

**RELIGION, VALUES, AND IMMIGRATION REFORM,
PANEL CALL BACK SURVEY
PUBLIC RELIGION RESEARCH INSTITUTE
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N=1,538 Adults (age 18+)**

ASK ALL:

Q.1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	
31	31	Satisfied
64	58	Dissatisfied
4	7	Mixed (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	
44	51	Approve
50	39	Disapprove
4	6	Mixed/Approve and disapprove (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

REGIST These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far?

80	Yes, registered
20	No, not registered
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.3 How closely are you following news about the 2014 congressional election campaigns in your state or election district? **[READ IN ORDER]**

16	Very closely
28	Fairly closely
31	Not too closely, OR
24	Not at all closely
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.4 How would you rate your chances of voting in the 2014 congressional election? Would you say you are... **[READ IN ORDER]**

51	Absolutely certain to vote
21	Probably will vote
13	Chances are 50-50
12	Less than 50-50 chance
3	Definitely not voting (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.5/Q.6

Q.5 Now, suppose the 2014 congressional election was being held TODAY. If you had to choose between **[READ AND ROTATE]** in your election district, who would you vote for?

IF OTHER OR DK (Q5 =4,9), ASK [N=270]:

Q.6 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more towards **[READ, ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS Q5]**?

40	The Republican candidate
35	<i>For Republican candidate</i>
4	<i>Lean toward Republican candidate</i>
49	The Democratic candidate
44	<i>For Democratic candidate</i>
5	<i>Lean toward Democratic candidate</i>
2	Other/Third Party candidate (VOL.)
2	Not voting (VOL.)
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

Q.7 Now, I'd like to ask you about priorities for President Obama and Congress. As I read from a list, please tell me if you think each should be the highest priority, high but not the highest, or a lower priority. Should **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** be the highest priority, high but not the highest, or a lower priority? What about... **[INSERT]**?

a. Reforming the nation's immigration system

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	
26	24	Highest priority
47	47	High but not highest
25	27	Lower priority
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Improving the job situation

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	
58	65	Highest priority
36	31	High but not highest
6	3	Lower priority
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. Dealing with the moral breakdown of the country

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	
35	32	Highest priority
33	35	High but not highest
30	28	Lower priority
<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

d. Reducing the budget deficit

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	
45	56	Highest priority
43	33	High but not highest
10	9	Lower priority
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

e. Enacting legislation to address climate change

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	
18	16	Highest priority
36	31	High but not highest
44	51	Lower priority
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

f. Reducing health care costs

45	Highest priority
40	High but not highest
13	Lower priority
<u>2</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.8 Now, we would like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today. All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[INSERT NEXT]**?

a. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	
29	25	Strongly favor
26	27	Favor
17	19	Oppose
22	23	Strongly oppose
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Allowing illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children to gain legal resident status if they join the military or go to college

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	
27	21	Strongly favor
41	40	Favor
18	21	Oppose
12	13	Strongly oppose
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. Repealing the 2010 health care law

25	Strongly favor
23	Favor
22	Oppose
22	Strongly oppose
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Increasing the minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$10.10 an hour

36	Strongly favor
32	Favor
19	Oppose
11	Strongly oppose
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.9 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>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	
37	40	The growing number of newcomers from other countries threatens traditional American customs and values
58	54	The growing number of newcomers from other countries strengthens American society.
3	3	Neither/Both equally (VOL)
<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b.

44	The United States should mind its own business internationally and let other countries get along the best they can on their own
51	The United States has a responsibility to help people in other countries when they are in crisis.
3	Neither/Both equally (VOL)
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c.

60	Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents
35	Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and health care
2	Neither/Both equally (VOL)
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Turning to another subject...

Q.10 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>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	
6	7	Generally working
31	29	Working but with some major problems
38	40	Broken but working in some areas
23	23	Completely Broken
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.11 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)**

IF (Q11=1-3), ASK [N=1,497]:

Q.12 And do you feel strongly about that, or not?

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	
62	63	Allow them a way to become citizens provided they meet certain requirements
49	-	<i>Feels strongly</i>
12	-	<i>Does not feel strongly/Don't know/Refused</i>
17	14	Allow them to become permanent legal residents, but not citizens
11	-	<i>Feels strongly</i>
6	-	<i>Does not feel strongly/Don't know/Refused</i>
19	21	Identify and deport them
17	-	<i>Feels strongly</i>
2	-	<i>Does not feel strongly/Don't know/Refused</i>
1	1	None of these (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

RANDOMIZE Q13 AND Q14

ASK ALL:

Q.13 Do you think immigrants coming to this country today mostly take jobs away from American citizens, or do they mostly take jobs Americans don't want? **IF BOTH ASK:** Well, which do most of them do?

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	
22	27	Take jobs away
70	64	Take unwanted jobs
3	4	Both (VOL.)
<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	100	Total

And...

Q.14 Do you think illegal immigrants mostly help the economy by providing low cost labor, or mostly hurt the economy by driving down wages for many Americans?

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	
45	36	Help by providing low-cost labor
46	56	Hurt by driving down wages
1	2	Both (VOL.)
3	2	Neither (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Now a few different questions...

RELIG What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, something else, or nothing in particular?

37	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
19	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
3	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
1	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
2	Jewish (Judaism)
1	Muslim (Islam)
*	Buddhist
1	Hindu
3	Something else [SPECIFY]
22	Nothing in particular
10	Christian (VOL.)
*	Unitarian (Universalist) (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF SOMETHING ELSE OR DK/REF (RELIG = 11, 99) ASK [N=110]:

CHR Do you think of yourself as a Christian or not?

IF R NAMED A NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN PREVIOUS QUESTION (e.g. Native American, Wiccan, Pagan, etc.), DO NOT READ (ENTER "NO" CODE 2)

33	Yes
61	No
<u>6</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1-4, 13 OR CHR=1), ASK [N=1,170]:

BORN Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

47	Yes
50	No
<u>3</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

Q.15 As I read a list, tell me if each item describes you or not. If you're not familiar with something, just let me know. The first one is... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] [IF NECESSARY: Do you think of yourself to be [ITEM] or not?]**

a. An atheist

7	Yes
91	No
<u>1</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. An agnostic

13	Yes
71	No
<u>17</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. A spiritual person

78	Yes
21	No
<u>1</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. A religious person

63	Yes
36	No
<u>1</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.16 Which of the four following statements comes closest to your view of God: God is a person with whom people can have a relationship, God is an impersonal force, I do not know whether God exists, or I do not believe God exists? **[READ IN ORDER]**

60	God is a person
22	God is an impersonal force
10	I do not know whether God exists
5	I do not believe God exists
2	Other (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	Total

RANDOMIZE Q17 AND Q18

Q.17 Over the last five or six years, do you think the number of immigrants coming to the U.S. illegally has increased, decreased or stayed about the same?

47	Increased
13	Decreased
34	Stayed about the same
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.18 Over the last five or six years, do you think the number of illegal immigrants who were deported back to their home countries has increased, decreased or stayed about the same?

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	
25	28	Increased
18	18	Decreased
45	42	Stayed about the same
<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.19 Do you think providing a path to citizenship for immigrants who are living in the U.S. illegally would increase the likelihood of terrorism, decrease the likelihood of terrorism, or wouldn't it make a difference?

17	Increase likelihood
9	Decrease likelihood
72	Make no difference
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.20 Thinking about the candidates running for Congress in November, please tell me whether their positions on the following issues would make you more likely to vote for them, less likely or whether it would not make a difference. First, a candidate who **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**. Would this make you more likely to vote for them, less likely, or would it not make a difference? What about a candidate who **[INSERT NEXT]**?

a. Favors repealing the 2010 health care reform law

40	More likely
34	Less likely
21	Would not make a difference
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Opposes immigration reform that includes a path to citizenship for immigrants who are living in the U.S. illegally

17	More likely
51	Less likely
30	Would not make a difference
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Supports allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry

33	More likely
31	Less likely
34	Would not make a difference
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:

d. Opposes President Obama

33	More likely
31	Less likely
33	Would not make a difference
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=769]:

e. Supports President Obama

30	More likely
38	Less likely
29	Would not make a difference
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.21 Which political party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you trust to do a better job handling the issue of immigration?

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	
46	39	The Democratic Party
33	29	The Republican Party
1	1	Both (VOL.)
14	23	Neither (VOL.)
6	8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.22 After the 2014 election, would you prefer that Democrats completely control Congress, that Republicans completely control Congress, or would you prefer control to be divided between the Republican Party and the Democratic Party?

20	Republicans control Congress
23	Democrats control Congress
52	Control divided between
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.23 Do you think the Republican Party's position on immigration will help or hurt the party in the upcoming elections for Congress, or do you think it will not make a difference?

12	Will help
34	Will hurt
46	Will not make a difference
<u>8</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:

[READ] As you may know our country is changing rapidly. If current trends continue, by the year 2050 white Americans will be a minority of the population for the first time in American history.

ASK ALL:

Q.24 Now, as I read a few statements, please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree with each one. First... **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**. Next...

READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree?

a. The American way of life needs to be protected against foreign influence

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Total	Form 1	Form 2	2013	
24	22	25	27	Completely agree
27	25	28	26	Mostly agree
25	25	26	24	Mostly disagree
22	25	19	21	Completely disagree
2	3	2	2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	100	Total

b. The idea of America where most people are not white bothers me

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Total	Form 1	Form 2	2013	
4	4	3	5	Completely agree
12	15	10	9	Mostly agree
28	29	27	29	Mostly disagree
51	48	55	55	Completely disagree
5	4	5	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	100	Total

Q.25 Do you have any close friends who were born outside the U.S.?

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	
64	61	Yes
36	39	No
*	*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	Total

ASK ALL:

NEWS As I read a list of places where people get news about politics and current events, please say whether you use the following news sources, or not. First... **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**? What about... **[INSERT NEXT]**?

INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: READ IF NECESSARY: Do you use this news source for information about politics and current events, or not?

a. Local television news

76	Yes
24	No
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	Total

b. Talk radio programs

42	Yes
57	No
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	Total

c. Public radio

54	Yes
46	No
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	Total

d. An online news source

62	Yes
37	No
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	Total

e. Print newspapers or magazines

57	Yes
43	No
<u>*</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

f. Cable television news

69	Yes
31	No
<u>*</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

MEDIA Which of the following television news sources do you trust the MOST to provide accurate information about politics and current events? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

23	Broadcast network news, such as NBC, ABC or CBS
17	CNN
25	Fox News
5	MSNBC
8	Comedy Central's Daily Show with Jon Stewart
12	Public television
5	Other (VOL)
3	Do not watch television news (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)
100	Total

Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute in partnership with the Brookings Institution. The survey was made possible by the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) telephone interviews conducted between April 7, 2014 and April 27, 2014, by professional interviewers under the supervision of Princeton Survey Research Associates. Interviews were conducted by telephone among 1,538 adults 18 years of age or older, including 601 respondents were interviewed on a cell phone, who were originally part of the 2013 Religion, Values & Immigration Reform Survey. The 2013 study was based on a random sample of 4,465 adults ages 18 years or older. To review the methodology from the 2013 study, [click here](#).

The weighting was accomplished in two stages. The first stage of weighting corrected for different probabilities of selection associated with the number of adults in each household and each respondent's telephone usage patterns.¹ In the second stage, sample demographics were balanced by form to match target population parameters for gender, age, education, race and Hispanic ethnicity, region (U.S. Census definitions), population density and telephone usage. The population density parameter was derived from Census 2010 data. The telephone usage parameter came from an analysis of the January-June 2013 National Health Interview Survey. All other weighting parameters were derived from an analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2012 American Community Survey.

The sample weighting was accomplished using SPSSINC RAKE, an SPSS extension module 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.

The margin of error is +/- 3.3 percentage points for the general sample at the 95% confidence level. 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.