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On Immigration, Americans Favor Both Restrictions and Reforms NPR/Ipsos poll shows most feel situation at the border is a major problem, but favor pathway to citizenship for certain undocumented immigrants

Washington, DC, May 20, 2021 – As concerns over the coronavirus pandemic begin to recede, immigration is a growing concern for some Americans, according to a new NPR/Ipsos poll. A majority also say the situation at the U.S.-Mexico border is a major problem, and many think the amount of migrants crossing the border is higher than both what the news reports, and the number who have crossed in previous years. Views about immigration – both in regards to policy changes and general attitudes toward immigrants – remain deeply partisan, and the issue itself is much more top of mind for Republicans than Democrats.

Detailed Findings

1. Concerns about the situation at the border are widespread. Though there is partisan agreement that the situation is dire, those on opposite sides of the aisle don't agree on solutions.
 - a. Currently, around eight in ten Americans say the current situation with the large number of migrants apprehended after crossing the U.S.-Mexico border is a problem. A majority, 55%, feel it is a major problem, including a majority of Republicans (71%) and Independents (55%), and a plurality of Democrats (45%).
 - b. Nearly three-quarters are concerned about ensuring proper care for unaccompanied migrant children detained at the border.
 - c. Most (55%) believe the number of migrants crossing the border right now is higher than the same time period in previous years, something most Republicans and Independents, and nearly half of Democrats, agree on.
 - d. Where partisan fault lines begin to emerge, however, is on what to do about the issue. For example, most Democrats (63%) favor providing resources to El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras to curb Central American immigration (just 37% of Republicans agree). On the other side, three-quarters of Republicans (76%) support building a wall or fence along entirety of the border – something only one in five Democrats favor.
 - e. One area of widespread, bipartisan support exists: increasing training and oversight of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents and officers. Nearly three-quarters of Americans support this initiative (73%).
2. How to handle the situation at the border is just one example of the deep partisan divide that exists on this issue.
 - a. Overall, Republicans are more likely to cite immigration as a main problem than Democrats. It is the top issue of concern for Republicans currently, while just 9% of Democrats feel the same.
 - b. Most Republicans favor many policies put forth by the previous administration, including building the wall (76%), banning travel to the U.S. by residents of certain Muslim-majority countries (52%), and ending the ability of legal immigrants to bring their extended family members to the U.S. (53%). On the other side, more Democrats want to end the for-profit detention centers overseen by ICE (68%) and give legal status to undocumented immigrants brought here as children (72%).





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- c. The two sides also disagree on the cap or limit on the number of immigrants allowed in this country, and there is a more than 30-point gap on whether America has a moral obligation to accept refugees facing persecution (29% of Republicans agree vs. 61% of Democrats).
 - d. Political affiliation (along with news consumption) is the single biggest driver of sentiments – and differing views – on immigration; more so than race/ethnicity, a respondent’s own immigration status, or any other demographic criteria.
3. Last year, most Americans favored restricting immigration during the coronavirus pandemic in a number of ways. Support for these actions has somewhat waned now, though most are still in favor of international travel restrictions.
 - a. Last year, more than three-quarters said we should temporarily close the U.S. border, except for essential travel, during the coronavirus pandemic. Now, 59% say the same, a 19-percentage point decline.
 - b. Similarly, around 60% last year wanted to ban asylum seekers, refugees, foreign guest workers, and seasonal workers from entering the country, and to prevent legal immigrants from bringing extended family members in. Now, fewer than half (ranging from 38% to 47% for each item) support these plans to restrict immigration during the pandemic.
 - c. However, more than three-quarters (77%) are now in favor of temporarily banning flights or stopping travel from countries with severe coronavirus outbreaks.
4. Most Americans remain in favor of reforming our immigration system to allow certain immigrants, under specific circumstances, to have a pathway to citizenship.
 - a. A bare majority, 51%, support the core tenet of DACA: giving legal status to undocumented or illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children.
 - b. It’s important to note that while most agree with this, the number represents a slight decline from previous years (59% in 2020 and 60% in 2018).
 - c. When framed in a different way – creating a legal way for immigrants who meet certain qualifications to become citizens – support for DACA is higher (66%), demonstrating that Americans are perhaps more won over when highlighting the process or pathway behind the proposal.
 - d. In addition to two-thirds supporting giving undocumented immigrants brought here as children a legal way to become citizens, around seven in ten support this for immigrants with temporary status who fled countries suffering from war or natural disasters (70%) and farmworkers/other essential workers (71%).

These are the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between May 13-14, 2021, on behalf of NPR. For this survey, a sample of 1,176 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.3 percentage points for all respondents.

For full results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire.





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Full Annotated Questionnaire

1. Which three of the following topics do you find the most worrying? (Select up to three)

	Total (N=1,176)	Republican (N=401)	Democrat (N=551)	Independent (N=133)
COVID-19/coronavirus	28%	16%	37%	28%
Crime or gun violence	25%	16%	36%	19%
Racial injustice	23%	10%	35%	16%
Political extremism or polarization	22%	23%	22%	22%
Healthcare	21%	17%	26%	24%
Climate change	21%	8%	33%	22%
Immigration	21%	37%	9%	20%
Terrorism	18%	26%	12%	21%
Government budget and debt	17%	32%	7%	17%
Taxes	14%	26%	6%	12%
Unemployment	11%	12%	9%	11%
Social inequality	11%	2%	17%	13%
Opioid or drug addiction	11%	13%	10%	11%
Education	10%	7%	11%	16%
Natural disasters	8%	7%	8%	11%
Nuclear conflict	8%	10%	4%	9%
Foreign conflicts	5%	7%	3%	3%
Other	4%	7%	2%	1%
None of these	2%	2%	1%	3%



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<i>Trending</i>	5/13-14, 2021 (N=1,176)	12/21-22, 2020 (N=1,115)	8/20-21, 2020 (N=1,186)	7/30-31, 2020 (N=1,115)	6/19-20, 2018 (N=1,071)
COVID-19/coronavirus	28%	53%	46%	46%	-
Crime or gun violence	25%	17%	23%	21%	33%
Racial injustice	23%	20%	18%	22%	-
Political extremism or polarization	22%	20%	16%	24%	22%
Healthcare	21%	25%	26%	25%	37%
Climate change	21%	18%	20%	18%	18%
Immigration	21%	12%	14%	11%	25%
Government budget and debt	17%	13%	14%	17%	16%
Taxes	14%	11%	11%	12%	16%
Unemployment	11%	22%	20%	17%	12%
Terrorism	11%	11%	14%	14%	29%
Opioid or drug addiction	11%	8%	9%	7%	-
Social inequality	11%	9%	14%	13%	16%
Education	10%	10%	10%	11%	12%
Natural disasters	8%	7%	6%	6%	11%
Nuclear conflict	8%	4%	5%	4%	12%
Foreign conflicts	5%	4%	4%	5%	8%
Other	4%	5%	3%	4%	5%
None of these	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%

2. How much of a problem, if at all, is the current situation with the large number of migrants apprehended after crossing the U.S.-Mexico border?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
A major problem	55%	71%	45%	55%
A minor problem	24%	16%	33%	24%
Not a problem at all	8%	6%	10%	6%
Don't know	3%	2%	2%	3%
Never heard of this	11%	5%	10%	12%
<i>Problem (Net):</i>	79%	87%	78%	79%



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3. Should the federal government restrict immigration to the U.S. during the coronavirus pandemic by doing each of the following?

Total Yes Summary

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Temporarily banning flights or stopping travel from countries with severe coronavirus outbreaks (such as India)	77%	78%	77%	83%
Temporarily closing the U.S. border, except for essential travel	59%	69%	50%	63%
Banning the entry of unaccompanied migrant children into the U.S.	53%	73%	37%	56%
Preventing legal immigrants from bringing their extended family members to the U.S.	47%	61%	36%	46%
Banning the entry of asylum seekers and refugees into the U.S.	44%	62%	29%	46%
Banning the entry of foreign guest workers and seasonal workers into the U.S.	38%	52%	29%	33%

	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020
Temporarily banning flights or stopping travel from countries with severe coronavirus outbreaks (such as India)	77%	-
Temporarily closing the U.S. border, except for essential travel	59%	78%
Banning the entry of unaccompanied migrant children into the U.S.	53%	-
Preventing legal immigrants from bringing their extended family members to the U.S.	47%	60%
Banning the entry of asylum seekers and refugees into the U.S.	44%	58%
Banning the entry of foreign guest workers and seasonal workers into the U.S.	38%	58%

- a. Preventing legal immigrants from bringing their extended family members to the U.S.

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	47%	61%	36%	46%
No	35%	25%	46%	29%
Don't know	18%	13%	18%	24%

	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020
Yes	47%	60%
No	35%	25%
Don't know	18%	15%



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b. Banning the entry of foreign guest workers and seasonal workers into the U.S.

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	38%	52%	29%	33%
No	44%	35%	51%	48%
Don't know	19%	14%	20%	19%

	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020
Yes	38%	58%
No	44%	27%
Don't know	19%	15%

c. Banning the entry of asylum seekers and refugees into the U.S.

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	44%	62%	29%	46%
No	37%	22%	53%	29%
Don't know	19%	15%	18%	24%

	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020
Yes	44%	58%
No	37%	27%
Don't know	19%	14%

d. Banning the entry of unaccompanied migrant children into the U.S.

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	53%	73%	37%	56%
No	30%	15%	46%	24%
Don't know	17%	12%	18%	19%

e. Temporarily closing the U.S. border, except for essential travel

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	59%	69%	50%	63%
No	28%	23%	35%	25%
Don't know	13%	7%	15%	12%

	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020
Yes	59%	78%
No	28%	14%
Don't know	13%	9%

f. Temporarily banning flights or stopping travel from countries with severe coronavirus outbreaks (such as India)

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	77%	78%	77%	83%
No	13%	14%	13%	9%
Don't know	10%	8%	9%	8%



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4. Do you support or oppose each of the following immigration-related proposals?

Total Support Summary

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Increasing training and oversight of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents and officers	73%	78%	73%	72%
Fining any U.S. employer found to hire undocumented immigrants	60%	73%	52%	62%
Ending for-profit detention centers overseen by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)	56%	44%	68%	60%
Ending the deportation of undocumented veterans of the U.S. military	56%	51%	65%	56%
Giving legal status to undocumented or illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children	51%	31%	72%	57%
Providing resources to El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras to curb immigration from Central America	49%	37%	63%	50%
Building a wall or fence along the entire U.S./Mexico border	45%	76%	21%	45%
Providing a federal stimulus check to undocumented immigrants who pay U.S. taxes	40%	22%	61%	35%
Ending the ability of legal immigrants to bring their extended family members to the U.S.	40%	53%	33%	36%
Ending the Diversity Visa Lottery system, which is aimed at bringing in immigrants from nations that are under-represented here	39%	47%	37%	33%
Ban travel to the U.S. by residents of certain Muslim-majority countries	37%	52%	26%	39%
Raising the number of refugees allowed into the U.S. each year	36%	20%	53%	33%
Denying asylum to most victims of domestic abuse or gang violence	27%	34%	23%	22%



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	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020	6/19-20, 2018
Increasing training and oversight of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents and officers	73%	-	-
Fining any U.S. employer found to hire undocumented immigrants	60%	-	65%
Ending for-profit detention centers overseen by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)	56%	-	-
Ending the deportation of undocumented veterans of the U.S. military	56%	-	-
Giving legal status to undocumented or illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children	51%	59%	60%
Providing resources to El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras to curb immigration from Central America	49%	-	-
Building a wall or fence along the entire U.S./Mexico border	45%	43%	40%
Providing a federal stimulus check to undocumented immigrants who pay U.S. taxes	40%	49%	-
Ending the ability of legal immigrants to bring their extended family members to the U.S.	40%	45%	42%
Ending the Diversity Visa Lottery system, which is aimed at bringing in immigrants from nations that are under-represented here	39%	36%	39%
Ban travel to the U.S. by residents of certain Muslim-majority countries	37%	-	40%
Raising the number of refugees allowed into the U.S. each year	36%	-	-
Denying asylum to most victims of domestic abuse or gang violence	27%	28%	25%

a. Giving legal status to undocumented or illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	26%	9%	43%	29%
Somewhat support	25%	22%	29%	28%
Somewhat oppose	15%	23%	10%	11%
Strongly oppose	20%	36%	8%	15%
Don't know	13%	9%	10%	17%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>57%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>26%</i>



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	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020	6/19-20, 2018
Strongly support	26%	32%	33%
Somewhat support	25%	27%	27%
Somewhat oppose	15%	14%	15%
Strongly oppose	20%	17%	18%
Don't know	13%	10%	7%
Support (Net)	51%	59%	60%
Oppose (Net)	35%	31%	33%

b. Building a wall or fence along the entire U.S./Mexico border

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	31%	59%	11%	28%
Somewhat support	14%	16%	10%	17%
Somewhat oppose	14%	11%	18%	13%
Strongly oppose	31%	7%	52%	28%
Don't know	10%	6%	9%	13%
Support (Net)	45%	76%	21%	45%
Oppose (Net)	45%	19%	70%	42%

	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020	6/19-20, 2018
Strongly support	31%	27%	24%
Somewhat support	14%	16%	16%
Somewhat oppose	14%	12%	13%
Strongly oppose	31%	39%	40%
Don't know	10%	6%	7%
Support (Net)	45%	43%	40%
Oppose (Net)	45%	50%	53%

c. Ending the Diversity Visa Lottery system, which is aimed at bringing in immigrants from nations that are under-represented here

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	19%	27%	17%	14%
Somewhat support	20%	20%	20%	19%
Somewhat oppose	19%	19%	19%	18%
Strongly oppose	16%	16%	18%	12%
Don't know	26%	18%	27%	37%
Support (Net)	39%	47%	37%	33%
Oppose (Net)	35%	35%	37%	31%

	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020	6/19-20, 2018
Strongly support	19%	21%	22%
Somewhat support	20%	16%	17%
Somewhat oppose	19%	23%	22%
Strongly oppose	16%	18%	22%
Don't know	26%	23%	16%
Support (Net)	39%	36%	39%
Oppose (Net)	35%	41%	45%





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d. Ending the ability of legal immigrants to bring their extended family members to the U.S.

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	20%	31%	11%	22%
Somewhat support	20%	22%	22%	14%
Somewhat oppose	24%	23%	26%	23%
Strongly oppose	21%	14%	27%	24%
Don't know	15%	10%	13%	17%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	40%	53%	33%	36%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	45%	37%	54%	47%

	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020	6/19-20, 2018
Strongly support	20%	23%	20%
Somewhat support	20%	22%	21%
Somewhat oppose	24%	22%	25%
Strongly oppose	21%	20%	27%
Don't know	15%	13%	7%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	40%	45%	42%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	45%	42%	52%

e. Denying asylum to most victims of domestic abuse or gang violence

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	11%	15%	8%	10%
Somewhat support	16%	19%	15%	12%
Somewhat oppose	24%	30%	21%	26%
Strongly oppose	30%	19%	43%	25%
Don't know	19%	16%	13%	27%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	27%	34%	23%	22%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	54%	49%	64%	51%

	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020	6/19-20, 2018
Strongly support	11%	15%	12%
Somewhat support	16%	13%	13%
Somewhat oppose	24%	24%	26%
Strongly oppose	30%	33%	38%
Don't know	19%	15%	11%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	27%	28%	25%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	54%	57%	64%



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f. Providing a federal stimulus check to undocumented immigrants who pay U.S. taxes

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	17%	5%	29%	19%
Somewhat support	23%	17%	32%	16%
Somewhat oppose	17%	21%	14%	18%
Strongly oppose	31%	50%	14%	29%
Don't know	12%	7%	11%	18%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>35%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>47%</i>

	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020
Strongly support	17%	22%
Somewhat support	23%	26%
Somewhat oppose	17%	14%
Strongly oppose	31%	29%
Don't know	12%	8%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>49%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>43%</i>

g. Fining any U.S. employer found to hire undocumented immigrants

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	33%	44%	24%	38%
Somewhat support	27%	30%	28%	24%
Somewhat oppose	15%	11%	20%	12%
Strongly oppose	10%	6%	14%	10%
Don't know	14%	9%	14%	15%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>62%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>22%</i>

	5/13-14, 2021	6/19-20, 2018
Strongly support	33%	36%
Somewhat support	27%	28%
Somewhat oppose	15%	16%
Strongly oppose	10%	12%
Don't know	14%	7%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>65%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>28%</i>



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h. Ban travel to the U.S. by residents of certain Muslim-majority countries

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	19%	30%	10%	21%
Somewhat support	18%	22%	16%	18%
Somewhat oppose	22%	24%	22%	21%
Strongly oppose	22%	9%	35%	19%
Don't know	19%	15%	18%	21%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>39%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>40%</i>

	5/13-14, 2021	6/19-20, 2018
Strongly support	19%	18%
Somewhat support	18%	22%
Somewhat oppose	22%	21%
Strongly oppose	22%	31%
Don't know	19%	9%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>40%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>52%</i>

i. Raising the number of refugees allowed into the U.S. each year

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	14%	6%	21%	16%
Somewhat support	22%	14%	32%	17%
Somewhat oppose	22%	25%	19%	26%
Strongly oppose	26%	46%	12%	19%
Don't know	16%	9%	16%	21%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>33%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>45%</i>

j. Ending for-profit detention centers overseen by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	31%	18%	42%	34%
Somewhat support	25%	25%	26%	26%
Somewhat oppose	13%	18%	11%	9%
Strongly oppose	10%	17%	5%	9%
Don't know	21%	21%	17%	22%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>60%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>18%</i>

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k. Increasing training and oversight of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents and officers

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	40%	43%	44%	33%
Somewhat support	33%	35%	29%	39%
Somewhat oppose	9%	9%	10%	7%
Strongly oppose	6%	4%	6%	7%
Don't know	12%	8%	11%	14%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>72%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>14%</i>

l. Providing resources to El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras to curb immigration from Central America

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	18%	10%	27%	17%
Somewhat support	31%	27%	36%	32%
Somewhat oppose	17%	23%	12%	15%
Strongly oppose	14%	25%	7%	12%
Don't know	20%	15%	18%	24%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>63%</i>	<i>50%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>27%</i>

m. Ending the deportation of undocumented veterans of the U.S. military

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	35%	23%	49%	35%
Somewhat support	20%	28%	16%	21%
Somewhat oppose	14%	15%	14%	13%
Strongly oppose	12%	14%	9%	12%
Don't know	18%	19%	12%	20%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>56%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>24%</i>



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5. How concerned, if at all, are you about the following?

Total Concerned Summary

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Ensuring proper care for unaccompanied migrant children detained at the border	73%	65%	83%	75%
Giving all migrants arriving at the border a chance to enter the U.S. to ask for asylum	61%	64%	63%	60%
Reuniting migrant families who were separated at the border by the Trump administration	60%	42%	79%	59%

a. Ensuring proper care for unaccompanied migrant children detained at the border

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Very concerned	39%	28%	52%	34%
Somewhat concerned	34%	37%	31%	41%
Not very concerned	11%	17%	8%	10%
Not at all concerned	8%	13%	4%	4%
Don't know	8%	5%	6%	11%
Concerned (Net)	73%	65%	83%	75%
Not Concerned (Net)	19%	30%	12%	14%

b. Reuniting migrant families who were separated at the border by the Trump administration

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Very concerned	34%	19%	51%	29%
Somewhat concerned	26%	23%	28%	30%
Not very concerned	18%	27%	9%	20%
Not at all concerned	13%	21%	6%	10%
Don't know	10%	9%	5%	11%
Concerned (Net)	60%	42%	79%	59%
Not Concerned (Net)	30%	49%	15%	30%

c. Giving all migrants arriving at the border a chance to enter the U.S. to ask for asylum

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Very concerned	33%	40%	30%	31%
Somewhat concerned	28%	24%	33%	30%
Not very concerned	18%	20%	18%	19%
Not at all concerned	9%	8%	10%	9%
Don't know	11%	8%	9%	11%
Concerned (Net)	61%	64%	63%	60%
Not Concerned (Net)	28%	28%	28%	29%



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6. Would you support or oppose creating a legal way for the following groups of immigrants, who meet certain qualifications, to become U.S. citizens?

Total Support Summary

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Farmworkers and other essential workers	71%	61%	85%	71%
Immigrants with temporary legal status who fled countries suffering from war or natural disasters	70%	60%	83%	68%
Undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children	66%	54%	83%	63%
All of the estimated 11 million immigrants living illegally in the U.S.	44%	25%	62%	42%

- a. All of the estimated 11 million immigrants living illegally in the U.S.

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	18%	6%	31%	17%
Somewhat support	25%	19%	32%	26%
Somewhat oppose	21%	27%	17%	21%
Strongly oppose	22%	41%	9%	17%
Don't know	13%	7%	12%	20%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>42%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>37%</i>

- b. Undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	34%	15%	52%	35%
Somewhat support	33%	38%	31%	29%
Somewhat oppose	13%	21%	6%	12%
Strongly oppose	10%	17%	4%	9%
Don't know	11%	8%	7%	16%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>63%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>21%</i>

- c. Immigrants with temporary legal status who fled countries suffering from war or natural disasters

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	31%	16%	47%	29%
Somewhat support	39%	44%	36%	39%
Somewhat oppose	11%	17%	6%	8%
Strongly oppose	7%	14%	3%	6%
Don't know	12%	9%	8%	18%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>68%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>14%</i>



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d. Farmworkers and other essential workers

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	32%	17%	46%	34%
Somewhat support	39%	44%	40%	37%
Somewhat oppose	12%	20%	6%	10%
Strongly oppose	7%	10%	3%	8%
Don't know	10%	9%	6%	10%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>71%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>19%</i>

7. When it comes to the number of immigrants in the U.S., which of the following statements most closely matches your viewpoint?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
There should be no cap or limit on the number of immigrants we allow in this country	15%	7%	24%	16%
There should be a cap or limit, and it should be higher than it is right now	17%	11%	24%	14%
There should be a cap or limit, and the current limit is about right	25%	19%	28%	27%
There should be a cap or limit, and it should be reduced from what it is right now	24%	36%	14%	26%
We should allow very few, or hardly any, immigrants in this country	14%	22%	7%	13%
Other	5%	6%	3%	4%

8. Do you believe the number of migrants crossing the U.S.-Mexico border right now is more, less, or about the same than what the news media reports?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
More	47%	67%	35%	47%
Less	11%	7%	15%	12%
About the same	23%	16%	31%	19%
Don't know	19%	11%	19%	22%

9. Do you believe the number of migrants crossing the U.S.-Mexico border right now is more, less, or about the same than the same time period in previous years?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
More	55%	71%	45%	55%
Less	7%	4%	9%	6%
About the same	23%	18%	29%	23%
Don't know	15%	7%	17%	16%



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10. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Total Agree Summary

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Immigrants are an important part of our American identity	62%	48%	78%	67%
When jobs are scarce, employers should prioritize hiring people of this country over immigrants	56%	68%	46%	59%
America has a moral obligation to accept refugees facing persecution	43%	29%	61%	41%
There are enough immigrants in America already, and our government needs to pause further immigration	39%	57%	25%	35%
Undocumented immigrants have a negative impact on society	38%	62%	21%	33%
Most immigrants to the United States do not easily assimilate into American society	36%	50%	28%	36%
The U.S. should give priority to immigrants who speak English	28%	32%	25%	29%
President Biden's changes to immigration policy do not do enough to help immigrants	23%	20%	28%	22%

	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020	6/19-20, 2018
Immigrants are an important part of our American identity	62%	71%	69%
When jobs are scarce, employers should prioritize hiring people of this country over immigrants	56%	52%	57%
America has a moral obligation to accept refugees facing persecution	43%	49%	46%
There are enough immigrants in America already, and our government needs to pause further immigration	39%	37%	-
Undocumented immigrants have a negative impact on society	38%	-	-
Most immigrants to the United States do not easily assimilate into American society	36%	36%	33%
The U.S. should give priority to immigrants who speak English	28%	34%	37%
President Biden's changes to immigration policy do not do enough to help immigrants	23%	-	-





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a. Immigrants are an important part of our American identity

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	32%	18%	45%	36%
Somewhat agree	30%	30%	32%	31%
Neither agree nor disagree	19%	27%	11%	19%
Somewhat disagree	6%	8%	4%	2%
Strongly disagree	8%	14%	3%	7%
Don't know	6%	3%	4%	5%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>67%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>9%</i>

	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020	6/19-20, 2018
Strongly agree	32%	37%	42%
Somewhat agree	30%	34%	27%
Neither agree nor disagree	19%	17%	16%
Somewhat disagree	6%	4%	6%
Strongly disagree	8%	5%	6%
Don't know	6%	3%	3%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>69%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>12%</i>

b. When jobs are scarce, employers should prioritize hiring people of this country over immigrants

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	33%	49%	20%	31%
Somewhat agree	23%	19%	26%	28%
Neither agree nor disagree	22%	16%	27%	23%
Somewhat disagree	8%	7%	11%	5%
Strongly disagree	7%	4%	10%	7%
Don't know	7%	6%	6%	7%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>59%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>11%</i>

	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020	6/19-20, 2018
Strongly agree	33%	31%	34%
Somewhat agree	23%	21%	23%
Neither agree nor disagree	22%	23%	27%
Somewhat disagree	8%	9%	7%
Strongly disagree	7%	11%	6%
Don't know	7%	5%	4%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>57%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>13%</i>





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c. America has a moral obligation to accept refugees facing persecution

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	19%	9%	34%	12%
Somewhat agree	24%	20%	28%	29%
Neither agree nor disagree	22%	22%	22%	24%
Somewhat disagree	14%	21%	6%	18%
Strongly disagree	13%	23%	4%	9%
Don't know	8%	5%	6%	8%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	43%	29%	61%	41%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	27%	44%	11%	27%

	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020	6/19-20, 2018
Strongly agree	19%	20%	20%
Somewhat agree	24%	28%	25%
Neither agree nor disagree	22%	21%	23%
Somewhat disagree	14%	12%	13%
Strongly disagree	13%	14%	13%
Don't know	8%	5%	5%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	43%	49%	46%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	27%	25%	26%

d. The U.S. should give priority to immigrants who speak English

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	9%	12%	8%	10%
Somewhat agree	19%	21%	17%	20%
Neither agree nor disagree	32%	34%	31%	37%
Somewhat disagree	16%	14%	18%	12%
Strongly disagree	16%	15%	20%	15%
Don't know	7%	5%	6%	7%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	28%	32%	25%	29%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	32%	29%	38%	27%

	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020	6/19-20, 2018
Strongly agree	9%	12%	11%
Somewhat agree	19%	21%	26%
Neither agree nor disagree	32%	29%	35%
Somewhat disagree	16%	15%	12%
Strongly disagree	16%	16%	11%
Don't know	7%	7%	6%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	28%	34%	37%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	32%	31%	22%





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e. Most immigrants to the United States do not easily assimilate into American society

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	12%	19%	8%	11%
Somewhat agree	24%	30%	19%	24%
Neither agree nor disagree	25%	24%	25%	25%
Somewhat disagree	18%	15%	24%	16%
Strongly disagree	11%	6%	16%	7%
Don't know	10%	5%	7%	16%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>36%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>23%</i>

	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020	6/19-20, 2018
Strongly agree	12%	13%	11%
Somewhat agree	24%	23%	22%
Neither agree nor disagree	25%	23%	29%
Somewhat disagree	18%	20%	21%
Strongly disagree	11%	14%	11%
Don't know	10%	8%	6%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>33%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>31%</i>

f. There are enough immigrants in America already, and our government needs to pause further immigration

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	21%	33%	12%	17%
Somewhat agree	18%	24%	13%	18%
Neither agree nor disagree	21%	23%	19%	25%
Somewhat disagree	16%	13%	19%	17%
Strongly disagree	16%	4%	28%	13%
Don't know	8%	4%	8%	10%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>35%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>30%</i>

	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020
Strongly agree	21%	18%
Somewhat agree	18%	19%
Neither agree nor disagree	21%	21%
Somewhat disagree	16%	17%
Strongly disagree	16%	20%
Don't know	8%	5%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>37%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>37%</i>





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g. Undocumented immigrants have a negative impact on society

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	18%	30%	10%	11%
Somewhat agree	20%	31%	11%	21%
Neither agree nor disagree	22%	17%	21%	27%
Somewhat disagree	15%	9%	22%	16%
Strongly disagree	18%	5%	30%	17%
Don't know	8%	7%	6%	7%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>33%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>33%</i>

h. President Biden's changes to immigration policy do not do enough to help immigrants

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	10%	12%	9%	10%
Somewhat agree	13%	8%	19%	12%
Neither agree nor disagree	31%	28%	34%	30%
Somewhat disagree	11%	10%	13%	14%
Strongly disagree	15%	28%	5%	12%
Don't know	20%	14%	19%	22%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>22%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>26%</i>

11. Do you think most of the immigrants in the United States have come here legally, or have most of them come here illegally?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Most come here legally	19%	14%	26%	17%
Most come here illegally	36%	49%	24%	38%
About half and half	30%	28%	33%	28%
Don't know	15%	8%	17%	17%

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12. Which of the following, if any, applies to you personally? Please select all that apply.

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
I was born outside of the United States	8%	6%	9%	9%
One or both of my parents were born outside of the United States	16%	11%	21%	17%
I have another close family member (e.g. grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin) who was born outside of the United States	20%	20%	22%	19%
My partner/spouse was born outside of the United States	6%	5%	6%	7%
I have a friend who was born outside of the United States	25%	18%	29%	24%
I live in a community with a large immigrant population	16%	12%	20%	16%
I have hired an undocumented immigrant to work in my business	2%	1%	2%	3%
I have hired an undocumented immigrant to work in my household	1%	1%	2%	2%
None of the above	46%	56%	38%	40%

13. Which of the following is your main source of news?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
ABC / CBS / NBC News	22%	17%	24%	28%
Social media	12%	11%	13%	11%
Fox News	11%	22%	4%	5%
CNN	11%	4%	17%	11%
Digital or online news	10%	9%	11%	10%
Public television or radio	5%	5%	5%	6%
Your local newspaper	4%	5%	2%	9%
MSNBC	3%	*	6%	1%
New York Times or Washington Post	3%	1%	5%	-
Friends and Family	3%	3%	2%	4%
Conservative news media (e.g. Breitbart, Newsmax, OANN, conservative talk radio)	2%	5%	1%	1%
Other	5%	5%	4%	9%
None of these	10%	12%	6%	6%



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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an NPR/Ipsos poll conducted between May 13-14, 2021. For this survey, a sample of 1,176 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The sample includes 551 Democrats, 401 Republicans and 133 Independents.

The sample for this study was randomly drawn from Ipsos' online panel (see link below for more info on "Access Panels and Recruitment"), partner online panel sources, and "river" sampling (see link below for more info on the Ipsos "Ampario Overview" sample method) and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2016 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Posthoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, and education.

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The poll also has a credibility interval of plus or minus 4.8 percentage points for Democrats, plus or minus 5.6 percentage points for Republicans, and plus or minus 9.7 percentage points for Independents.

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