

RELIGION, VALUES, AND IMMIGRATION REFORM SURVEY
TOPLINE QUESTIONNAIRE
MARCH 5 - 11, 2010
N=1,201 National Sample
N= 402 Ohio, N=402 Arkansas

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?]

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
46	48	39	Approve
44	41	51	Disapprove
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

Q.2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
20	17	16	Satisfied
75	77	79	Dissatisfied
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

Q.3 Thinking about issues in the country today, how important is the issue of immigration to you personally. Would you say it is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
18	17	20	Extremely important
29	25	31	Very important
33	35	30	Somewhat important
13	14	8	Not too important
6	9	8	Not at all important
<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

Q.4 How much do you feel that you know about the immigration process in our country?
[READ IN ORDER]

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
25	15	21	A lot
48	54	38	Some
18	21	25	Not much
9	9	14	Almost nothing
<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

Q.5 How difficult do you think it is today for immigrants to come to the United States legally? Is it very difficult, somewhat difficult, not too difficult, or not at all difficult?

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
17	12	15	Very difficult
43	42	35	Somewhat difficult
20	25	25	Not too difficult
14	14	16	Not at all difficult
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

Q.6 Compared to previous generations, do you think it is more difficult or less difficult for immigrants to come to the U.S. legally today, or is it about the same?

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
38	35	27	More difficult
19	21	23	Less difficult
38	38	42	About the same
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

Q.7 Now I'm going to read you a few pairs of statements. For each pair, tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is... **(READ AND ROTATE ITEMS)**

a.

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
56	55	55	I would rather have a smaller government providing fewer services
39	39	37	I would rather have a bigger government providing more services
3	3	4	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

b.

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
45	41	36	Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents [OR]
43	47	48	Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and health care
7	6	9	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

Q.8 Do you think the current immigration system in the United States is **[READ IN ORDER]**

[IF DK OR DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Just your general impression, do you think the current immigration system is...]

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
7	5	7	Generally working
34	34	29	Working but with some major problems
35	37	34	Broken but working in some areas
21	19	22	Completely Broken
<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

Q.9 Thinking more about our current immigration system.... As I read a list please tell me whether you think each item is an extremely serious problem, very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not at all a serious problem. **[READ; ROTATE OPTIONS] REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** Is that an extremely serious problem, very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not at all a serious problem?

a. The immigration system has no practical way of dealing with all the illegal immigrants who are already here.

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
30	28	33	Extremely serious
38	32	34	Very serious
22	32	22	Somewhat serious
6	4	4	Not too serious
2	2	3	Not at all serious
*	*	*	Not a problem (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

- b. The immigration system does not properly secure the border and compromises national security.

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
32	31	40	Extremely serious
35	36	32	Very serious
22	23	20	Somewhat serious
6	4	5	Not too serious
3	2	2	Not at all serious
*	0	0	Not a problem (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

- c. The immigration process is too bureaucratic and often separates families for years or even decades.

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
16	13	16	Extremely serious
30	28	31	Very serious
34	38	27	Somewhat serious
9	10	9	Not too serious
6	4	9	Not at all serious
*	*	1	Not a problem (VOL.)
<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

- d. The immigration system allows dishonest employers to undercut American jobs by hiring cheap immigrant labor.

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
27	29	29	Extremely serious
35	35	36	Very serious
26	26	24	Somewhat serious
7	6	6	Not too serious
3	1	3	Not at all serious
1	0	*	Not a problem (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

ASK FORM 1 [N=596]:

- Q.10a Is your overall opinion of illegal immigrants **[READ IN ORDER]**?

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
8	7	9	Very favorable
32	27	23	Mostly favorable
30	31	31	Mostly unfavorable
25	30	30	Very unfavorable
<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

ASK FORM 2 [N=605]:

Q.10b Is your overall opinion of undocumented immigrants **[READ IN ORDER]**?

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
7	8	7	Very favorable
26	27	20	Mostly favorable
28	36	31	Mostly unfavorable
34	23	34	Very unfavorable
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

ASK ALL:

Q.10c All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose the following:
 Requiring all illegal immigrants to register with the government and meet certain requirements including working, paying taxes and learning English before having the opportunity to apply for citizenship.

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
60	55	67	Strongly favor
26	30	20	Favor
7	6	5	Oppose
5	6	5	Strongly oppose
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

Q.11 Now, I'm going to read a list of values that some say are important MORAL guides for immigration reform. Please tell me whether you think each value is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important to you as a moral guide to immigration reform. The first value is... **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE].**

REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Is this value extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important to you as a moral guide to immigration reform?

a. Keeping families together

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
39	39	43	Extremely important
41	40	37	Very Important
14	16	10	Somewhat important
2	2	2	Not too important
3	2	6	Not at all important
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

b. Protecting the dignity of every person

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
43	36	43	Extremely important
39	42	38	Very Important
12	15	10	Somewhat important
2	2	2	Not too important
2	2	3	Not at all important
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

c. Enforcing the rule of law and promoting national security

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
50	46	50	Extremely important
38	41	38	Very Important
9	10	9	Somewhat important
1	1	1	Not too important
1	*	*	Not at all important
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

d. Ensuring fairness to taxpayers

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
42	42	46	Extremely important
42	38	43	Very Important
11	13	7	Somewhat important
2	2	*	Not too important
1	2	2	Not at all important
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

e. Following the biblical example of welcoming the stranger

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
20	21	24	Extremely important
33	33	35	Very Important
29	30	22	Somewhat important
9	6	6	Not too important
6	5	8	Not at all important
<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

f. Following the Golden Rule, providing immigrants the same opportunity I would want if my family were immigrating to the U.S.

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
31	30	35	Extremely important
40	37	36	Very Important
19	25	15	Somewhat important
3	2	4	Not too important
4	3	5	Not at all important
<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

g. Continuing America's heritage as a nation of immigrants

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
20	20	23	Extremely important
34	33	38	Very Important
32	34	23	Somewhat important
6	7	5	Not too important
6	3	5	Not at all important
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

Q.12 Now, I'm going to read you a few pairs of statements that people have made about the immigration system. Please tell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS AND ROTATE OPTIONS].

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=596]:

a.

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
46	42	42	Congress can handle multiple issues at the same time. Tackling immigration reform this year along with other issues can help our economy by turning illegal immigrants into taxpayers and avoiding more serious problems in the future.
48	54	52	With the economy and health care reform already on Congress' plate, they should not try to tackle immigration reform this year. Congress should focus on getting things back on track before more Americans lose their jobs and their health care.
4	2	3	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=605]:

b.

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
46	47	56	Congress can handle multiple issues at the same time. Tackling immigration reform this year along with other issues can help our economy by turning illegal immigrants into taxpayers and avoiding more serious problems in the future. It's also the right thing to do. Our current system often separates families for years or even decades. It's time to replace our broken system with one that reflects our economic interests and the high value we place on families.
48	51	36	With the economy and health care reform already on Congress' plate, they should not try to tackle immigration reform this year. Congress should focus on getting things back on track before more Americans lose their jobs and their health care.
3	1	2	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

Now, another set of statements:

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=596]:

c.

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
66	65	52	Any immigration reform plan must reflect our economic interests and our values as a nation. We must secure the border and crack down on employers who hire illegal immigrants. We must also require all illegal immigrants to register with the government and meet certain requirements including working, paying taxes, and learning English before having the opportunity to apply for citizenship. This approach reflects our commitment to the dignity of every person by giving everyone an opportunity to be responsible, contribute their fair share, and become full members of society.
28	30	37	Any immigration reform plan must focus on our national security and the economic well being of the country. Offering citizenship to illegal immigrants who broke our laws amounts to amnesty. We must secure the border and make sure that people here illegally do not take advantage of taxpayer-funded services like education and health care.
4	4	7	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=605]:

d.

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
63	66	57	Any immigration reform plan must be comprehensive and reflect our economic interests. We must secure the border and crack down on employers who hire illegal immigrants. We must also require all illegal immigrants to register with the government and meet certain requirements including working, paying taxes and learning English before having the opportunity to apply for citizenship.
32	25	30	Any immigration reform plan must focus on our national security and the economic well being of the country. Offering citizenship to illegal immigrants who broke our laws amounts to amnesty. We must secure the border and make sure that people here illegally do not take advantage of taxpayer-funded services like education and health care.
4	5	9	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

Now, one final set of statements:

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=596]:

e.

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
65	59	60	We must secure the border and find a practical way of dealing with all the illegal immigrants who are already here. It's not realistic to force 12 million immigrants to leave the country. A better solution is to require all illegal immigrants to register with the government and meet certain requirements including working, paying taxes and learning English before having the opportunity to apply for citizenship.
30	36	33	Illegal Immigrants have not played by the rules and have broken the law. They should not be allowed to become citizens and compete for jobs that are already hard to come by. They should not be allowed to take advantage of taxpayer-funded social services and should be sent back to their home countries.
4	3	5	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=605]:

f.

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
65	63	54	We must secure the border and find a practical and principled way of dealing with all the illegal immigrants who are already here. It's not realistic to try to force 12 million immigrants to leave the country. A better solution is to require all illegal immigrants to register with the government and meet certain requirements including working, paying taxes and learning English before having the opportunity to apply for citizenship. Our policies should be guided by the Golden Rule, providing immigrants the same opportunity I would want if my family were immigrating to the U.S.
30	33	40	Illegal Immigrants have not played by the rules and have broken the law. They should not be allowed to become citizens and compete for jobs that are already hard to come by. They should be not be allowed to take advantage of taxpayer-funded social services and should be sent back to their home countries.
3	2	3	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

ASK ALL:

Q.13 Now I am going to read you a series of statements about illegal immigrants. For each statement, please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely disagree. The first one is... **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely disagree?
REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely disagree?

a. Illegal immigrants take jobs that American workers want.

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
20	20	29	Completely agree
28	36	29	Mostly agree
36	32	27	Mostly disagree
14	10	12	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

b. We should make a serious effort to deport all illegal immigrants back to their home countries.

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
19	17	28	Completely agree
23	26	18	Mostly agree
35	36	30	Mostly disagree
21	19	20	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

c. Given the opportunity, illegal immigrants would work hard to earn a chance to become U.S. citizens.

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
29	24	31	Completely agree
47	52	39	Mostly agree
15	13	15	Mostly disagree
6	7	11	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

d. The American economy would benefit if current illegal immigrants became taxpaying citizens.

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
42	37	46	Completely agree
42	46	33	Mostly agree
9	9	10	Mostly disagree
6	6	7	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

IF ATTEND AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH [ATTEND<4], ASK [N=671]:

Q.15 Thinking about the place you attend religious services most often...
How often, if at all, does your clergy leader speak out about the issue of immigration? **[READ IN ORDER]**

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
6	5	7	Often
18	16	15	Sometimes
32	33	30	Rarely
43	44	46	Never
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

IF AFFILIATED WITH RELIGION (RELIG = 1-8, 13, 14), ASK [N=938]:

Q.16 Next, we would like to know how you would feel about your clergy leader speaking about immigration in various settings. Please tell us whether you would feel very comfortable, somewhat comfortable, not too comfortable or not at all comfortable if your clergy leader spoke out about the issue of immigration... **[INSERT; READ IN ORDER]** How about **[INSERT NEXT]**?

REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Would you feel very comfortable, somewhat comfortable, not too comfortable or not at all comfortable?

a. From the pulpit during a worship service

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
25	28	33	Very comfortable
29	29	20	Somewhat comfortable
17	21	17	Not too comfortable
22	17	23	Not at all comfortable
3	2	2	Depends (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

b. In an adult education session

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
38	41	44	Very comfortable
36	38	30	Somewhat comfortable
9	11	10	Not too comfortable
12	7	10	Not at all comfortable
1	1	2	Depends (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

c. In your congregation's newsletter or website

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
29	31	33	Very comfortable
31	37	30	Somewhat comfortable
13	15	11	Not too comfortable
19	11	20	Not at all comfortable
2	1	*	Depends (VOL.)
<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

d. At a local community meeting

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
39	40	45	Very comfortable
38	43	31	Somewhat comfortable
8	6	10	Not too comfortable
9	7	10	Not at all comfortable
2	1	*	Depends (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

e. In the local media

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
39	38	45	Very comfortable
36	43	32	Somewhat comfortable
10	8	6	Not too comfortable
10	8	11	Not at all comfortable
1	*	1	Depends (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

FAM Are you or were any of your parents, or grandparents immigrants to the United States?

INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: CODE ALL MENTIONS OF OTHER RELATIVES AS 4 (e.g. uncle, great-grandmother)

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
5	3	1	Yes, Self
7	5	3	Yes, Parent
21	18	11	Yes, grandparent
3	6	2	Yes, other relative (VOL.)
60	66	80	No
<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	100	

CONTACT Do you have any close friends, co-workers or acquaintances who are recent immigrants to the U.S.? **[ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES]**

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Arkansas</u>	
24	18	24	Close friend
21	15	10	Co-worker
22	15	15	Acquaintance
32	37	38	None (VOL.)
<u>24</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
N/A	N/A	N/A	

METHODOLOGY

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute and funded by the Ford Foundation. Results of the survey were based on landline telephone interviews conducted by professional interviewers under the direction of Opinion Access Corporation. Those interviewed were selected by random digit dial (RDD) process. The survey includes three independent representative samples of the general public: national (n=1,201), Ohio (n=402), and Arkansas (n=402) for a total of 2,005 interviews. The national and state surveys were conducted from March 5-11, 2010.

The margin of error is +/- 3.0% for the U.S. general public at the 95% confidence interval. The margin of error for the state samples is +/- 5.5 at the 95% confidence interval. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context and order effects.

Sample demographics were balanced by form to match target population parameters for gender, age, education, race and Hispanic ethnicity. The national sample was also balanced on census region. Weighting parameters were derived from an analysis of November 2008 Current Population Survey (CPS) data.

Weighting was accomplished using Sample Balancing, a special iterative sample weighting program that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights were trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results. The use of these weights in statistical analysis ensures that the demographic characteristics of the sample closely approximate the demographic characteristics of the target populations.