

**PRRI Surveys**  
**April 29, 2015 – January 7, 2016**  
**N=42,586**

**ROTATE Q1 & Q2**

Turning to the issue of immigration...

Q.1 Would you say that, in general, the growing number of newcomers from other countries... **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**?

**[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF UNSURE, PROMPT ONCE: “WHICH STATEMENT COMES CLOSEST TO YOUR OWN VIEWS, EVEN IF NEITHER IS EXACTLY RIGHT?”]**

	Threatens traditional American customs and values	Strengthens American Society	Neither (VOL.)	Both equally (VOL.)	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<i>National (Ave.)</i>	34	50	5	3	7=100
Dec 2-6	35	48	7	4	7=100
Nov 6-10	36	51	5	2	7=100
Oct 21-25	35	49	5	5	7=100
Oct 16-20	35	49	5	6	6=100
Oct 14-18	37	49	4	3	8=100
Oct 9-13	30	53	5	4	8=100
Oct 8-12	31	53	5	4	7=100
Oct 7-11	37	52	4	2	5=100
Oct 1-5	37	51	4	2	5=100
Sept 23-27	33	50	5	4	7=100
Sept 16-20	35	51	4	3	8=100
Sept 11-15	35	51	4	2	7=100
Sept 9-13	35	50	6	4	6=100
Sept 3-8 <sup>1</sup>	35	50	4	4	7=100
Sept 2-6	34	51	6	3	6=100
Aug 27-31	36	45	7	4	9=100
Aug 26-30	38	50	4	4	4=100
Aug 19-23	32	53	4	3	9=100
Aug 14-18	38	46	6	4	7=100
Aug 12-16	35	50	4	3	7=100

<sup>1</sup> No interviewing was conducted on September 7 due to the Labor Day holiday for this and all subsequent questions.

Aug 7-11	36	49	6	4	6=100
Aug 5-9	32	49	9	3	8=100
July 29-Aug 2	37	51	4	2	6=100
July 22-26	34	49	5	3	9=100
July 15-19	34	49	5	3	8=100
July 10-14	36	47	5	3	8=100
July 8-12	33	51	5	3	8=100
July 2-7 <sup>2</sup>	35	50	4	5	8=100
June 30-July 5 <sup>3</sup>	34	47	5	3	10=100
June 24-28	35	50	6	3	6=100
June 17-21	34	49	7	3	7=100
June 12-16	33	52	4	3	8=100
June 10-14	33	54	4	3	7=100
June 5-9	31	54	5	3	7=100
June 3-7	34	51	4	2	9=100
May 27-31	29	54	5	3	9=100
May 20-24	33	49	5	5	8=100
May 13-17	34	49	5	3	9=100
May 8-12	32	51	4	3	10=100
May 6-10	36	49	5	3	7=100
May 1-5	29	50	6	4	10=100
April 29-May 3	32	50	5	4	8=100

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<sup>2</sup> No interviewing was conducted on July 4 due to the Fourth of July holiday for this and all subsequent questions.

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Q2. 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 IN ORDER (1-3), FORM 2 READ REVERSE ORDER (3-1)]**

	Allow them a way to become citizens provided they meet certain requirements	Allow them to become permanent legal residents, but not citizens	Identify and deport	None of these (VOL.)	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
<i>National (Ave.)</i>	62	15	19	1	3=100
Dec 2-6	63	15	18	2	2=100
Nov 6-10	64	14	16	1	5=100
Oct 21-25	64	16	15	1	3=100
Oct 16-20	63	15	17	2	3=100
Oct 14-18	60	15	20	2	4=100
Oct 9-13	63	17	14	1	5=100
Oct 8-12	65	13	17	1	2=100
Oct 7-11	65	15	18	1	2=100
Oct 1-5	66	13	19	1	2=100
Sept 23-27	61	16	18	2	3=100
Sept 16-20	61	18	18	1	3=100
Sept 11-15	60	15	20	1	4=100
Sept 9-13	62	14	20	1	2=100
Sept 3-8	62	14	20	2	2=100
Sept 2-6	63	12	21	1	3=100
Aug 27-31	57	15	22	2	4=100
Aug 26-30	62	13	22	1	2=100
Aug 19-23	60	15	20	1	4=100
Aug 14-18	57	14	24	2	3=100
Aug 12-16	62	15	20	1	3=100
Aug 7-11	64	15	19	*	2=100
Aug 5-9	60	16	19	2	3=100
July 29-Aug 2	59	17	21	*	3=100
July 22-26	59	16	20	2	3=100
July 15-19	59	16	21	1	3=100
July 10-14	61	14	21	1	3=100
July 8-12	61	15	21	2	1=100
July 2-7	64	14	17	2	3=100
June 30-July 5	61	14	19	2	4=100
June 24-28	60	17	19	2	2=100
June 17-21	63	13	18	3	3=100
June 12-16	64	12	19	1	3=100
June 10-14	64	15	16	1	4=100
June 5-9	65	14	16	2	3=100
June 3-7	61	17	18	2	3=100

May 27-31	63	15	17	2	4=100
May 20-24	60	16	19	1	4=100
May 13-17	63	12	21	*	3=100
May 8-12	61	15	19	1	4=100
May 6-10	62	12	22	1	3=100
May 1-5	60	14	21	1	3=100
April 30-May 3	64	14	18	2	3=100

Q.3 Now, we would like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today. Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose [INSERT FIRST]? What about [INSERT NEXT; RANDOMIZE]?

a. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally

	Strongly <u>favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Strongly <u>oppose</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
<i>National (Ave.)</i>	26	27	17	20	8=100
Dec 2-6	22	30	19	19	10=100
Nov 6-10	32	24	17	20	8=100
Oct 21-25	22	31	17	21	9=100
Oct 16-20	27	29	19	19	6=100
Oct 14-18	23	30	20	19	8=100
Oct 9-13	25	27	18	21	9=100
Oct 8-12	29	28	17	19	7=100
Oct 7-11	30	24	18	21	8=100
Oct 1-5	27	28	19	19	6=100
Sept 23-27	29	28	14	21	8=100
Sept 16-20	27	24	18	22	9=100
Sept 11-15	26	29	18	19	8=100
Sept 9-13	26	29	19	19	8=100
Sept 3-8	23	30	19	20	9=100
Sept 2-6	28	27	16	21	7=100
Aug 27-31	25	28	16	22	9=100
Aug 26-30	27	27	17	24	5=100
Aug 19-23	26	29	15	20	9=100
Aug 14-18	24	28	17	23	9=100
Aug 12-16	29	28	16	20	7=100
Aug 7-11	25	31	16	19	9=100
Aug 5-9	28	25	16	23	8=100
July 29-Aug 2	29	26	15	22	8=100
July 22-26	27	27	17	20	9=100
July 15-19	28	27	17	19	9=100
July 10-14	23	29	20	20	8=100
July 8-12	28	27	15	22	9=100
July 2-7	24	28	16	24	8=100
June 30-July 5	25	25	21	19	10=100
June 24-28	29	28	14	22	7=100
June 17-21	25	29	18	20	8=100
June 12-16	27	28	17	20	8=100
June 10-14	28	27	19	20	6=100
June 5-9	27	26	16	23	9=100

June 3-7	27	28	18	19	9=100
May 27-31	29	25	17	20	9=100
May 20-24	25	28	21	18	8=100
May 13-17	25	27	17	22	10=100
May 8-12	25	29	18	19	9=100
May 6-10	25	24	18	22	11=100
May 1-5	26	27	20	19	9=100
April 29-May 3	26	27	19	20	8=100

b. Laws that would protect gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people against discrimination in jobs, public accommodations, and housing

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)</u>
<i>National (Ave.)</i>	36	35	14	10	5=100
Dec 2-6	32	37	16	10	5=100
Nov 6-10	39	33	12	11	6=100
Oct 21-25	32	40	15	9	4=100
Oct 16-20	36	36	14	9	4=100
Oct 14-18	31	40	15	10	4=100
Oct 9-13	34	35	16	8	7=100
Oct 8-12	38	35	12	10	4=100
Oct 7-11	38	35	12	9	5=100
Oct 1-5	34	35	15	11	4=100
Sept 23-27	39	32	13	10	6=100
Sept 16-20	37	34	14	10	5=100
Sept 11-15	34	36	16	10	5=100
Sept 9-13	34	38	14	9	5=100
Sept 3-8	32	37	15	11	5=100
Sept 2-6	37	34	15	10	4=100
Aug 27-31	34	32	16	12	6=100
Aug 26-30	39	34	14	12	2=100
Aug 19-23	35	35	12	12	6=100
Aug 14-18	33	35	18	9	6=100
Aug 12-16	36	34	15	11	4=100
Aug 7-11	35	34	15	9	6=100
Aug 5-9	35	36	13	11	5=100
July 29-Aug 2	37	33	13	12	4=100
July 22-26	36	34	16	8	6=100
July 15-19	32	37	14	11	7=100
July 10-14	32	38	15	9	5=100
July 8-12	39	35	13	10	3=100
July 2-7	34	34	14	11	6=100
June 30-July 5	37	35	13	9	6=100
June 24-28	41	31	13	10	5=100
June 17-21	34	36	14	10	6=100
June 12-16	38	34	12	11	5=100
June 10-14	39	31	14	10	5=100
June 5-9	35	35	15	11	4=100
June 3-7	40	29	13	12	6=100
May 27-31	36	38	12	9	6=100
May 20-24	31	40	17	8	5=100
May 13-17	35	35	14	10	7=100

May 8-12	35	35	15	10	5=100
May 6-10	38	34	13	9	6=100
May 1-5	35	36	15	9	5=100
April 29-May 3	37	33	14	11	5=100



- c. Allowing a small business owner in your state to refuse to provide products or services to gay or lesbian people, if doing so violates their religious beliefs

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)</u>
<i>National (Ave.)</i>	15	20	28	31	6=100
Dec 2-6	15	21	32	26	7=100
Nov 6-10	15	20	23	36	7=100
Oct 21-25	12	20	31	31	6=100
Oct 16-20	16	20	27	31	5=100
Oct 14-18	13	24	30	28	5=100
Oct 9-13	15	23	28	29	6=100
Oct 8-12	16	19	26	32	7=100
Oct 7-11	15	19	26	35	6=100
Oct 1-5	14	20	27	32	6=100
Sept 23-27	17	20	27	31	5=100
Sept 16-20	13	22	26	31	6=100
Sept 11-15	14	22	30	28	6=100
Sept 9-13	15	22	29	27	7=100
Sept 3-8	14	21	29	26	9=100
Sept 2-6	17	18	28	32	5=100
Aug 27-31	17	21	28	27	7=100
Aug 26-30	21	20	26	30	3=100
Aug 19-23	16	17	31	29	7=100
Aug 14-18	17	22	26	27	8=100
Aug 12-16	17	20	27	30	5=100
Aug 7-11	13	20	30	29	8=100
Aug 5-9	17	21	28	28	5=100
July 29-Aug 2	19	17	25	34	5=100
July 22-26	13	23	30	29	5=100
July 15-19	14	23	27	30	6=100
July 10-14	17	22	30	25	6=100
July 8-12	17	20	27	30	6=100
July 2-7	17	19	27	28	7=100
June 30-July 5	16	20	26	31	8=100
June 24-28	16	17	27	35	5=100
June 17-21	12	20	30	32	6=100
June 12-16	15	18	31	32	5=100
June 10-14	16	16	27	36	5=100
June 5-9	16	18	27	32	7=100
June 3-7	16	18	28	32	5=100
May 27-31	12	20	27	33	7=100
May 20-24	11	23	29	31	6=100
May 13-17	15	18	27	32	8=100

May 8-12	13	19	31	31	6=100
May 6-10	15	19	25	35	6=100
May 1-5	14	18	30	32	5=100
April 29-May 3	13	19	29	32	7=100

## Survey Methodology

The 2015 American Values Atlas (AVA) is a project of Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI). Results for all demographic, religious affiliation, and political affiliation questions were based on 81,970 bilingual telephone interviews (including 40,968 cell phone interviews) conducted between January 7, 2015 and January 7, 2016 by professional interviewers under the direction of SSRS. Results for questions on specific issues (e.g. immigration and LGBT issues) are based on a subset of 42,586 telephone interviews conducted between April 29, 2015 and January 7, 2016. The AVA was made possible by generous grants from The Ford Foundation, The Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Arcus Foundation, the Gill Foundation and the Nathan Cummings Foundation.

Throughout 2015, at least 1,000 interviews were completed each week, with about 500 interviews conducted among respondents on their cell phones. Each week, interviewing occurred over a five-day period, from Wednesday through Sunday or from Thursday through Monday. The selection of respondents within households was accomplished by randomly requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female currently living in the household.

Data collection was based on stratified, single-stage, random-digit-dialing (RDD) of landline telephone households and randomly generated cell phone numbers. The sample was designed to represent the total U.S. adult population from all 50 states, including Hawaii and Alaska. The landline and cell phone samples were provided by Marketing Systems Group.

The weighting was accomplished in two separate stages. The first stage of weighting corrects for different probabilities of selection associated with the number of adults in each household and each respondent's telephone usage patterns. In the second stage, sample demographics were balanced 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 2010 Census data. The telephone usage parameter came from an analysis of the July-December 2014 National Health Interview Survey. All other weighting parameters were derived from an analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's March 2015 Current Population Survey.

The sample weighting was accomplished using iterative proportional fitting (IFP), a process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights are trimmed so that they do not exceed 4.0 or fall below 0.25 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.

Table 1 shows the margin of error and design effect for each weekly survey at the 95% level of confidence. The margin of error for total sample is +/- 0.4 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. The design effect for total sample is 1.4. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context, and order effects.

## Appendix: Sample Sizes and Margin of Error

**Table 1: Weekly Sample Sizes, Margin of Error, and Design Effect for Issue Questions**

<u>Field Dates</u>	<u>Unweighted Sample Size</u>	<u>Margin of Error</u>	<u>Design Effect</u>
Jan 7 2015 – Jan 7, 2016	81,970	0.4	1.4
Dec 2-6	1,003	3.7	1.4
Nov 6-10	1,010	3.7	1.4
Oct 21-25	1,006	3.7	1.5
Oct 16-20	1,018	3.6	1.4
Oct 14-18	1,002	3.8	1.5
Oct 9-13	1,021	3.8	1.5
Oct 8-12	1,024	3.6	1.4
Oct 7-11	1,002	3.7	1.4
Oct 1-5	1,026	3.7	1.5
Sept 23-27	1,000	3.8	1.5
Sept 16-20	1,006	3.7	1.5
Sept 11-15	1,013	3.7	1.5
Sept 9-13	1,022	3.7	1.4
Sept 3-8	1,016	3.7	1.5
Sept 2-6	1,002	3.6	1.4
Aug 27-31	1,012	3.7	1.5
Aug 26-30	1,005	3.7	1.4
Aug 19-23	1,013	3.7	1.5
Aug 14-18	1,022	3.7	1.4
Aug 12-16	1,014	3.7	1.4
Aug 7-11	1,019	3.7	1.5
Aug 5-9	1,000	3.8	1.5
July 29-Aug 2	1,010	3.7	1.4
July 22-26	1,009	3.7	1.4
July 15-19	1,011	3.7	1.4
July 10-14	1,002	3.7	1.4
July 8-12	1,011	3.7	1.4
July 2-7	1,020	3.7	1.4
June 30-July 5	1,007	3.7	1.4
June 24-28	1,015	3.7	1.5
June 17-21	1,020	3.7	1.4
June 12-16	1,016	3.7	1.4
June 10-14	1,007	3.6	1.4
June 5-9	1,010	3.6	1.4

June 3-7	1,009	3.7	1.4
May 27-31	1,018	3.7	1.4
May 20-24	1,016	3.6	1.4
May 13-17	1,017	3.7	1.4
May 8-12	1,001	3.7	1.5
May 6-10	1,018	3.7	1.5
May 1-5	1,010	3.7	1.4
April 29-May3	1,003	3.7	1.4

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**Table 2: State Sample Sizes**

<u>State</u>	<u>Total Sample</u>	<u>Issue Subsample</u>
United States	81,970	42,586
Alabama	1,308	657
Alaska	710	379
Arizona	1,560	829
Arkansas	782	407
California	7,671	3,926
Colorado	1,346	712
Connecticut	872	475
Delaware	239	148
Florida	4,917	2,572
Georgia	2,393	1,240
Hawaii	407	202
Idaho	471	230
Illinois	2,936	1,514
Indiana	1,938	978
Iowa	1,103	587
Kansas	876	465
Kentucky	1,289	690
Louisiana	1,170	602
Maine	460	226
Maryland	1,349	721
Massachusetts	1,521	750
Michigan	2,379	1,225
Minnesota	1,496	769
Mississippi	753	423
Missouri	1,761	894
Montana	465	244
Nebraska	587	331
Nevada	690	352
New Hampshire	369	189
New Jersey	2,184	1,048
New Mexico	589	307
New York	5,515	2,813
North Carolina	2,855	1,477
North Dakota	276	155
Ohio	3,349	1,773
Oklahoma	1,038	557
Oregon	1,296	694

Pennsylvania	3,753	1,924
Rhode Island	279	154
South Carolina	1,327	702
South Dakota	278	155
Tennessee	1,895	979
Texas	5,342	2,782
Utah	813	427
Vermont	220	148
Virginia	2,260	1,168
Washington	1,923	1,027
West Virginia	640	311
Wisconsin	1,900	986
Wyoming	213	139

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**Table 3: Metropolitan Area Sample Sizes**

<u>Metropolitan Area</u>	<u>Total Sample</u>	<u>Issue Subsample</u>
United States	81,970	42,586
Atlanta	1,240	621
Boston	1,041	515
Charlotte	631	309
Chicago	2,000	1014
Cincinnati	615	355
Cleveland	549	286
Columbus	531	275
Dallas	1,280	685
Denver	649	350
Detroit	965	495
Houston	1,177	632
Indianapolis	503	256
Kansas City	560	295
Las Vegas	467	247
Los Angeles	2,287	1,152
Miami	1,207	633
Milwaukee	478	243
Minneapolis-St. Paul	863	450
Nashville	433	241
New York City	5,183	2,609
Orlando	519	273
Philadelphia	1,477	793
Phoenix	972	524
Pittsburgh	779	398
Portland	684	369
San Francisco	900	463
Seattle	791	415
St. Louis	740	386
Tampa-St. Petersburg	751	390
Washington, D.C.	1,421	759