raids while people are required to shelter in-place at home	53	37	70	52	38
Allowing <u>undocumented</u> immigrants who are essential workers to stay in the U.S.	51	27	72	54	43
Deporting all <u>undocumented</u> immigrants	31	56	14	28	21

Providing <u>undocumented</u> immigrants living in the U.S. with testing and treatment for the coronavirus so that they do not spread the disease	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly support	48	36	61	49	33
Somewhat support	23	26	18	26	24
Neither support nor oppose	14	18	10	12	18
Somewhat oppose	2	6	1	2	1
Strongly oppose	5	9	3	5	3
Don't know	7	4	6	7	17
Skipped	2	2	1	-	5
Total Support	71	62	79	75	57
Total Oppose	7	14	4	6	3



14. Do you support or oppose the government taking each of the following actions during the coronavirus crisis?

Mandatory coronavirus testing for immigrants entering the country <u>legally</u>	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly support	63	69	66	61	47
Somewhat support	17	16	15	20	16
Neither support nor oppose	9	7	8	9	18
Somewhat oppose	2	1	3	1	2
Strongly oppose	2	3	2	0	0
Don't know	7	2	7	8	13
Skipped	1	2	1	-	5
Total Support	80	85	80	81	63
Total Oppose	3	4	5	2	2

Deporting all <u>undocumented</u> immigrants	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly support	17	34	7	13	9
Somewhat support	14	22	7	15	12
Neither support nor oppose	17	17	14	18	27
Somewhat oppose	15	15	17	16	11
Strongly oppose	28	6	46	30	21
Don't know	7	4	7	8	15
Skipped	2	2	2	-	5
Total Support	31	56	14	28	21
Total Oppose	43	20	63	46	32

Stopping all immigration raids while people are required to shelter in-place at home	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly support	34	17	51	34	27
Somewhat support	18	20	19	18	12
Neither support nor oppose	17	16	15	15	26
Somewhat oppose	9	16	3	11	9
Strongly oppose	13	25	4	14	6
Don't know	7	4	7	8	15
Skipped	1	2	1	-	5
Total Support	53	37	70	52	38
Total Oppose	22	41	7	25	15



14. Do you support or oppose the government taking each of the following actions during the coronavirus crisis?

Allowing <u>undocumented</u> immigrants who are essential workers to stay in the U.S.	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly support	30	8	49	30	26
Somewhat support	22	19	23	25	17
Neither support nor oppose	18	21	13	17	24
Somewhat oppose	11	20	4	11	9
Strongly oppose	12	25	3	11	6
Don't know	7	4	7	7	12
Skipped	1	2	1	-	5
Total Support	51	27	72	54	43
Total Oppose	23	45	7	22	16

Temporarily restricting immigrants from entering the U.S.	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Strongly support	39	59	27	33	35
Somewhat support	23	22	22	29	17
Neither support nor oppose	15	7	21	14	17
Somewhat oppose	9	3	13	10	6
Strongly oppose	6	4	9	6	5
Don't know	6	2	6	7	15
Skipped	2	2	2	*	5
Total Support	62	81	49	62	52
Total Oppose	15	7	22	16	11



15. The government recently put temporary restrictions on immigration during the coronavirus crisis. When these restrictions expire next month, do you think the government should extend these restrictions or not?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Yes, extend restrictions for the <u>short-term</u>	38	40	35	40	34
Yes, extend restrictions for the <u>long-term</u>	23	34	17	19	19
No, <u>do not extend</u> restrictions at all	16	12	22	17	10
Don't know	23	13	25	24	36
Skipped	1	1	1	-	1
Total Yes	60	74	52	59	53



16. Which of the following, if any, applies to you personally? Please select all that apply.

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
I was born outside of the United States	13	10	14	14	19
One or both of my <u>parents</u> were born outside of the United States	18	12	22	19	18
I have <u>another close family member</u> (e.g. grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin) who was born outside of the United States	21	17	22	25	18
My <u>partner/spouse</u> was born outside of the United States	10	5	13	10	8
I have a friend who was born outside of the United States	34	26	39	40	29
I have hired an undocumented immigrant to work in my business	1	1	1	1	-
I have hired an undocumented immigrant to work in my household	1	1	2	2	-
I live in a community with a large immigrant population	25	21	29	27	23
Skipped	39	46	37	31	40



17. Of the choices listed below, which is your main source of news about current events and politics? Please select only one.

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
FOX News	13	27	5	10	7
CNN	11	11	12	9	11
MSNBC	10	4	18	10	3
ABC News	9	9	11	4	13
CBS News	8	8	8	5	11
NBC News	7	7	7	5	8
Public television/radio	6	4	7	7	3
Newspapers/magazines	5	1	9	5	1
Other	13	12	12	18	8
None of the above	13	12	7	18	16
Don't know	6	4	4	7	19
Skipped	1	2	1	-	1

18. How often are you currently checking in on news about current events and politics?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Several times a day	31	31	34	33	16
About once a day	31	31	33	33	22
Several times a week	11	10	12	10	13
About once a week	7	9	7	4	9
A few times a month	5	3	4	6	6
Once a month or less	4	5	3	5	6
Do not follow at all	6	6	3	7	17
Don't know	4	2	2	3	11
Skipped	1	1	*	-	1



19. How would you rate your financial situation today?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Excellent	15	20	15	13	8
Good	44	45	42	50	28
Fair	28	27	29	25	37
Poor	9	5	11	9	16
Don't know	3	2	2	3	9
Skipped	1	1	*	1	3
Excellent + Good	59	65	58	63	35
Poor + Fair	38	32	40	34	53

20. Are you currently registered to vote in the U.S.?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Yes, I am registered to vote	83	90	85	85	50
No, I am not registered to vote	12	7	10	9	34
Don't know/No answer	5	2	5	5	14
Skipped	*	1	*	-	2

21. How likely are you to vote in the November 2020 presidential election?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Very likely	75	81	83	76	32
Somewhat likely	9	9	5	11	13
Not too likely	3	2	2	1	8
Not at all likely	8	3	6	7	26
Don't know	5	3	3	4	19
Skipped	1	1	1	*	2
Likely	83	90	89	87	44
Not likely	10	6	7	9	34



22. In general, do you think of yourself as...

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Apolitical
Extremely liberal	6	1	9	7	2
Liberal	14	4	30	8	3
Slightly liberal	9	2	15	12	3
Moderate, middle of the road	34	16	34	44	60
Slightly conservative	9	13	5	9	11
Conservative	21	49	5	15	9
Extremely conservative	5	13	1	3	2
Skipped	3	2	1	3	10
<i>Liberal</i>	28	7	54	26	8
<i>Conservative</i>	35	75	11	27	22



Methodology

This Public Agenda/USA Today/Ipsos Poll was conducted May 15th-24th, 2020 by Ipsos Public Affairs KnowledgePanel® – a division of Ipsos. This poll was based on a nationally-representative probability sample of adults age 18 or older (n=1,054).

The survey was conducted using the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®, which is the largest and most well-established online panel that is representative of the adult US population. Our recruitment process employs a scientifically developed addressed-based sampling methodology using the latest Delivery Sequence File of the USPS – a database with full coverage of all delivery points in the US. Households are randomly selected from all available households in the U.S. Persons in these households are invited to join and participate in the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®. For those potential panel members who do not already have internet access, Ipsos provides a tablet and internet connection at no cost to the panel member. Those who join the panel and who are selected to participate in a survey are sent a unique password-protected log-in used to complete surveys online. As a result of our recruitment and sampling methods, samples from KnowledgePanel cover all households regardless of their phone or internet status and provide fully representative online samples to the research community.

The survey was weighted to adjust for gender by age, race, education, Census region by metropolitan status, household income and language proficiency. The above design weights for KP respondents were then raked to the following geodemographic distributions of the 18 and over adult population. The needed benchmarks were obtained from the 2019 March Supplement of the Current Population Survey (CPS). Moreover, we used the 2018 American Community Survey (ACS) to obtain language proficiency benchmarks to adjust weights for Hispanic respondents.

- Gender (Male and Female) by Age (18-29, 30-44, 45-59, 60+)
- Race-Ethnicity (White/Non-Hispanic, Black/Non-Hispanic, Other/Non-Hispanic, Hispanic, 2+ Races/Non-Hispanic)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, and West) by Metropolitan Status (Metro and Non-Metro)
- Education (Less than High School, High School, Some College, Bachelor or Higher)
- Household Income (Under \$25K, \$25K-\$49,999, \$50K-\$74,999, \$75K-\$99,999, \$100K-\$149,999, \$150K and Over)
- Language Proficiency (Non-Hispanic, English Proficient Hispanic, Bilingual Hispanic, Spanish Proficient Hispanic)

The margin of sampling error among the total sample of adults age 18 or older is plus or minus 3.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, the Republican sample is plus or minus 6.0 percentage points, the Democrat sample is plus or minus 5.8 percentage points, the Independent sample is plus or minus 6.4 percentage points, and the Apolitical sample is



plus or minus 10.7 percentage points. The margin of sampling error takes into account the design effect, which was plus or minus 1.21 percentage points. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total substantially more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.