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### Spectrum News/Ipsos Immigration Poll

Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®  
**A national survey of American adults  
with sub-samples of adult residents of California and Texas**

*Interview dates: May 24-31, 2021  
Number of interviews among national sample: 1,005  
Number of interviews among California residents: 505  
Number of interviews among Texas residents: 506*

*Margin of error among national sample: +/-3.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level  
Margin of error among California residents: +/-5.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level  
Margin of error among Texas residents: +/-5.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level*

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Reduced bases are unweighted values.*

*NOTE: \* = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents*

#### Annotated Questionnaire:

1. Which of the following do you consider to be the main problem facing the country today?  
You may select up to three.

	National	CA	TX
Crime or violence	32	24	31
Racial injustice	29	26	28
COVID-19/coronavirus	27	29	29
Healthcare	25	17	25
Immigration	24	19	32
Gun control	19	19	21
Climate change/natural disasters	16	24	18
Opioid or drug addiction	13	12	9
Affordable housing	13	24	8
Education	12	7	11
Taxes	10	11	13
Unemployment	9	14	15
Other	13	10	12
None of these	2	1	1
Skipped	*	*	*



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2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the following people or groups handle immigration into the United States?

<b>Total Approve Summary</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Joe Biden	45	56	44
Immigration and border patrol agents at the U.S.-Mexico border	44	44	47
Kamala Harris	41	49	39
Donald Trump	39	29	38
Central American countries	16	14	13
<i>Base: California sample</i> Gavin Newsom	--	45	--
<i>Base: Texas sample</i> Greg Abbott	--	--	35

<b>Base: California sample</b> <b>Gavin Newsom</b>	<b>CA</b>
Strongly approve	15
Somewhat approve	31
Somewhat disapprove	12
Strongly disapprove	26
Don't know	16
Skipped	*
<i>Approve (net)</i>	45
<i>Disapprove (net)</i>	39

<b>Base: Texas sample</b> <b>Greg Abbott</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly approve	18
Somewhat approve	16
Somewhat disapprove	15
Strongly disapprove	35
Don't know	14
Skipped	1
<i>Approve (net)</i>	35
<i>Disapprove (net)</i>	50

<b>Joe Biden</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly approve	17	24	18
Somewhat approve	28	32	26
Somewhat disapprove	13	11	13
Strongly disapprove	30	23	29
Don't know	11	8	13
Skipped	1	2	1
<i>Approve (net)</i>	45	56	44
<i>Disapprove (net)</i>	43	34	42



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2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the following people or groups handle immigration into the United States?

<b>Kamala Harris</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly approve	15	23	17
Somewhat approve	26	26	22
Somewhat disapprove	11	10	11
Strongly disapprove	29	25	29
Don't know	18	15	21
Skipped	1	1	1
<i>Approve (net)</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>39</i>
<i>Disapprove (net)</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>39</i>

<b>Immigration and border patrol agents at the U.S.-Mexico border</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly approve	15	17	20
Somewhat approve	29	27	28
Somewhat disapprove	21	29	21
Strongly disapprove	14	17	12
Don't know	20	11	18
Skipped	1	-	1
<i>Approve (net)</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>47</i>
<i>Disapprove (net)</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>33</i>

<b>Central American countries</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly approve	2	3	2
Somewhat approve	14	11	10
Somewhat disapprove	24	29	25
Strongly disapprove	26	30	31
Don't know	33	28	30
Skipped	1	-	2
<i>Approve (net)</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Disapprove (net)</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>56</i>

<b>Donald Trump</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly approve	24	18	23
Somewhat approve	15	11	15
Somewhat disapprove	10	12	10
Strongly disapprove	45	55	44
Don't know	6	4	7
Skipped	1	*	1
<i>Approve (net)</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>38</i>
<i>Disapprove (net)</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>54</i>



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3. How much do you support or oppose the following?

<b>Total Support Summary</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Increasing criminal penalties for immigrant smugglers crossing into the U.S. illegally in any way	71	73	74
The U.S. imposing economic sanctions on Mexico to encourage their government to work to reduce migrants or illegal drugs from entering the U.S.	63	57	65
Increasing federal funding for immigration enforcement	61	59	61
Continuing construction on a wall or fence along the entire U.S.-Mexico border	44	31	40
<i>Base: National sample</i> Sending state and local law enforcement from your state to assist with patrolling the U.S.-Mexico border	39	--	--
Increasing the number of refugees and asylum seekers allowed into the U.S.	39	42	37
<i>Base: California and Texas sample</i> Sending [STATE NAME] state and local law enforcement to assist with patrolling the U.S.-Mexico border	--	42	52

<b>The U.S. imposing economic sanctions on Mexico to encourage their government to work to reduce migrants or illegal drugs from entering the U.S.</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly support	33	29	35
Somewhat support	30	28	30
Somewhat oppose	14	17	12
Strongly oppose	9	10	8
Don't know	13	16	14
Skipped	1	*	1
<i>Support (net)</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>65</i>
<i>Oppose (net)</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>21</i>



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3. How much do you support or oppose the following?

<b>Continuing construction on a wall or fence along the entire U.S.-Mexico border</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly support	28	22	26
Somewhat support	16	10	14
Somewhat oppose	13	15	14
Strongly oppose	34	47	37
Don't know	9	5	8
Skipped	*	1	1
<i>Support (net)</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>Oppose (net)</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>51</i>

<b>Base: National sample Sending state and local law enforcement from your state to assist with patrolling the U.S.-Mexico border</b>	<b>National</b>
Strongly support	14
Somewhat support	24
Somewhat oppose	23
Strongly oppose	22
Don't know	16
Skipped	1
<i>Support (net)</i>	<i>39</i>
<i>Oppose (net)</i>	<i>45</i>

<b>Base: California and Texas sample Sending [STATE NAME] state and local law enforcement to assist with patrolling the U.S.-Mexico border</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly support	19	22
Somewhat support	24	31
Somewhat oppose	21	17
Strongly oppose	27	18
Don't know	11	11
Skipped	-	1
<i>Support (net)</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>52</i>
<i>Oppose (net)</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>35</i>



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3. How much do you support or oppose the following?

<b>Increasing criminal penalties for immigrant smugglers crossing into the U.S. illegally in any way</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly support	47	47	50
Somewhat support	24	26	24
Somewhat oppose	12	10	9
Strongly oppose	7	7	7
Don't know	10	10	8
Skipped	*	*	2
<i>Support (net)</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>74</i>
<i>Oppose (net)</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>16</i>

<b>Increasing federal funding for immigration enforcement</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly support	26	25	27
Somewhat support	35	35	34
Somewhat oppose	16	20	17
Strongly oppose	10	10	10
Don't know	12	11	11
Skipped	1	*	1
<i>Support (net)</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>61</i>
<i>Oppose (net)</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>27</i>

<b>Increasing the number of refugees and asylum seekers allowed into the U.S.</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly support	13	16	11
Somewhat support	26	26	26
Somewhat oppose	20	21	19
Strongly oppose	26	25	28
Don't know	14	13	15
Skipped	1	-	1
<i>Support (net)</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>37</i>
<i>Oppose (net)</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>47</i>

4. Around 60 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border sits on tribal land of the Tohono O'odham Nation. Should tribal authorities be responsible for patrolling the area along the border that is within their land?

	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Yes, instead of federal Border Patrol agents	13	18	13
Yes, but alongside federal Border Patrol agents	53	50	56
No, federal Border Patrol agents should be responsible	21	21	20
No, no one should patrol this land	10	11	9

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5. Who should be responsible for border security at the U.S.-Mexico border?

	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Federal government/agencies only	18	18	15
Federal government/agencies mostly, with help from local law enforcement agencies	39	36	42
Federal and local agencies should split responsibility equally	23	25	22
Local border state law enforcement mostly, with help from the federal government	11	12	12
Local border state law enforcement only	3	4	4
None of the above	6	4	4

6. Which of the following do you think is a more effective way to slow or stop migration at the U.S. Mexico border? Please select the statement that comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right.

	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Increasing spending and resources for federal agencies like U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement	61	55	61
Diverting funding from federal immigration enforcement to Central American countries to help them curb immigration into the U.S.	35	42	36

7. Which of the following do you think are the most important reasons why migrants from Central America are coming to the U.S. border?

	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Escaping crime/violence	66	70	66
Poverty	63	64	65
For jobs/work	62	63	64
Escaping corruption	48	49	49
Seeking U.S. government benefits	40	37	36
Seeking U.S. citizenship	31	24	31
Reuniting with family in the U.S.	30	31	29
Food insecurity	28	25	28
Climate change	4	5	4
Other	3	3	3



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8. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

<b>Total Support Summary</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Immigrants are an important part of our American identity	76	81	69
The federal government should devote more resources to stopping drugs from illegally entering via the U.S.-Mexico border	75	72	75
Any undocumented immigrant should be able to follow a legal process to obtain U.S. citizenship	61	64	61
When jobs are scarce, employers should prioritize hiring people of this country over immigrants	60	60	60
America has a moral obligation to accept refugees facing persecution	51	56	52
Most immigrants come to the U.S. illegally	43	39	44
There are enough immigrants in America already, and our government needs to pause further immigration	43	41	42
The current administration is not doing enough to reunite migrant families separated at the U.S.-Mexico border	36	41	36
The current administration is not doing enough to help immigrants	30	30	29
Immigrants are more likely to commit crimes or be incarcerated than the U.S.-born population	22	21	24

<b>Immigrants are an important part of our American identity</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly agree	41	46	37
Somewhat agree	35	35	33
Somewhat disagree	10	7	11
Strongly disagree	6	7	11
Don't know	7	5	8
Skipped	1	1	1
<i>Agree (net)</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>69</i>
<i>Disagree (net)</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>22</i>





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8. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

<b>Most immigrants come to the U.S. illegally</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly agree	18	16	21
Somewhat agree	25	23	23
Somewhat disagree	22	28	24
Strongly disagree	17	21	13
Don't know	18	12	18
Skipped	1	*	1
<i>Agree (net)</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>44</i>
<i>Disagree (net)</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>37</i>

<b>America has a moral obligation to accept refugees facing persecution</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly agree	20	26	21
Somewhat agree	31	30	31
Somewhat disagree	18	15	17
Strongly disagree	16	16	19
Don't know	14	13	10
Skipped	1	1	1
<i>Agree (net)</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>52</i>
<i>Disagree (net)</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>37</i>

<b>There are enough immigrants in America already, and our government needs to pause further immigration</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly agree	20	21	21
Somewhat agree	23	21	21
Somewhat disagree	23	22	21
Strongly disagree	22	24	22
Don't know	12	12	14
Skipped	1	1	1
<i>Agree (net)</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>42</i>
<i>Disagree (net)</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>43</i>

<b>The current administration is not doing enough to help immigrants</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly agree	11	12	9
Somewhat agree	19	18	19
Somewhat disagree	25	31	27
Strongly disagree	23	24	24
Don't know	21	15	18
Skipped	1	1	2
<i>Agree (net)</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>Disagree (net)</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>52</i>



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8. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

<b>The current administration is not doing enough to reunite migrant families separated at the U.S.-Mexico border</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly agree	14	18	15
Somewhat agree	22	23	20
Somewhat disagree	22	22	22
Strongly disagree	15	16	17
Don't know	26	20	24
Skipped	1	1	1
<i>Agree (net)</i>	36	41	36
<i>Disagree (net)</i>	37	39	39

<b>The federal government should devote more resources to stopping drugs from illegally entering via the U.S.-Mexico border</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly agree	43	42	46
Somewhat agree	32	31	29
Somewhat disagree	10	10	8
Strongly disagree	5	8	6
Don't know	9	10	10
Skipped	1	*	1
<i>Agree (net)</i>	75	72	75
<i>Disagree (net)</i>	15	18	14

<b>Any undocumented immigrant should be able to follow a legal process to obtain U.S. citizenship</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly agree	32	34	30
Somewhat agree	30	30	31
Somewhat disagree	14	14	14
Strongly disagree	14	15	16
Don't know	10	7	8
Skipped	1	-	1
<i>Agree (net)</i>	61	64	61
<i>Disagree (net)</i>	28	29	30



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8. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

<b>When jobs are scarce, employers should prioritize hiring people of this country over immigrants</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly agree	32	33	35
Somewhat agree	28	27	25
Somewhat disagree	18	17	15
Strongly disagree	9	13	11
Don't know	13	10	13
Skipped	1	1	1
<i>Agree (net)</i>	60	60	60
<i>Disagree (net)</i>	26	29	25

<b>Immigrants are more likely to commit crimes or be incarcerated than the U.S.-born population</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Strongly agree	8	10	9
Somewhat agree	15	12	15
Somewhat disagree	28	27	26
Strongly disagree	32	39	32
Don't know	17	12	17
Skipped	1	-	1
<i>Agree (net)</i>	22	21	24
<i>Disagree (net)</i>	60	66	58

9. The amount of water in the Colorado River is decreasing, and it no longer flows into the Sea of Cortés due to low water levels and dams along the border. How important, if at all, is it to revive the Colorado River and the ecosystem that leads to the Sea of Cortés?

<b>Base: California sample</b>	<b>CA</b>
Very important	54
Somewhat important	25
Not very important	3
Not at all important	2
Don't know	16
Skipped	-
<i>Support (net)</i>	79
<i>Oppose (net)</i>	5



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10. Big Bend Ranch State Park is located along the Rio Grande and the U.S.-Mexico border in western Texas. The park is remote and features mountains, canyons, viewpoints, and other high desert attributes. Visitors can hike, bike, paddle, ride horses, stargaze, and more. How likely, if at all, are you to visit Big Bend Ranch State Park in your lifetime?

<b>Base: California and Texas sample</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Very likely	8	20
Somewhat likely	22	28
Not very likely	39	27
Not at all likely	30	19
Have already visited	1	6
Skipped	*	1
<i>Likely (net)</i>	30	47
<i>Not likely (net)</i>	69	45

11. Which of the following, if any, applies to you personally? Select all that apply.

	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
I was born outside of the U.S.	14	27	20
One or both of my parents was born outside of the U.S.	16	29	17
Another close family member (grandparent, aunt, uncle, partner/spouse, etc.) was born outside of the U.S.	23	35	29
I have a friend who was born outside of the U.S.	31	43	37
None of the above	46	21	33

12. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these?

	<b>National</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>TX</b>
Democrat	31	42	32
Republican	24	19	29
Independent	28	23	23
None of these	15	15	14
Skipped	2	1	2

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13. [ASK IF Q12= "Independent" OR "None of these" OR REFUSED] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic or Republican party?

<b>Base: Q12 = "Independent" or "None of these"</b>	<b>National (n=433)</b>	<b>CA (n=195)</b>	<b>TX (n=194)</b>
Closer to Democratic party	32	37	29
Closer to Republican party	22	25	23
Not closer to either	42	36	44
Skipped	4	3	5

14. Do you consider yourself to be a strong Democrat or a moderate Democrat?

<b>Base: Q12 = "Democrat"</b>	<b>National (n=297)</b>	<b>CA (n=203)</b>	<b>TX (n=150)</b>
Strong Democrat	40	35	37
Moderate Democrat	60	65	63
Skipped	-	-	-

15. Do you consider yourself to be a strong Republican or a moderate Republican?

<b>Base: Q12 = "Republican"</b>	<b>National (n=275)</b>	<b>CA (n=107)</b>	<b>TX (n=162)</b>
Strong Republican	45	48	38
Moderate Republican	55	52	63
Skipped	*	-	-



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### About the Study

This Spectrum News/Ipsos immigration poll was conducted May 24 to 31, 2021, by Ipsos using the KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a representative sample of 1,005 U.S. adults, 505 California adult residents, and 506 Texas adult residents.

The national sample was conducted in both English and Spanish. The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, household income, English proficiency, and region. The demographic benchmarks came from geodemographic distributions of the 18 or above population obtained from the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS). Metro benchmarks were obtained from the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS). Geodemographic benchmarks used to compute the survey weights include:

- Gender (Male and Female) by Age (18-29, 30-44, 45-59, 60+)
- Race/Ethnicity (Non-Hispanic White, Non-Hispanic African American, Non-Hispanic Other, Hispanic, Non-Hispanic 2+ Races)
- Education (Less High school, High school, Some College, Bachelor+)
- Household Income (<\$25K, \$25K<\$50K, \$50K<\$75K, \$75K<\$100K, \$100K<\$150K, and \$150K+)
- ACS language (English Proficient, Bilingual/Spanish Proficient, Non-Hispanic)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West) by Metro status (non-metro, metro)

The California sample was conducted in both English and Spanish. The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, household income, and English proficiency. The demographic benchmarks came from geodemographic distributions of the 18 or above California population obtained from the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS). Geodemographic benchmarks used to compute the survey weights include:

- Gender (Male and Female) by Age (18-29, 30-44, 45-59, 60+)
- Race/Ethnicity (Non-Hispanic White, Non-Hispanic African American, Non-Hispanic Other/2+ Races, Hispanic)
- Education (Less High school, High school, Some College, Bachelor+)
- Household Income (<\$25K, \$25K<\$50K, \$50K<\$75K, \$75K<\$100K, \$100K<\$150K, and \$150K+)
- ACS language (English Proficient, Bilingual/Spanish Proficient, Non-Hispanic)

The Texas sample was conducted in both English and Spanish. The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, household income, and English proficiency. The demographic benchmarks came from geodemographic distributions of the 18 or above Texas population obtained from the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS). Geodemographic benchmarks used to compute the survey weights include:

- Gender (Male and Female) by Age (18-29, 30-44, 45-59, 60+)
- Race/Ethnicity (Non-Hispanic White, Non-Hispanic African American, Non-Hispanic Other/2+ Races, Hispanic)
- Education (Less High school, High school, Some College, Bachelor+)
- Household Income (<\$25K, \$25K<\$50K, \$50K<\$75K, \$75K<\$100K, \$100K<\$150K, and \$150K+)
- ACS language (English Proficient, Bilingual/Spanish Proficient, Non-Hispanic)



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The margin of sampling error among the national sample of adults is plus or minus 3.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. The margin of sample errors among the California and Texas adult residents sample are plus or minus 5.0 and 5.2 percentage points, respectively. The margin of sampling error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.23 for the national sample, 1.33 for the California sample, and 1.43 for the Texas sample. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total substantially more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.



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