

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
AUGUST 2016 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
AUGUST 9-16, 2016
N=2,010**

QUESTIONS 1-2, 7-8, CAMPNII, THOUGHT, REG, PRECINCT, 12-16, OFTVOTE, PLANTO, 23-25, 27-28, 37-38, 54-58, 61, 66 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

NO QUESTIONS 3-6, 9-11, 17-22, 26, 29-36, 39-53, 59-60, 62-65, 67-70

Next,

ASK ALL:

Q.71 What should be the priority for dealing with illegal immigration in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE;** (one) better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws; OR (two) creating a way for immigrants already here illegally to become citizens if they meet certain requirements] OR should BOTH be given equal priority?

	Better border security and stronger enforcement of our <u>immigration laws</u>	Creating a way for immigrants already here illegally to become citizens if they meet <u>certain requirements</u> ¹	Both should be given equal priority	(VOL.) None of these *	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Aug 9-16, 2016	24	29	45		1
Aug 20-24, 2014	33	23	41	1	2
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	25	25	47	1	2
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	27	42	1	2
Nov 9-14, 2011	29	24	43	2	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	35	21	42	1	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	30	23	44	1	1
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	33	22	42	1	3

¹ In August 2014 and earlier surveys, response option was worded "(two) creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements."

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ASK IF BOTH (Q.71=3):

Q.72 If you had to choose, which ONE would you say should be the bigger priority? [**READ ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS IN Q.71**: (one) better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws; OR (two) creating a way for immigrants already here illegally to become citizens if they meet certain requirements]?

Aug 9-16 2016		(U) Feb 13-18 2013
24	Better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws	25
29	Creating a way for immigrants already here illegally to become citizens if they meet certain requirements ²	25
45	Both should be given equal priority	47
18	<i>If had to choose, border security and enforcement</i>	22
26	<i>If had to choose, creating a way to become citizens</i>	24
1	<i>If had to choose, Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</i>	1
*	None of these (VOL.)	1
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2
42	NET Border security and enforcement	47
55	NET Creating a way to become citizens	49

NO QUESTIONS 73-75**ASK ALL:**

Q.76 When it comes to undocumented immigrants currently in the U.S which comes closer to your view — even if neither is exactly right? [**READ AND RANDOMIZE**] Next, [**NEXT PAIR**]? [**IF NECESSARY**: “Which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?”]

a.	Aug 9-16, 2016	Undocumented immigrants mostly fill jobs that American citizens <u>would like to have</u>	24	Undocumented immigrants mostly fill jobs American citizens don't <u>want</u>	71	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref 5
b.	Aug 9-16, 2016	In general undocumented immigrants are as honest and hardworking as <u>American citizens</u>	76	In general undocumented immigrants are not as honest and hardworking <u>as American citizens</u>	18	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref 6
c.	Aug 9-16, 2016	Undocumented immigrants living in the U.S. are more likely than American citizens to <u>commit serious crimes</u>	27	Undocumented immigrants living in the U.S. are NO more likely than American citizens to <u>commit serious crimes</u>	67	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref 6

² In February 2013, response option was worded “(two) creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements.”

NO QUESTION 77**ASK ALL:**

Q.78 All in all, would you favor or oppose building a wall along the entire border with Mexico?

Aug 9-16 <u>2016</u>		Mar 17-26 <u>2016</u>
36	Favor	34
61	Oppose	62
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Building a fence along the entire border with Mexico</i>			
Mar 17-26, 2016	38	58	4
Sep 22-27, 2015	46	48	5
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 ³	46	47	6
<i>Building a fence along 700 miles of the border with Mexico</i>			
January, 2007	46	48	6
CNN: September, 2006	54	44	2

NO QUESTIONS 79-82, 87-89**QUESTIONS 83-86, 90 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****QUESTIONS 91F1-93, PVOTE, SCALE10 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

³ In Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011, item was asked as part of a list.

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
Aug 9-16, 2016	27	32	35	2	1	2	13	16
Jun 15-26, 2016	24	33	37	4	1	2	16	16
Apr 12-19, 2016	25	32	37	3	1	2	16	17
Mar 17-26, 2016	25	31	38	3	*	2	15	20
Jan 7-14, 2016	24	30	38	5	1	2	14	17
Dec 8-13, 2015	26	31	37	4	*	2	16	15
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	24	29	41	4	*	2	17	17
Sep 22-27, 2015	26	30	40	2	*	2	15	16
Jul 14-20, 2015	22	32	41	4	*	1	15	19
Yearly Totals								
2015	23.7	30.4	40.1	3.6	.4	1.8	16.4	17.3
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

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Pew Research Center/USA Today polls