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Over two-thirds of Americans support resettling Afghan allies in the United States

NPR/Ipsos poll finds that most Americans are in favor of admitting certain groups of Afghans into the United States but are not as willing to welcome people fleeing violence from other areas of the world

Topline Findings

Washington, DC, September 8, 2021 – Roughly three in four Americans believe the situation with the evacuation of Afghan civilians who worked with the U.S. in Afghanistan is a problem, with a majority saying it is a major problem, according to a new NPR/Ipsos poll. The survey, conducted in the days immediately following the final U.S. flights out of Afghanistan, shows widespread support for admitting certain Afghan refugees, including those who either worked with the U.S. government or served in the U.S. allied special forces, into the United States. There is also strong support for providing a legal way for Afghan refugees, who meet specific qualifications, to become U.S. citizens, putting them at the top of the list of certain groups of immigrants that the American public favors for a pathway to citizenship. Aside from the focus on Afghanistan, views on immigration overall have not changed significantly since earlier this year.

Detailed findings:

1. Most Americans are in favor of admitting certain groups of Afghans into the United States. For those that agree with doing so, the primary reason is feeling "we owe them."

- Overall, roughly two-thirds – or more – support admitting certain groups of Afghans into the U.S., including those who worked with the U.S. government (74%), served in the U.S. allied Afghan special forces (73%), or who fear repression or persecution from the Taliban (65%).
- In comparison, a smaller majority favor admitting people fleeing violence in other areas of the world into the U.S., specifically those from the African continent (59%), Syria and Libya (56%), or Central America (56%).
- One of the primary groups accounting for this difference is those that identify as Republicans. Strong majorities of Republicans favor admitting certain groups of Afghans, but fewer than half feel the same about people fleeing from other areas of the world. Support for the resettlement of Afghans is also higher than for people of other countries among white, rural, and older (over age 55) Americans.
- The primary reason for those who support Afghan refugees resettling here is that "they helped us in Afghanistan, so we owe them" (59%). Secondary reasons revolve around how refugees play into American culture/identity, including, "Sheltering refugees is part of America's heritage and principles" (42%), and "The U.S. has a moral responsibility to help others" (38%).

2. Though Afghanistan, and the plight of Afghan refugees, is now top of mind for Americans, attitudes on immigration remain relatively consistent compared to earlier this year.

- Overall, 74% of Americans consider the evacuation of Afghan civilians to be a problem at the moment, with 56% saying it is a major problem.
- When it comes to favoring resettlement or a legal pathway to citizenship, Afghan refugees are currently the top priority for Americans. Beyond that, public opinion has not shifted much since May.





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- For example, most favor creating a legal way for the following groups, who meet specific qualifications, to become U.S. citizens: farmworkers and other essential workers (72% now, 71% in May), immigrants with temporary legal status who fled war or natural disasters (67% now, 70% in May), and undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children (62% now, 66% in May).
- Views on the topic also remain heavily influenced by partisan affiliation. Democrats are much more likely to agree that immigrants are part of our identity and that the U.S. has a moral obligation to accept refugees. At the same time, Republicans are more likely to favor a further pause (except in the case of Afghan refugees) and prioritize hiring people of this country over immigrants when jobs are scarce. Neither group has shifted their opinion significantly since May.

3. The issue landscape has changed over the past few months, with COVID-19 returning to the forefront among the American public.

- COVID-19 is top of mind for Americans, as a plurality (42%) cite it as the most worrying topic. This is up from 28% in May.
- Many Americans continue to favor some specific ways of restricting immigration to the U.S. during the pandemic, such as temporarily banning flights or stopping travel from countries with severe coronavirus outbreaks (74% now, 77% in May) and temporarily closing the U.S. border, except for essential travel (61% now, 59% in May).
- Amid the ongoing tension in Afghanistan, slightly more Americans now cite terrorism as the most worrying (23%, up from 18%), putting it in a crowded second tier of issues with political extremism (22%), climate change (21%), healthcare (20%), and crime or gun violence (20%).
- At the same time, fewer cite racial injustice as a top worry compared to late May (16% now vs. 23%).

These are the findings of an NPR/Ipsos poll conducted between September 1-2, 2021. For this survey, a sample of 1,299 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 3.1 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=1,299)	Republican (N=410)	Democrat (N=605)	Independent (N=163)
COVID-19/coronavirus	42%	30%	55%	40%
Terrorism	23%	37%	13%	18%
Political extremism or polarization	22%	27%	18%	24%
Climate change	21%	6%	32%	25%
Healthcare	20%	13%	26%	21%
Crime or gun violence	20%	14%	23%	26%
Immigration	16%	32%	6%	15%
Racial injustice	16%	6%	27%	11%
Government budget and debt	14%	23%	6%	14%
Natural disasters	13%	12%	14%	14%
Unemployment	13%	13%	13%	11%
Taxes	12%	18%	8%	11%
Social inequality	9%	3%	14%	8%
Opioid or drug addiction	8%	10%	6%	5%
Nuclear conflict	7%	8%	6%	9%
Foreign conflicts	6%	9%	3%	7%
Education	6%	6%	5%	9%
Other	4%	5%	2%	4%
None of these	4%	4%	2%	6%





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<i>Trending</i>	9/1-2, 2021 (N=1,299)	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	42%	28%	53%	46%	46%	-
Terrorism	23%	11%	11%	14%	14%	29%
Political extremism or polarization	22%	22%	20%	16%	24%	22%
Climate change	21%	21%	18%	20%	18%	18%
Healthcare	20%	21%	25%	26%	25%	37%
Crime or gun violence	20%	25%	17%	23%	21%	33%
Immigration	16%	21%	12%	14%	11%	25%
Racial injustice	16%	23%	20%	18%	22%	-
Government budget and debt	14%	17%	13%	14%	17%	16%
Natural disasters	13%	8%	7%	6%	6%	11%
Unemployment	13%	11%	22%	20%	17%	12%
Taxes	12%	14%	11%	11%	12%	16%
Social inequality	9%	11%	9%	14%	13%	16%
Opioid or drug addiction	8%	11%	8%	9%	7%	-
Nuclear conflict	7%	8%	4%	5%	4%	12%
Foreign conflicts	6%	5%	4%	4%	5%	8%
Education	6%	10%	10%	10%	11%	12%
Other	4%	4%	5%	3%	4%	5%
None of these	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%

2. How much of a problem, if at all, is the situation with the evacuation of Afghan civilians who worked with the United States before the American withdrawal from Afghanistan?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
A major problem	56%	70%	50%	55%
A minor problem	18%	13%	22%	18%
Not a problem at all	6%	4%	8%	8%
Never heard of this	3%	2%	2%	4%
Don't know	16%	12%	17%	16%
<i>A major/minor problem (Net)</i>	74%	83%	72%	73%





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

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
A major problem	50%	72%	37%	45%
A minor problem	22%	12%	34%	18%
Not a problem at all	8%	4%	12%	8%
Never heard of this	3%	3%	2%	3%
Don't know	17%	9%	15%	26%
<i>A major/minor problem (Net)</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>84%</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>62%</i>

<i>Trending</i>	9/1-2, 2021 (N=1,299)	5/13-14, 2021 (N=1,176)
A major problem	50%	55%
A minor problem	22%	24%
Not a problem at all	8%	8%
Never heard of this	3%	3%
Don't know	17%	11%
<i>A major/minor problem (Net)</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>79%</i>

4. Do you support or oppose each of the following?

Total Support Summary	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Evacuating Afghans who worked with the U.S. and resettling them in other countries	73%	75%	77%	70%
Evacuating Afghans who worked with the U.S. and resettling them in the United States	69%	64%	80%	64%
Allowing interested community groups (churches, clubs, civic associations, etc.) to privately sponsor and house refugees	64%	54%	80%	51%
Requiring asylum seekers at the southern U.S. border to remain in Mexico until an immigration court can hear their case	57%	75%	46%	52%
Giving legal status to undocumented or illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children	55%	33%	77%	52%
Raising the number of refugees allowed into the U.S. each year	40%	23%	61%	32%



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4. Do you support or oppose each of the following?

<i>Trending</i>	9/1-2, 2021	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020	6/19-20, 2018
Evacuating Afghans who worked with the U.S. and resettling them in other countries	73%	-	-	-
Evacuating Afghans who worked with the U.S. and resettling them in the United States	69%	-	-	-
Allowing interested community groups (churches, clubs, civic associations, etc.) to privately sponsor and house refugees	64%	-	-	-
Requiring asylum seekers at the southern U.S. border to remain in Mexico until an immigration court can hear their case	57%	-	-	-
Giving legal status to undocumented or illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children	55%	51%	59%	60%
Raising the number of refugees allowed into the U.S. each year	40%	36%	-	-

a. Evacuating Afghans who worked with the U.S. and resettling them in other countries

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	37%	37%	43%	32%
Somewhat support	35%	37%	34%	38%
Somewhat oppose	8%	9%	7%	6%
Strongly oppose	5%	6%	4%	4%
Don't know	14%	11%	11%	20%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	73%	75%	77%	70%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	13%	15%	12%	10%

b. Evacuating Afghans who worked with the U.S. and resettling them in the United States

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	33%	27%	43%	29%
Somewhat support	36%	37%	37%	35%
Somewhat oppose	11%	15%	8%	15%
Strongly oppose	7%	10%	5%	5%
Don't know	13%	11%	8%	16%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	69%	64%	80%	64%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	19%	25%	12%	20%





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4. Do you support or oppose each of the following?

c. Requiring asylum seekers at the southern U.S. border to remain in Mexico until an immigration court can hear their case

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	31%	50%	18%	27%
Somewhat support	26%	24%	28%	25%
Somewhat oppose	16%	10%	23%	13%
Strongly oppose	10%	5%	14%	12%
Don't know	17%	10%	16%	23%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	57%	75%	46%	52%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	27%	16%	37%	25%

d. Allowing interested community groups (churches, clubs, civic associations, etc.) to privately sponsor and house refugees

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	28%	18%	42%	22%
Somewhat support	36%	36%	38%	30%
Somewhat oppose	13%	18%	6%	16%
Strongly oppose	10%	15%	6%	14%
Don't know	13%	14%	7%	19%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	64%	54%	80%	51%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	23%	32%	13%	30%

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

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	29%	14%	44%	27%
Somewhat support	26%	20%	33%	25%
Somewhat oppose	15%	23%	8%	14%
Strongly oppose	19%	35%	8%	20%
Don't know	11%	9%	7%	13%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	55%	33%	77%	52%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	34%	57%	16%	35%

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

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	15%	6%	26%	12%
Somewhat support	24%	17%	34%	20%
Somewhat oppose	21%	26%	15%	21%
Strongly oppose	22%	39%	9%	25%
Don't know	17%	12%	15%	23%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	40%	23%	61%	32%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	43%	65%	24%	45%





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5. Do you support or oppose admitting people from the following groups into the United States?

Total Support Summary	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Afghans who worked with the U.S. government	74%	73%	81%	69%
Afghans who served in the U.S. allied Afghan special forces	73%	75%	80%	64%
Afghans who fear repression or persecution from the Taliban	65%	64%	75%	55%
People fleeing from civil strife and violence in Africa	59%	45%	75%	53%
People fleeing from violence in Syria and Libya	56%	44%	72%	51%
Central Americans fleeing violence and poverty	56%	41%	75%	49%

a. Afghans who worked with the U.S. government

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	37%	34%	47%	29%
Somewhat support	36%	39%	34%	40%
Somewhat oppose	9%	12%	6%	8%
Strongly oppose	5%	6%	5%	6%
Don't know	12%	9%	8%	17%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	74%	73%	81%	69%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	15%	18%	11%	14%

b. Afghans who served in the U.S. allied Afghan special forces

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	39%	36%	48%	33%
Somewhat support	34%	39%	32%	31%
Somewhat oppose	8%	8%	5%	13%
Strongly oppose	6%	8%	5%	7%
Don't know	13%	10%	10%	16%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	73%	75%	80%	64%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	14%	16%	10%	20%



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5. Do you support or oppose admitting people from the following groups into the United States?

c. Afghans who fear repression or persecution from the Taliban

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	29%	22%	39%	28%
Somewhat support	36%	42%	36%	27%
Somewhat oppose	13%	16%	8%	15%
Strongly oppose	7%	9%	6%	8%
Don't know	15%	11%	12%	22%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	65%	64%	75%	55%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	20%	25%	14%	23%

d. People fleeing from violence in Syria and Libya

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	23%	12%	34%	20%
Somewhat support	33%	32%	38%	31%
Somewhat oppose	17%	24%	10%	17%
Strongly oppose	11%	18%	6%	10%
Don't know	16%	14%	12%	22%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	56%	44%	72%	51%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	28%	42%	16%	27%

e. People fleeing from civil strife and violence in Africa

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	23%	12%	35%	20%
Somewhat support	36%	34%	40%	33%
Somewhat oppose	16%	24%	8%	17%
Strongly oppose	9%	15%	6%	6%
Don't know	16%	15%	11%	23%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	59%	45%	75%	53%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	25%	39%	14%	24%

f. Central Americans fleeing violence and poverty

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	22%	12%	34%	18%
Somewhat support	34%	29%	41%	31%
Somewhat oppose	18%	26%	9%	21%
Strongly oppose	11%	19%	6%	12%
Don't know	15%	14%	10%	18%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	56%	41%	75%	49%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	29%	45%	15%	33%

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6. Which of the following are reasons you support giving Afghan refugees residency in the U.S.?

Base: support resettling Afghan refugees in U.S. at Q4	Total (N=911)	Republican (N=266)	Democrat (N=482)	Independent (N=112)
They helped us in Afghanistan so we owe them	59%	62%	58%	59%
Sheltering refugees is part of America's heritage and principles	42%	26%	51%	43%
The U.S. has a moral responsibility to help others	38%	28%	48%	31%
The U.S. is responsible for the breakdown of security in Afghanistan	29%	34%	25%	32%
The refugees will be an economic positive for the U.S.	17%	12%	21%	16%
Something else	2%	3%	2%	1%
None of these	8%	11%	4%	7%

7. Which of the following are reasons you oppose giving Afghan refugees residency in the U.S.?

Base: oppose resettling Afghan refugees in U.S. at Q4	Total (N=230)	Republican (N=102)	Democrat (N=74)	Independent (N=28)
The U.S. can't afford to support more refugees	59%	64%	48%	72%
ISIS or Al Qaeda might be using it as a way to sneak into the U.S.	54%	58%	50%	45%
They should settle in countries more like Afghanistan	29%	28%	34%	32%
People from Afghanistan are too different to settle in America	10%	12%	12%	5%
Something else	6%	6%	2%	11%
None of these	10%	5%	16%	13%

8. 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
Afghan refugees who assisted the U.S. government in Afghanistan	73%	71%	81%	69%
Farmworkers and other essential workers	72%	62%	83%	72%
Immigrants with temporary legal status who fled countries suffering from war or natural disasters	67%	56%	81%	59%
Undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children	62%	46%	79%	58%
All of the estimated 11 million immigrants living illegally in the U.S.	44%	28%	62%	35%



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

<i>Trending</i>	9/1-2, 2021	5/13-14, 2021
Afghan refugees who assisted the U.S. government in Afghanistan	73%	-
Farmworkers and other essential workers	72%	71%
Immigrants with temporary legal status who fled countries suffering from war or natural disasters	67%	70%
Undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children	62%	66%
All of the estimated 11 million immigrants living illegally in the U.S.	44%	44%

a. Afghan refugees who assisted the U.S. government in Afghanistan

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	37%	30%	46%	34%
Somewhat support	37%	41%	35%	35%
Somewhat oppose	9%	12%	7%	11%
Strongly oppose	5%	6%	4%	5%
Don't know	12%	10%	8%	15%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	73%	71%	81%	69%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	15%	19%	11%	16%

b. Farmworkers and other essential workers

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	35%	23%	48%	31%
Somewhat support	36%	38%	35%	41%
Somewhat oppose	11%	16%	6%	10%
Strongly oppose	6%	10%	3%	3%
Don't know	12%	12%	8%	14%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	72%	62%	83%	72%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	16%	26%	10%	14%





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

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

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	28%	17%	40%	24%
Somewhat support	39%	39%	42%	35%
Somewhat oppose	14%	22%	7%	15%
Strongly oppose	7%	11%	5%	7%
Don't know	12%	11%	7%	18%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	67%	56%	81%	59%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	21%	33%	11%	22%

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

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	34%	18%	51%	26%
Somewhat support	28%	27%	28%	33%
Somewhat oppose	15%	24%	8%	16%
Strongly oppose	13%	20%	6%	13%
Don't know	11%	10%	7%	13%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	62%	46%	79%	58%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	28%	45%	14%	29%

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

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	19%	9%	29%	17%
Somewhat support	25%	19%	34%	19%
Somewhat oppose	20%	25%	16%	23%
Strongly oppose	22%	38%	9%	24%
Don't know	14%	9%	12%	18%
<i>Support (Net)</i>	44%	28%	62%	35%
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	42%	63%	26%	47%





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9. 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	74%	75%	76%	69%
Temporarily closing the U.S. border, except for essential travel	61%	71%	57%	55%
Banning the entry of unaccompanied migrant children into the U.S.	47%	67%	35%	45%
Banning the entry of asylum seekers and refugees into the U.S.	40%	57%	30%	36%
Banning the entry of foreign guest workers and seasonal workers into the U.S.	39%	48%	33%	40%

Trending	Total	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020
Temporarily banning flights or stopping travel from countries with severe coronavirus outbreaks	74%	77%	-
Temporarily closing the U.S. border, except for essential travel	61%	59%	78%
Banning the entry of unaccompanied migrant children into the U.S.	47%	53%	-
Banning the entry of asylum seekers and refugees into the U.S.	40%	44%	58%
Banning the entry of foreign guest workers and seasonal workers into the U.S.	39%	38%	58%

a. Temporarily banning flights or stopping travel from countries with severe coronavirus outbreaks

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	74%	75%	76%	69%
No	12%	13%	12%	12%
Don't know	14%	12%	12%	19%

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

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	61%	71%	57%	55%
No	22%	16%	27%	27%
Don't know	16%	13%	16%	18%

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

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	47%	67%	35%	45%
No	32%	17%	47%	29%
Don't know	21%	16%	18%	26%





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

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

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	40%	57%	30%	36%
No	34%	21%	48%	31%
Don't know	26%	22%	21%	33%

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

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	39%	48%	33%	40%
No	37%	32%	44%	34%
Don't know	24%	21%	23%	26%

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	58%	47%	73%	54%
When jobs are scarce, employers should prioritize hiring people of this country over immigrants	52%	69%	42%	48%
America has a moral obligation to accept refugees facing persecution	42%	27%	60%	34%
There are enough immigrants in America already, and our government needs to pause further immigration	41%	61%	28%	36%
Immigrants coming across the southern border are responsible for much of the spread of the coronavirus in the U.S.	27%	43%	19%	21%
President Biden's changes to immigration policy do not do enough to help immigrants	24%	18%	33%	19%

Trending	9/1-2, 2021	5/13-14, 2021	7/30-31, 2020	6/19-20, 2018
Immigrants are an important part of our American identity	58%	62%	71%	69%
When jobs are scarce, employers should prioritize hiring people of this country over immigrants	52%	56%	52%	57%
America has a moral obligation to accept refugees facing persecution	42%	43%	49%	46%
There are enough immigrants in America already, and our government needs to pause further immigration	41%	39%	37%	-
Immigrants coming across the southern border are responsible for much of the spread of the coronavirus in the U.S.	27%	-	-	-
President Biden's changes to immigration policy do not do enough to help immigrants	24%	23%	-	-





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

a. Immigrants coming across the southern border are responsible for much of the spread of the coronavirus in the U.S.

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	12%	21%	7%	9%
Somewhat agree	15%	22%	12%	13%
Neither agree nor disagree	22%	26%	20%	24%
Somewhat disagree	13%	10%	15%	13%
Strongly disagree	23%	10%	36%	23%
Don't know	15%	11%	11%	19%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	27%	43%	19%	21%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	36%	20%	51%	36%

b. Immigrants are an important part of our American identity

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	30%	16%	44%	27%
Somewhat agree	28%	31%	29%	27%
Neither agree nor disagree	21%	29%	15%	21%
Somewhat disagree	6%	9%	3%	5%
Strongly disagree	6%	9%	4%	9%
Don't know	8%	6%	6%	11%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	58%	47%	73%	54%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	12%	18%	7%	13%

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

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	28%	45%	17%	26%
Somewhat agree	24%	25%	26%	22%
Neither agree nor disagree	24%	18%	29%	27%
Somewhat disagree	9%	5%	13%	6%
Strongly disagree	6%	2%	9%	7%
Don't know	9%	6%	7%	12%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	52%	69%	42%	48%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	15%	7%	22%	13%





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

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

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	15%	5%	24%	13%
Somewhat agree	27%	22%	37%	21%
Neither agree nor disagree	24%	24%	21%	27%
Somewhat disagree	13%	21%	8%	12%
Strongly disagree	12%	20%	5%	14%
Don't know	10%	7%	6%	13%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	42%	27%	60%	34%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	25%	41%	12%	26%

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

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	20%	34%	10%	20%
Somewhat agree	21%	27%	18%	16%
Neither agree nor disagree	22%	21%	21%	23%
Somewhat disagree	14%	7%	21%	16%
Strongly disagree	14%	5%	22%	12%
Don't know	9%	6%	8%	13%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	41%	61%	28%	36%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	28%	11%	43%	28%

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

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	9%	9%	10%	8%
Somewhat agree	15%	9%	22%	11%
Neither agree nor disagree	30%	28%	34%	28%
Somewhat disagree	9%	11%	9%	10%
Strongly disagree	14%	24%	5%	19%
Don't know	23%	19%	19%	24%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	24%	18%	33%	19%
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	23%	35%	14%	29%





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11. Would you personally be willing to do the following?

Total Yes Summary	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Support settlement of Afghan refugees in your community	46%	32%	62%	40%
Support settlement of immigrants from Central and South America in your community	40%	23%	61%	32%

a. Support settlement of Afghan refugees in your community

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	46%	32%	62%	40%
No	26%	38%	17%	25%
Don't know	29%	31%	21%	35%

b. Support settlement of immigrants from Central and South America in your community

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	40%	23%	61%	32%
No	32%	51%	18%	29%
Don't know	28%	26%	21%	39%

12. Which of the following, if any, applies to you personally?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
I have a friend who was born outside of the United States	32%	29%	36%	31%
I live in a community with a large immigrant population	21%	17%	23%	24%
I or someone in my household is a U.S. veteran	19%	26%	13%	24%
One or both of my parents were born outside of the United States	15%	11%	19%	12%
I was born outside of the United States	8%	7%	9%	6%
My partner/spouse was born outside of the United States	7%	6%	7%	10%
I or someone in my household served in Afghanistan	4%	4%	3%	5%
None of the above	39%	40%	38%	37%





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

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
ABC / CBS / NBC News	20%	17%	22%	23%
Social media	12%	9%	14%	10%
FOX News	11%	22%	4%	7%
Digital or online news	11%	10%	11%	11%
CNN	9%	5%	16%	4%
Public television or radio	7%	5%	7%	12%
Your local newspaper	4%	3%	5%	6%
Friends and family	4%	5%	2%	5%
MSNBC	3%	-	6%	1%
New York Times or Washington Post	3%	1%	6%	2%
Conservative online news (e.g., Breitbart, Daily Caller, Instapundit)	3%	8%	*	*
Other	5%	6%	3%	7%
None of these	9%	10%	4%	13%





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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between September 1-2, 2021, on behalf of NPR. For this survey, a sample of 1,299 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. This poll is trended against NPR/Ipsos polls conducted between May 13-14, 2021, August 20-21, 2020, July 30-31, 2020, and June 19-20, 2018, with a sample of 1,176, 1,186, 1,115 and 1,071 U.S. adults, respectively.

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 2018 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 has a credibility interval of plus or minus 5.5 percentage points for Republicans, plus or minus 4.5 percentage points for Democrats, and plus or minus 8.8 percentage points for Independents.

The poll fielded from May 13-14, 2021, has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.3 percentage points, the poll fielded from August 20-21, 2020, has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.2 percentage points, the poll fielded from July 30-31, 2020, has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.3 percentage points, and the poll fielded from June 19-20, 2018, has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.4 percentage points.

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