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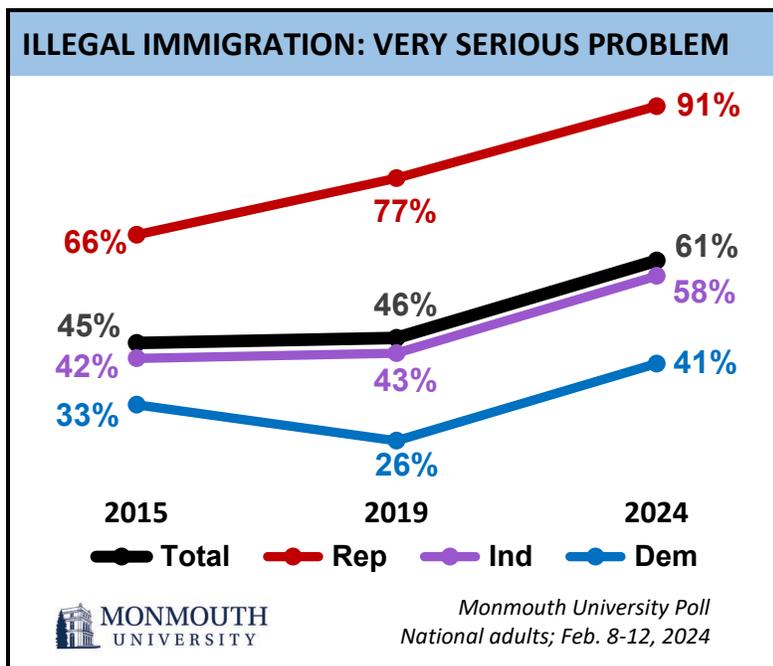
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**NATIONAL: 6 IN 10 SEE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION  
AS VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM**

*Majority now support building a border wall*

West Long Branch, NJ – Public concern about illegal immigration is higher during President Joe Biden’s term than it was under the prior two administrations, according to the latest national *Monmouth (“Mon-muth”) University Poll*. A majority of Americans support building a border wall for the first time since Monmouth started asking this question in 2015. Nearly half say the bipartisan border deal that was blocked in the U.S. Senate earlier this month is not tough enough on illegal immigration.

More than 8 in 10 Americans see illegal immigration as either a very serious (61%) or somewhat serious (23%) problem. The 6 in 10 who describe it as a very serious problem represents a jump from



polls taken at the end of former President Barack Obama’s administration to the midpoint of former President Donald Trump’s term. Specifically, the view that illegal immigration poses a very serious problem for the country ranged between 43% and 49% from 2015 to 2019. Concern about illegal immigration has increased among all partisan groups. This rise is most notable among Republicans, from 66% very serious in 2015 to 77% in 2019 and 91% in the current poll.

Among independents, 58% say this is a very serious problem, up from just over 4 in 10 who said the same in both 2015 (42%) and 2019 (43%). A similar level of concern among Democrats now stands at 41%, after dipping from 33% in 2015 to 26% in 2019.

“Illegal immigration has taken center stage as a defining issue this presidential election year. [Other Monmouth polling](#) found this to be Biden’s weakest policy area, including among his fellow Democrats,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

A majority of the public (53%) supports building a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico, compared with 46% who oppose it. During the Trump administration, support for this project registered no higher than 44% and stood as low as 35%. Support stood at 48% the first time Monmouth asked this question (September 2015) and 42% the last time this question was included in one of Monmouth’s national polls (April 2019). Compared to public opinion nine years ago, support for building a border wall has increased by 13 points among Republicans (from 73% to 86%) and 11 points among independents (from 47% to 58%), but it has declined by 14 points among Democrats (from 31% to 17%).

Most (61%) Americans say immigrants seeking political asylum at the border should be made to stay in Mexico while their claims are processed. Just 35% say they should be allowed into the U.S. while they wait. Five years ago, slightly more supported allowing asylum-seekers to wait in the U.S. (41%) while the number who wanted them to stay in Mexico (51%) was somewhat lower than it is now. Support for keeping asylum-seekers on the other side of the border as their claims are processed has increased among all partisan groups compared with 2019.

About 1 in 3 (32%) think that illegal immigrants are more likely than other Americans to commit violent crimes like rape or murder. This marks an increase in this view from prior polls (21% in 2019 and 17% in 2015). Another 24% say illegal immigrants are less likely to commit such crimes – which is the same level as in prior polls – and 39% say they are just as likely – which marks a decline in this view. The shift in opinion that illegal immigrants are more prone to violent crime has grown most dramatically among Republicans – from just 29% in 2015 to 45% in 2019 and 65% in 2024. By comparison, the changes in this view among other partisan groups has been much less significant – from 15% in 2015 to 26% in 2024 among independents and from 10% in 2015 to 12% now among Democrats.

One area where views of illegal immigration have been more stable is its economic impact. Specifically, just 28% of the public feels that illegal immigrants take jobs away from American citizens. Most (62%) say illegal immigrants fill jobs that Americans do not want. Overall opinion has not shifted by more than a few points since 2015, although Republicans (53%) are more likely to feel illegal immigrants take away desirable jobs than said the same nine years ago (39%) at the same time Democrats (91%) are more likely to say these immigrants take unwanted jobs than in 2015 (70%).

Just under half (47%) of the public has heard a lot about recent negotiations on a bipartisan bill to deal with immigration and secure the U.S. border. There is somewhat more opposition (33%) than support (23%) among those who have formed an assessment of this bill, although nearly half (45%) have no opinion of it. A majority (56%) of Republicans oppose this bill, including 78% of Republicans who have heard a lot about it. A third (32%) of independents oppose this bill, including 48% of independents who have heard a lot. On the other hand, 41% of Democrats are in favor of this legislation – a number that rises to 57% among those who have heard a lot about it.

Nearly half (47%) of the American public feels this border bill is not tough enough when it comes to dealing with illegal immigration, while 28% say it is about right and 12% feel it is too tough. Three-quarters (77%) of Republicans and half (48%) of independents say the bill is not tough enough on illegal immigration, while half (51%) of Democrats say it is about right.

“These results illustrate why the border deal was dead on arrival. The vast majority of rank and file Republicans and many independents believe it is too soft on illegal immigration, even if they don’t know exactly what’s in the legislation. Senate GOP leadership could have tried to sell the bill, but that would have almost certainly been fruitless once Donald Trump weighed in against it,” said Murray.

In congressional action earlier this month, nearly all Republican senators along with a handful of Democrats voted against allowing the border deal to come up for a full vote. However, 48% of the public blames both parties equally for blocking this bill, while 36% say the Republicans are more responsible and 13% say the Democrats are more responsible.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from February 8 to 12, 2024 with 902 adults in the United States. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 4.1 percentage points for the full sample. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, NJ.

## QUESTIONS AND RESULTS

(\* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

[Q1-8 previously released.]

9. How serious a problem do you think the issue of illegal immigration is for the United States right now – very, somewhat, not too, or not at all serious?

Trend:	Feb. 2024	April 2019	Nov. 2018	Jan. 2018	Sept. 2017	Sept. 2015
Very serious	<b>61%</b>	46%	49%	45%	43%	45%
Somewhat serious	<b>23%</b>	25%	21%	25%	30%	30%
Not too serious	<b>10%</b>	16%	15%	16%	17%	15%
Not at all serious	<b>5%</b>	12%	13%	13%	10%	9%
(VOL) Don't know	<b>1%</b>	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
(n)	<b>(902)</b>	(801)	(802)	(806)	(1,009)	(1,009)

10. Do you favor or oppose building a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico?

Trend:	Feb. 2024	April 2019	March 2019	Jan. 2019	Jan. 2018	Sept. 2017	Sept. 2015
Favor	53%	42%	44%	44%	40%	35%	48%
Oppose	46%	56%	51%	52%	57%	60%	43%
(VOL) Don't know	1%	3%	4%	4%	3%	5%	10%
(n)	(902)	(801)	(802)	(805)	(806)	(1,009)	(1,009)

11. Do you think illegal immigrants coming to this country today take jobs away from American citizens, or do they mostly take jobs Americans don't want?

Trend:	Feb. 2024	April 2019	Sept. 2017	Sept. 2015
Take jobs away from American citizens	28%	24%	23%	26%
Take jobs Americans don't want	62%	60%	59%	59%
(VOL) Both	4%	9%	12%	10%
(VOL) Don't know	6%	7%	5%	6%
(n)	(902)	(801)	(1,009)	(1,009)

12. Do you think illegal immigrants are more likely, less likely, or about as likely as other Americans to commit violent crimes like rape or murder?

Trend:	Feb. 2024	April 2019	Nov. 2018	Sept. 2015
More likely	32%	21%	21%	17%
Less likely	24%	24%	24%	20%
About as likely	39%	50%	51%	59%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	5%	4%	4%
(n)	(902)	(801)	(802)	(1,009)

13. Should immigrants seeking political asylum at the border be allowed into the U.S. while they wait for their claims to be processed or should they be made to stay in Mexico?

Trend:	Feb. 2024	April 2019
Allowed into the U.S.	35%	41%
Made to stay in Mexico	61%	51%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	8%
(n)	(902)	(801)

14. Republicans and Democrats in the Senate have been negotiating a bipartisan bill to deal with immigration and secure the U.S. border. How much have you heard about this – a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

	Feb. 2024
A lot.	47%
A little	38%
Nothing at all	16%
(n)	(902)

15. Based on your first impressions, do you favor or oppose this immigration bill, or do you have no opinion?

	Feb. 2024
Favor	23%
Oppose	33%
No opinion	45%
(n)	(902)

16. Do you think this bill is too tough, not tough enough, or about right when it comes to dealing with illegal immigration?

	Feb. 2024
Too tough	12%
Not tough enough	47%
About right	28%
(VOL) Don't know	14%
(n)	(902)

17. Despite being negotiated by senators from both parties, the bill will not be allowed to come up for a vote. Who is more responsible for blocking this bill – the Republicans in Congress, the Democrats in Congress, or both parties equally? [FIRST TWO CHOICES WERE ROTATED]

	Feb. 2024
Republicans in Congress	36%
Democrats in Congress	13%
Both parties equally	48%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(902)

[Q18-34 previously released.]

[Q35-37 held for future release.]

## METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from February 8 to 12, 2024 with a probability-based national random sample of 902 adults age 18 and older. Interviews were conducted in English, and included 183 live landline telephone interviews, 362 live cell phone interviews, and 357 online surveys via a cell phone text invitation. Telephone numbers were selected through a mix of random digit dialing and list-based sampling. Landline respondents were selected with a modified Trol Dahl-Carter youngest adult household screen. Interviewing services were provided by Braun Research, with sample obtained from Dynata (RDD, n= 557), Aristotle (list, n= 152) and a panel of prior Monmouth poll participants (n= 193). Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. The full sample is weighted for region, age, education, gender and race based on US Census information (ACS 2021 one-year survey). For results based on this sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 4.1 percentage points adjusted for sample design effects (1.56). Sampling error can be larger for sub-groups (see table below). In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

### **Demographics (weighted)**

*Party (self-reported): 28% Republican, 40% Independent, 32% Democrat*

*Sex: 48% male, 51% female, 1% other*

*Age: 29% 18-34, 33% 35-54, 38% 55+*

*Race: 61% White, 12% Black, 17% Hispanic, 10% Asian/other*

*Education: 37% high school or less, 29% some college, 19% 4 year degree, 15% graduate degree*

MARGIN OF ERROR		unweighted sample	moe (+/-)
TOTAL		902	4.1%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	822	4.3%
	No	80	13.7%
SELF-REPORTED PARTY ID	Republican	231	8.1%
	Independent	393	6.2%
	Democrat	272	7.4%
IDEOLOGY	Liberal	217	8.3%
	Moderate	342	6.6%
	Conservative	327	6.8%
GENDER	Male	441	5.8%
	Female	447	5.8%
AGE	18-34	213	8.4%
	35-54	308	7.0%
	55+	380	6.3%
CHILDREN IN HOME	Yes	222	8.2%
	No	675	4.7%
RACE	White, non-Hispanic	626	4.9%
	Other	261	7.6%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	388	6.2%
	4 year degree	511	5.4%
WHITE COLLEGE	White, no degree	273	7.4%
	White, 4 year degree	350	6.5%
INCOME	<\$50K	231	8.1%
	\$50 to <\$100K	268	7.5%
	\$100K+	355	6.5%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
9. How serious a problem do you think the issue of illegal immigration is for the United States right now - very, somewhat, not too, or not at all serious?	Very serious	61%	64%	47%	91%	58%	41%	25%	61%	82%
	Somewhat serious	23%	21%	35%	4%	25%	37%	36%	25%	13%
	Not too serious	10%	10%	11%	3%	12%	14%	23%	10%	3%
	Not at all serious	5%	5%	6%	0%	5%	8%	16%	3%	0%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
9. How serious a problem do you think the issue of illegal immigration is for the United States right now - very, somewhat, not too, or not at all serious?	Very serious	64%	59%	44%	63%	73%	66%	60%	65%	55%
	Somewhat serious	22%	25%	30%	20%	20%	21%	24%	19%	29%
	Not too serious	10%	11%	16%	13%	4%	8%	11%	10%	10%
	Not at all serious	5%	4%	10%	4%	1%	5%	5%	5%	5%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
9. How serious a problem do you think the issue of illegal immigration is for the United States right now - very, somewhat, not too, or not at all serious?	Very serious	67%	51%	74%	50%	59%	61%	61%
	Somewhat serious	20%	29%	13%	31%	24%	24%	22%
	Not too serious	9%	13%	10%	11%	8%	11%	12%
	Not at all serious	4%	7%	4%	7%	6%	4%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
10. Do you favor or oppose building a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico?	Favor	53%	52%	55%	86%	58%	17%	13%	46%	81%
	Oppose	46%	46%	44%	12%	40%	83%	86%	52%	17%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
10. Do you favor or oppose building a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico?	Favor	59%	47%	44%	51%	60%	56%	51%	56%	46%
	Oppose	40%	52%	54%	47%	39%	43%	47%	41%	54%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%

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		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
10. Do you favor or oppose building a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico?	Favor	58%	42%	65%	43%	52%	54%	49%
	Oppose	41%	57%	33%	55%	47%	44%	49%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	2%	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
11. Do you think illegal immigrants coming to this country today take jobs away from American citizens, or do they mostly take jobs Americans dont want?	Take jobs away from American citizens	28%	29%	22%	53%	27%	7%	3%	21%	49%
	Take jobs Americans dont want	62%	61%	68%	32%	62%	91%	88%	70%	40%
	(VOL) Both	4%	4%	4%	7%	3%	1%	2%	4%	6%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	6%	7%	8%	8%	1%	8%	5%	6%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
11. Do you think illegal immigrants coming to this country today take jobs away from American citizens, or do they mostly take jobs Americans dont want?	Take jobs away from American citizens	32%	24%	20%	31%	31%	31%	27%	32%	21%
	Take jobs Americans dont want	60%	64%	74%	58%	57%	59%	63%	57%	71%
	(VOL) Both	3%	5%	2%	5%	5%	3%	4%	4%	3%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	7%	4%	6%	8%	7%	6%	6%	6%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
11. Do you think illegal immigrants coming to this country today take jobs away from American citizens, or do they mostly take jobs Americans dont want?	Take jobs away from American citizens	32%	19%	39%	21%	25%	31%	24%
	Take jobs Americans dont want	57%	72%	50%	69%	64%	59%	67%
	(VOL) Both	4%	3%	5%	3%	4%	3%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	5%	6%	7%	6%	7%	5%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
12. Do you think illegal immigrants are more likely, less likely, or about as likely as other Americans to commit violent crimes like rape or murder?	More likely	32%	35%	18%	65%	26%	12%	7%	26%	55%
	Less likely	24%	24%	25%	5%	24%	41%	46%	24%	12%
	About as likely	39%	37%	55%	23%	46%	46%	43%	48%	29%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	4%	3%	7%	4%	1%	5%	2%	5%

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		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
12. Do you think illegal immigrants are more likely, less likely, or about as likely as other Americans to commit violent crimes like rape or murder?	More likely	35%	31%	20%	28%	45%	35%	32%	36%	26%
	Less likely	22%	26%	35%	23%	18%	23%	25%	21%	31%
	About as likely	40%	38%	44%	44%	32%	39%	40%	39%	39%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	5%	1%	5%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
12. Do you think illegal immigrants are more likely, less likely, or about as likely as other Americans to commit violent crimes like rape or murder?	More likely	38%	21%	44%	23%	33%	32%	30%
	Less likely	22%	29%	17%	27%	24%	25%	26%
	About as likely	36%	45%	36%	45%	38%	40%	41%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	4%	3%	4%	6%	3%	3%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
13. Should immigrants seeking political asylum at the border be allowed into the U.S. while they wait for their claims to be processed or should they be made to stay in Mexico?	Allowed into the U.S.	35%	34%	43%	9%	37%	54%	68%	34%	18%
	Made to stay in Mexico	61%	62%	55%	86%	60%	40%	29%	60%	79%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%	6%	3%	6%	3%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
13. Should immigrants seeking political asylum at the border be allowed into the U.S. while they wait for their claims to be processed or should they be made to stay in Mexico?	Allowed into the U.S.	32%	37%	50%	34%	24%	36%	35%	32%	40%
	Made to stay in Mexico	65%	57%	48%	62%	70%	63%	60%	63%	57%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	5%	2%	4%	6%	1%	5%	5%	2%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
13. Should immigrants seeking political asylum at the border be allowed into the U.S. while they wait for their claims to be processed or should they be made to stay in Mexico?	Allowed into the U.S.	32%	41%	28%	39%	39%	34%	34%
	Made to stay in Mexico	65%	53%	68%	54%	57%	62%	62%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	6%	4%	7%	4%	4%	4%

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			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
14. Republicans and Democrats in the Senate have been negotiating a bipartisan bill to deal with immigration and secure the U.S. border. How much have you heard about this - a lot, a little, or nothing at all?	A lot	47%	49%	30%	49%	41%	54%	44%	47%	48%
	A little	38%	38%	38%	40%	36%	37%	41%	34%	39%
	Nothing at all	16%	13%	32%	11%	23%	9%	15%	19%	13%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
14. Republicans and Democrats in the Senate have been negotiating a bipartisan bill to deal with immigration and secure the U.S. border. How much have you heard about this - a lot, a little, or nothing at all?	A lot	56%	39%	36%	38%	63%	37%	50%	50%	42%
	A little	33%	42%	37%	48%	29%	47%	34%	36%	40%
	Nothing at all	12%	19%	27%	14%	8%	15%	15%	14%	18%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
14. Republicans and Democrats in the Senate have been negotiating a bipartisan bill to deal with immigration and secure the U.S. border. How much have you heard about this - a lot, a little, or nothing at all?	A lot	41%	59%	41%	64%	40%	46%	57%
	A little	40%	34%	40%	30%	43%	31%	37%
	Nothing at all	20%	8%	19%	6%	17%	23%	6%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
15. Based on your first impressions, do you favor or oppose this immigration bill, or do you have no opinion?	Favor	23%	25%	9%	9%	18%	41%	38%	28%	9%
	Oppose	33%	35%	18%	56%	32%	13%	18%	21%	52%
	No opinion	45%	40%	74%	36%	50%	46%	45%	50%	39%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
15. Based on your first impressions, do you favor or oppose this immigration bill, or do you have no opinion?	Favor	26%	19%	14%	22%	30%	18%	24%	25%	18%
	Oppose	36%	29%	25%	33%	38%	30%	34%	35%	29%
	No opinion	37%	51%	61%	45%	33%	52%	42%	40%	53%

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		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
15. Based on your first impressions, do you favor or oppose this immigration bill, or do you have no opinion?	Favor	17%	33%	19%	36%	16%	23%	31%
	Oppose	34%	30%	37%	32%	28%	32%	37%
	No opinion	49%	37%	44%	32%	56%	45%	32%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
16. Do you think this bill is too tough, not tough enough, or about right when it comes to dealing with illegal immigration?	Too tough	12%	11%	18%	4%	14%	16%	30%	7%	6%
	Not tough enough	47%	47%	42%	77%	48%	20%	16%	41%	70%
	About right	28%	28%	27%	7%	24%	51%	41%	36%	12%
	[VOL] Dont know	14%	14%	13%	12%	14%	14%	13%	15%	12%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
16. Do you think this bill is too tough, not tough enough, or about right when it comes to dealing with illegal immigration?	Too tough	10%	13%	24%	9%	6%	8%	13%	10%	16%
	Not tough enough	53%	41%	33%	47%	57%	47%	47%	49%	44%
	About right	27%	29%	31%	28%	25%	29%	27%	26%	30%
	[VOL] Dont know	10%	17%	12%	16%	13%	16%	13%	15%	10%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
16. Do you think this bill is too tough, not tough enough, or about right when it comes to dealing with illegal immigration?	Too tough	12%	13%	9%	12%	15%	8%	14%
	Not tough enough	51%	38%	53%	41%	44%	49%	47%
	About right	24%	34%	22%	34%	28%	29%	28%
	[VOL] Dont know	13%	15%	16%	13%	13%	14%	11%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
17. Despite being negotiated by senators from both parties, the bill will not be allowed to come up for a vote. Who is more responsible for blocking this bill - the Republicans in Congress, the Democrats in Congress, or both parties equally?	The Republicans in Congress	36%	38%	23%	16%	28%	65%	67%	39%	16%
	The Democrats in Congress	13%	12%	18%	29%	10%	2%	2%	9%	23%
	Both parties equally	48%	47%	56%	52%	59%	31%	28%	47%	59%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	5%	3%

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		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
17. Despite being negotiated by senators from both parties, the bill will not be allowed to come up for a vote. Who is more responsible for blocking this bill - the Republicans in Congress, the Democrats in Congress, or both parties equally?	The Republicans in Congress	34%	38%	32%	36%	39%	30%	38%	38%	32%
	The Democrats in Congress	14%	12%	15%	12%	12%	9%	14%	14%	10%
	Both parties equally	50%	45%	49%	49%	46%	57%	45%	43%	55%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	5%	2%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
17. Despite being negotiated by senators from both parties, the bill will not be allowed to come up for a vote. Who is more responsible for blocking this bill - the Republicans in Congress, the Democrats in Congress, or both parties equally?	The Republicans in Congress	29%	49%	32%	49%	28%	38%	44%
	The Democrats in Congress	14%	10%	17%	11%	11%	14%	11%
	Both parties equally	54%	36%	47%	35%	57%	45%	41%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	4%	4%	5%	3%	3%	3%