

PRRI August 2013 Survey
August 21-25, 2013
N = 1,006

Q.1 Which statement comes closest to your view about how the immigration system should deal with immigrants who are currently living in the U.S. illegally? The immigration system should... **(FORM 1 READ 1-3 IN ORDER, FORM 2 READ 1-3 REVERSE ORDER)**

63	Allow them a way to become citizens provided they meet certain requirements
12	Allow them to become permanent legal residents, but not citizens
19	Identify and deport them
1	None of these (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ROTATE Q2 & Q3

Now, thinking about specific requirements that are being discussed by Congress as part of immigration reform policy, please tell me how you feel about the following...
 First...

Q.2 If it takes 13 years for someone to receive citizenship under a path to citizenship program, does that sound too long, too short, or about the right amount of time?

62	Too long
6	Too short
27	About right
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Next...

Q.3 If it costs each person a total of \$4,000 in fines and fees to receive citizenship under a path to citizenship program, does that sound like too much, too little, or about the right amount of fines and fees?

37	Too much
15	Too little
39	About right
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.4 Overall, do you support or oppose a plan to increase U.S. border security that includes adding 20,000 border agents and 700 miles of fence along the border with Mexico at a cost of \$46 billion dollars? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

26	Support strongly
20	Support somewhat
21	Oppose somewhat
26	Oppose strongly
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Turning to a different issue...

Q.5 Please tell me whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with the following statement... Blacks and other minorities receive equal treatment as whites in the criminal justice system.

22	Completely agree
25	Mostly agree
26	Mostly disagree
21	Completely disagree
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) RDD telephone interviews conducted between August 21, 2013 and August 25, 2013 by professional interviewers under the direction of Social Science Research Solutions (SSRS). Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 1,006 adults 18 years of age or older in the entire United States (401 respondents were interviewed on a cell phone).

The final sample was weighted to five different parameters—age, sex, geographic region, education and telephone usage¹—to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the total adult population.

The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.1 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context and order effects.

¹ Telephone usage refers to whether respondents have only a landline telephone, only a cell phone or both types and the frequency with which they use each type.

PRRI November 2013 Survey
November 6 – 10, 2013
N = 1,005

Q.1 Which statement comes closest to your view about how the immigration system should deal with immigrants who are currently living in the U.S. illegally? The immigration system should... **(FORM 1 READ 1-3 IN ORDER, FORM 2 READ IN REVERSE ORDER 3-1)**

- 63 Allow them a way to become citizens provided they meet certain requirements
- 14 Allow them to become permanent legal residents, but not citizens
- 18 Identify and deport them
- 1 None of these (VOL.)
- 4 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 100 Total

Q.2 Should U.S. immigration policy be an immediate priority for President Obama and Congress, be a priority but over the next couple of years, or should it not be a priority?

- 41 Be an immediate priority
- 42 Be a priority over the next couple years
- 14 Not a priority
- 3 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 100 Total

Q.3 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...]

- 8 Generally working
- 24 Working but with some major problems
- 31 Broken but working in some areas
- 34 Completely broken
- 4 Don't know (VOL.)
- 100 Total

ROTATE Q4 & Q5

Now, thinking about specific requirements that are being discussed by Congress as part of immigration reform policy, please tell me how you feel about the following...

First...

Q.4 If it takes 13 years for someone to receive citizenship under a path to citizenship program, does that sound too long, too short, or about the right amount of time?

68	Too long
5	Too short
24	About right
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Next...

Q.5 If it costs each person a total of \$4,000 in fines and fees to receive citizenship under a path to citizenship program, does that sound like too much, too little, or about the right amount of fines and fees?

43	Too much
16	Too little
35	About right
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.6 Overall, do you support or oppose a plan to increase U.S. border security that includes adding 20,000 border agents and 700 miles of fence along the border with Mexico at a cost of \$46 billion dollars? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

28	Support strongly
21	Support somewhat
19	Oppose somewhat
26	Oppose strongly
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) RDD telephone interviews conducted between November 6, 2013 and November 10, 2013 by professional interviewers under the direction of Social Science Research Solutions (SSRS). Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 1,005 adults 18 years of age or older in the continental United States (405 respondents were interviewed on a cell phone).

The final sample was weighted to six different parameters—age, sex, geographic region, race, education and telephone usage¹—to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the total adult population.

The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.1 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context and order effects.

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